



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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Membership Meeting.

SUN April 22 - 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

Every SAT 8 PM - Mt Vaca 80M Saturday Night Net - 3.9185
LSB informal open net since Feb 24. N6THN & other NCS.

SUN APR 22 - MVRC MEETING - Denny's Meeting Room,
Auburn Blvd at Watt Ave Sacramento, East of Shell - Dinner optional at 4 PM - Meeting at 5 PM - Visitors welcome.

SAT MAY 5 - CINCO de MAYO CHILI PARTY - 5 PM - Bill,
N6MSI, Linda QTH, 1110 Terra, Roseville, off Cirby, near Oakmont High. RSVP 782-5985 to bring chili or potluck item. Family and guests welcome.

SAT MAY 19 - DAVIS DOUBLE CENTURY - Public Service -
<http://www.yars.org/events/2012DC/dc12info.html>

SUN MAY 20 - NHRC SACRAMENTO HAMFEST - Swapmeet
Natomas HS - <http://www.k6is.org/HAMFESTFLYER.pdf>

SAT JUN 23 - WESTERN STATES ENDURANCE RUN - Public
Service - <http://comm.wstrail.org/>

JULY 9-13 - ANNUAL HAM CAMPOUT - Willits KOA -
<http://www.qsl.net/w6tee/camp12a.pdf> ASAP.

SUN JUL 22 - MVRC MEETING - TBA

SAT AUG 4 - TEVIS CUP - Public Service -
<http://comm.wstrail.org/>

SEP 28-30 - WHITNEY CLASSIC - Public Service -
http://www.qsl.net/w6tee/Whitney_Pr12.pdf

The end of the club year is coming to a close and we will need to start thinking about a new slate of officers and committee chairs for the 2012-13 year. Elections will happen at the July meeting. Expect that you will be contacted with a request to contribute time to the club and please seriously consider saying yes. If you prefer, just volunteer to serve. All of the jobs are "doable" especially if we spread the wealth among many. And don't be afraid that you don't have the ability to perform any of these jobs . . . we've had a long history of amateurs in all the positions.

Campout and Camping

The campout hasn't changed. The dates are July 9-13 at the Willits KOA. We can still take a few hookup reservations and definitely can for tents or cabins. Please see <http://www.qsl.net/w6tee/camp12a.pdf> for the details. If anything changes, I will change the posted information.

We may go back to Thu-Mon reservations next year to encourage weekend campers. We changed to Mon-Fri last year because we expected trouble getting Olema Ranch over a weekend. I continued that this year, but have second thoughts. The clubs below both go on weekends.

Son Matthew and I were invited to two different campouts by Hams from non-Ham clubs that go camping monthly. This sounded good because the Sam's Radio Hams rarely go somewhere close to Sacramento, and our own annual campout is severely limited in locations because it is in July. First, we were invited to go to Angels Camp, only 75 miles, by Alan, W6AKB (was WB6ZQZ), the antenna launcher guy, and his wife Dawn, KB6LHP, from Richmond, with the Northern California Starcraft Club. I guess I qualify because I had a Jayco for 16 years, and Starcraft is now owned by Jayco. But the truth is, no one had a Starcraft on this campout! We had a nice time, despite rain, which kept us from getting more acquainted. The short drive with the trailer was a definite plus. We may go again when Alan and Dawn go.

I sent an e-mail about that trip and was then invited by Don, WA6YRL, here in Sacramento, to go on a monthly trip with his (Sacramento) Gold Panners club. They are going to Corning this month, but we can't make it because of our meeting. Maybe later in the year. Camping is alive and well!

Les, W6TEE

Welcome

new member:
John D Monsen KJ6PRY
Rocklin CA

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