



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

April 2013
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SUN April 21 - MVRC Meeting Denny's Meeting Room at Denny's, on Auburn Blvd. at Watt Ave, immediately South of both Capital Freeway and I-80. Denny's is on the East side of the corner Shell station at Auburn and Watt.

Arrangements are that we will eat **FIRST** at 4 PM. If just coming for the meeting, that will start at 5 PM. Meals (light or otherwise), sandwiches, soft drinks, or breakfasts are available any time we are there. *Interested visitors are welcome.*

President's Report:

The K6MVR 147.00 repeater now has the short 30 second time-out back. Some of the operating seems to be better if you would like to try it.

With our early Spring, we are getting back into some activities again. Since the last meeting, we had the Chili Party in February, and a tour of a coffee plant in March, written elsewhere.

Our next outing is a Mobile Run to see and ride the streetcars at Rio Vista Junction on May 5. A few things you should know before we go. Since our favorite restaurant in Elk Grove to meet for breakfast is gone, we will try McDonald's. This is optional, but we meet there to start the trip. We mean it when we say, "Mobile Run". Cell phones won't do! The recent lack of mobile operating, or awkward use, to arrive or caravan, is disappointing. I hope everyone on this trip has a good 2 meter mobile rig and uses it. We may have some unusual turns, but that is part of the trip, and we need to pay attention. We use simplex to caravan because repeaters won't work. I'll explain it at breakfast if you don't know. There is an admission fee which includes most rides. Bring a picnic lunch, but you can buy hot dogs there.

The Annual Campout needs to be settled. We decided on some changes in date and campgrounds. This could get some new Ham campers. Some alternatives are, a weekend in August near Portola, the last week in September near Lone Pine, or the last weekend in October near Jackson or Clear Lake. By now, we usually have most campers signed up, but they had the place and date already. If there is no other decision at this meeting, we will go to Lone Pine in September, tent or RV, no hookups, reservations not required, but please RSVP early. We promise some interesting family day trips. This would not prevent having any of the other camping trips too.

Les, W6TEE

Check our Activity page on our web for latest updates.
www.mvrc.org

Welcome new sponsor:
Tony Ruiz K6BMC (previous KK6BBE) San Jose



Last month 9 MVRC members and friends toured the Rogers Family Company Coffee and Tea Market, located in the business park near the Lincoln Airport. This quiet company roasts and packages large quantities of coffee for several different brands, including the popular San Francisco Bay coffee company.

Visitors Les W6TEE, Jim WB6ZII, Vicki WB6OHQ, Kaayla KA6YLA, Michael K6BUK, Dennis KI6GSJ, Lew WA6ESA, Marc W6MAR, and Anita WD6ABF donned hair nets and hustled in to grab a cup of free coffee and see a video describing the company's work. Later their tour included the aroma of coffee roasting and the sounds of packaging and packing. After the tour each visitor received two sample sacks of fresh coffee beans ground and ready to brew.



photo courtesy of Rogers Family Company

A Reminder that the Club Dues for 2013-2014 are due July 1st. The club dues are \$48 for full membership or DX dues are \$18.

Payments can be made online at www.mvrc.org or by mailing your check to:

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Activities:

EVERY SAT - Mt. Vaca 75 m Sat Night Net - 8 PM 3918.5 kHz SSB, open, informal - www.mvrc.org/act/75net.html

SUN APR 21 - MVRC MEETING - Dinner 4 PM, Meeting 5 PM - Denny's, Auburn at Watt, Sacramento, by Shell. Everyone welcome. Food ordered anytime.

SUN MAY 5 - MOBILE RUN - WESTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM, Rio Vista Jct. Last trip 10 yrs ago. - Meet at McDonalds, 8710 Elk Grove Blvd, East of 99, 10 AM departure or 9 AM breakfast. Museum \$10-\$7 to ride and view streetcars and inter-urban all day. Kids enjoy. Bring picnic lunch or buy hot dogs. ALL PLEASE have 147.555 simplex OR tell W6TEE by May 4.

SAT MAY 18 - DAVIS DOUBLE CENTURY - Public Service - www.yars.org/events/2013DC/dc13info.html

SUN MAY 19 - SACRAMENTO HAMFEST - Swapmeet - www.k6is.org/hamfest13.pdf

SAT JUN 29 - WESTERN STATES ENDURANCE RUN - Public Service - comm.wstrail.org

SAT JUL 20 - TEVIS CUP - Public Service - comm.wstrail.org

SUN JUL 28 - MVRC MEETING - Elections

HAM CAMPOUT - AUG or SEP or OCT - Date and place at April meeting if enough campers attend.

The MVRC is unique because of the public service, operating, and social activities scheduled during the year. One such activity is the a summer campout. In addition, there is an "unofficial" caravan in the late summer. It is not sponsored by the club because of the longer distances and special interests, such as trains, 4WD, or Public service but it is open to all interested members.

July 2012 through June 2013 Officers and Appointments:

President - Les Cobb, W6TEE, Sacramento
Vice President - Bill Harrington, N6MSI, Roseville
Secretary - Lee Rominger, W6LFR, Sacramento
Treasurer - Bill Williford, WA6IVI, Sacramento
Director - Bob Olson, W6BO, Yuba City
Director - Kim Scheidel, KE6RKX, Pleasant Grove
Trustee - George Besley, W6GWB, Woodland
Technical - Bob Olson, W6BO, Yuba City
Editor, Roster - Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, Loomis
Membership - Dolly Rominger, KC6ZWR, Sacramento
Activities - Les Cobb, W6TEE, Sacramento
Other appointments in effect until replaced.



The 36th annual Chili party was a real gastronomic event.

It was a great evening, with lots of old stories, as Les and Norm entertained the rest of us.



February 2nd Chili party at the Yoders.



SACRAMENTO HAMFEST



MAY 19TH 2013 | 7AM - NOON

ARRL Sanctioned event - Natomas High School - Truxel off I80
North Hills Radio Club • K6IS talk-in 145.190 - PL162.2
Hourly drawings • Main drawing at 11 • Free Parking • Food & Drink
Sellers: 2 car spaces \$20 • information on: www.k6is.org

Sellers Everywhere - Prize Drawings - Food and Drink





YUBA SUTTER Amateur Radio Club

Proudly Presents Its
1st ANNUAL ARRL HAMFEST

SATURDAY JUNE 1st, 2013

0700 - Noon - American Legion Hall - 5477 Feather River Blvd. Olivehurst, CA

***Free Admission**
***American Legion Breakfast**
***Vendor Fee - \$10 (Set-up @ 0600)**
***Grand Prize - Dual Band HT**

***Free Parking**
***Handicap Accessible**
***Door Prizes (starting at 0800)**
(must be present to win prizes)

Operating Guide for Repeater usage

The MVRC repeaters are equipped with 30 second timers in response to the membership's desire that transmissions be short, direct and to the point like face-to-face conversations. The MVRC system is a large party line that should be kept open for use by as many users as possible. When entering a conversation in progress, identify using your **call sign** only. The use of the word BREAK is discouraged. Give your call sign in the time period between when one member of the conversation stops transmitting and the courtesy tone occurs.

When the system is being used for Public Service please give that traffic priority.

All Amateurs are welcome to use the open repeaters and in open contacts which do not impede the use by others.