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SUN Jan. 11 - 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 you are 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.**

The Club Dues for 2014-2015 **were due July 1**. The club dues are \$24 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: Always verify at <http://www.mvrc.org/activity.html>
See new HotLine.

MT. VACA 80 & 2 m SAT. NIGHT NETS - 2 m 7:45 PM.
K6MVR rptr, 80 m 8 PM. 3918.5 kHz SSB, open, informal

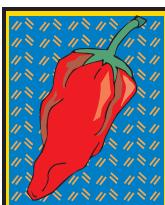
SUN JAN. 11 - MVRC MEETING - See detail top of page.

JAN. 18-24 - QUARTZFEST - Ham RVs - Quartzsite AZ, I-10 near CA State line. quartzfest.org

*Dates And Locations To Be Announced On Web:

*FEB. - CHILI PARTY - Potluck dinner. Everyone welcome.

*MAR. - MOBILE RUN - Five Hams enjoyed Nov 9 Micke Grove trip. See Sample Trip on web under MOBILE RUNS. All interested, family, friends are welcome at above activities unless stated. Nets require proper license unless listening..



Chili Party: The first, held in 1977, was undocumented – probably for good reason. We know, however, that the Chili Party (originally referred to as a Chili Contest) began after a number of our founding members had made stopping at Foster's Hotel in Chama, New Mexico for chili a regular stop when visiting the 4-corners area for 4-wheel trips & riding the D&RG.



January 2005: The 450 club frequency changed from 444.00MHz to 443.95MHz. Please adjust your radios.

What did MVRC bring to Ham Radio that it no longer does? Is it no longer possible, or the club's fault or your fault? Or is it all of the above? Nothing can stay the same forever, but we have tried to stay open to new ideas. Unfortunately, some reject our best new and old ideas without making an effort to make their own needs heard.

One of our old ideas, the Mobile Run day trip, is sometimes a minor success, sometimes a flop. We will continue trying one a quarter for the successes. The best have been visits to popular exhibits even when our weather can change. A family picnic trip that can include some mountain top radio, maybe during a contest, in good weather has been suggested. Try it.

One of our Sponsors suggested the 80 meter net a couple of years ago and we rate it a success with some failure. The failure is not able to bring net participants in as MVRC members, or to make enough MVRC members, into net participants. We recently added a 2 meter net before the 80 meter net, and it has been a mild success. Why have either net? We used to get on the air during our commutes. But so many members retired that this disappeared. The weekly nets replace some of that operating. Try it.

We do not single-handed take on public service communications. But we do encourage you to join with others for favorite events listed in our Activities during the year. Try it.

Come to our meeting and bring your ideas for old and new activities. Or just enjoy each others conversation during the optional dinner. PS - We need a volunteer, Member or Associate (family) Member to complete the term as Secretary until July.

Les, W6TEE, MVRC President

The Yolo Amateur Radio Society uses our K6MVR repeater for their weekly net and public service. In 2014 they assisted with financial support of the repeater. This was not a requirement but we appreciated the help. We also have a few good members in common. Whether to continue help in 2015 will be an agenda item at their monthly meeting on Tue Jan 6 in E. Davis. See www.yars.org for time and place if you would like to visit. We will have a report at the Jan 11 MVRC meeting.

Group Mail: We appreciate Bill keeping us on top of things with this quarterly newsletter. But we need communication between times. It isn't possible to cast everything in concrete for 90 days ahead. I try to keep our Activities web page current but if you don't look, you don't see. A meeting agenda item will assume membership is permission to send the MVRC Yahoo Group. Any member can then address any item. The non-members on that members' group would be moved to our open Mobileer Group. Warning, this is a controversial subject.