



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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Membership Meeting.

SUN Jan. 15 - MVRC Meeting - Denny's Meeting Room, Auburn Blvd at Watt Ave Sacramento, East of Shell station.

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.

Activity Calendar

SUN JAN 15 - MVRC MEETING

SAT FEB 25 - 39th ANNUAL CHILI PARTY - 5 PM - Bill, N6MSI, Linda QTH, 1110 Terra, Roseville, off Cirby, by Oakmont High.

Please RSVP 782-5985 to bring chili or potluck item. Family and guests welcome.

SUN APR 22 - MVRC MEETING - TBA

JULY 9-13 - ANNUAL HAM CAMPOUT - Willits KOA - See article for reservations ASAP.



A Reminder that the **Club Dues were due** July 1st. The club dues are \$48 for full membership. The DX dues are still \$18 for a year.

Please check the roster and if your dues date has expired or will in the next few months please make your membership current.

Thanks.

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President's Notes by Bob Olson

Happy New Year to all club members! I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

I want to solicit, from all the MVRC members, information regarding their usage of the clubs 147.00 MHz repeater. In my case, I get tired very quickly of the endless chatter by non-club members. I routinely change frequencies or turn my radio off. I'm under the impression that very few if any members actually use the repeater on a regular basis, if at all, as it currently stands. I have proposed to several club members the idea of changing the MVRC repeater over to a D-Star digital repeater. While the intention is not to put up a closed repeater, the intention is to reclaim the repeater for club use. By requiring a radio that is 3 to 4 times the cost of an analog FM radio, this should significantly reduce the number of random users on the system. However, I don't want to exclude current members from the repeaters if purchasing a new radio will be difficult. I realize that in today's economy budgets are tight.

As for paying for the new equipment, ICOM has a program to get a repeater for little or nothing. But the offer is ending soon so time is of the essence.

I plan on discussing this at the January Meeting. Please attend if you have strong feelings one way or the other. If you can't make the meeting, please let me know your level of repeater usage and your opinion on the whole idea by sending me an email at: w6bo@w6bo.com



**SEE YOU ALL AT
THE MEETING!**

July 2012 Campout

We have reserved at the Willits KOA (willitskoa.com) July 9-13, arrive Mon leave Fri, 4 nights. This is an award-winning camp with activities, area features like the Skunk Train, Mendocino Coast, and Redwoods. Seven of our eight RV sites are taken, but I can get more for a limited time with a deposit of \$56 per site. See me, or reserve tent sites or cabins with the KOA before May. Those coming, all repeat campers, are W6TEE, WA6IVI, WA6VAQ, N6MSI, KT6W, K7AGE, N6QCA, W6MAR, WB-6PHQ. See www.qsl.net/w6tee/camp12a.pdf for more. Discuss on Mobileer, subscribe at mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/mobileer.

Les, W6TEE

Annual Ham Campout – July 9-13, 2012 – Willits KOA



Our car in site #16, #17 to the left



Cabins, restrooms, miniature golf

We have reserved 8 full-hookup pull-through RV sites at the Willits KOA (willitskoa.com) for July 9-13 2012. We arrive Mon, leave Fri, 4 nights. It is 150 miles from Sacramento by Clear Lake. I made a deposit of \$56 per site. Let me know if you want to go ASAP so we know if we have enough sites, and arrange for your deposit. 7 sites are spoken for now, but we can still get more for a limited time. We have sites #16-19 and #21-24, facing each other. All are 30 amp and accommodate our largest RVs equally. They also have tent sites and 12 cabins, and maybe rental RVs. Reserve those with the KOA before May. Our group is "Radio Club".

This is an award-winning campground with on-site activities and interesting features in the area, including the Skunk Train, Mendocino Coast, and Redwoods. I took these photos on our visit there on Dec. 2, 2011.

This invitation is only with the understanding that any trips are taken as friends and equals and no responsibility or liability is assumed by anyone.



Ghost town



Play ground