



# Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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## Membership Meeting.

**SUN Oct. 28 - MVRC Meeting** - Denny's Meeting Room, We have a reservation for the 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.

**FRI. Dec. 7** - Christmas party - Potluck 6:30 PM Bill WA6ACF & Anita WD6ABF in Loomis, 916-652-7113.

January 2013 - Meeting

**SAT. FEB. 9, 2013** - MVRC CHILI PARTY - 6:30 PM - Mike, WA6RWR, Doris, WA6UAF QTH near CSUS, Sacramento. RSVP. Bring chili or side dish.

Saturday of each week Mt. Vaca 80 M open informal SSB net 8 PM 39185000 Hz.

## 2012 Whitney Classic

Again, a few Northern California Hams helped the Southern California Sams Radio Hams provide communications for the 135 mile overnight Whitney Classic charity bike ride from Death Valley to Whitney Portal through Lone Pine.. Neither of the repeaters used were up to par, but steady improvements every year in the mobile rigs used made FM simplex communications adequate and dependable. A four-night campout followed at Boulder Creek, MVRC's favorite RV park. Next year's ride will be Sept. 28-29.



Some of the 2008 Whitney Classic workers with Mt. Whitney in the background. Photo by Matt W6KDJ

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.

## Welcome New Members:

Chris Leathers KJ6VRK Sacramento  
Leo (Dan) O'Halloran K6LEO Sacramento

## 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.

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

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

Payments can be made online at [www.mvrc.org](http://www.mvrc.org) or by mailing your check to:

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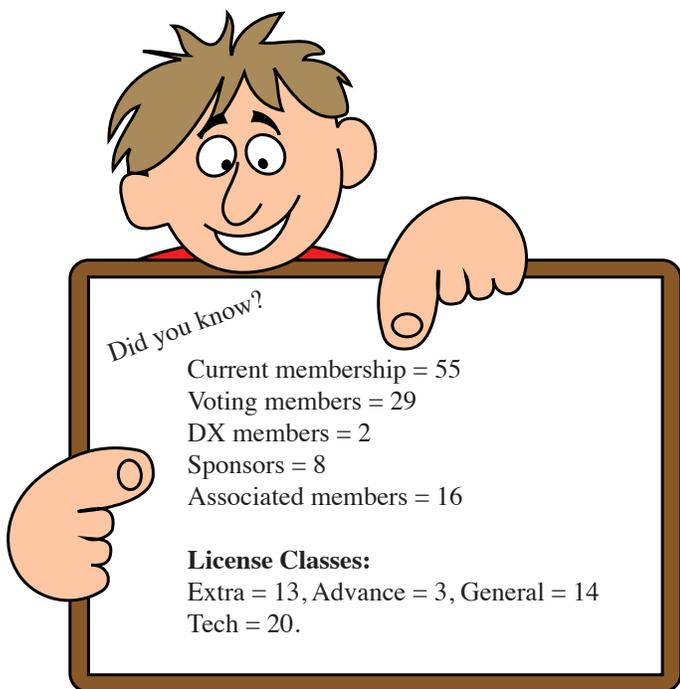
## Campouts

Our July 2012 campout at Willits was well received. We need to do something about 2013 soon since we want a weekend date, which is harder to get. Only the 2011 and 2012 campouts were ever midweek.

The most popular spot suggested is Casini Ranch, near the Coast on the Russian River. We were there in 2006 (photos) but didn't reserve until Spring and could only get a June date. Some didn't like the sites we got, but we were lucky to be there. Unlike 2006, the two major cellular companies now have service there!

If we go to a simpler, cheaper location, Spring is soon enough to reserve, although many are not suitable in July. By Spring, popular places will be full for July. To compare, the following is where a local RV group went month by month, but we have never been to any of them. Jackson Rancheria, Sugar Barge, Bodega Bay RV, Porto Bodega RV, Heritage (Corning), Yolo Fairgrounds, Duck Island, Flag City, Angels Camp, and Feather Falls KOA. We can continue this topic on Mobileer and at the October meeting.

*Check our Activity page on our web for latest updates.*  
[www.mvrc.org](http://www.mvrc.org)

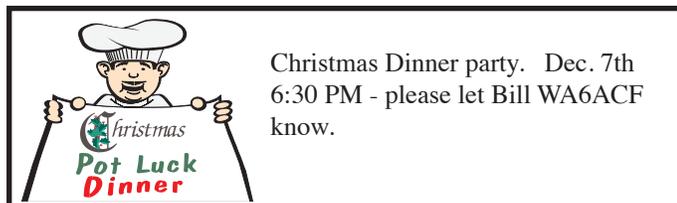


Did you know?

- Current membership = 55
- Voting members = 29
- DX members = 2
- Sponsors = 8
- Associated members = 16

**License Classes:**

- Extra = 13, Advance = 3, General = 14
- Tech = 20.



Christmas Dinner party. Dec. 7th  
6:30 PM - please let Bill WA6ACF know.

**Christmas Pot Luck Dinner**

## A little history.

The Mt Vaca Radio Club has over 43 YEARS of operation. The club was licensed in the summer of 1969 for operation of a UHF repeater and associated VHF station under the call sign WA6U-GY. The repeater(s) are still located on Mt Vaca which is about 10 miles NW of Vacaville, CA at about 2800 ft. In January, 1972 the club is incorporated and by-laws were written and adopted. During the past 43 years the club as operated and in some cases suspended (440), various modes of operation including 220, 6 meters, auto patch and a 2-meter remote base.

Following are some assorted facts and figures about the club. If you haven't been paying close attention for the past many years, read on.....

Of the original "Founding Fathers" and charter members (nineteen), two are still members - Robert Bartels, K5MVZ; Les Cobb, W6TEE with Les are current president and Bob in Texas as our dedicated DX member - Way to go guys.

The club's first trustee was Jay O'Brien, W6GO. In 1977 George Besley, WB6DQP took over the reins and is still a very trustee person.

Some other long serving members who have given generously of their time over the years include Norm Brooks, K6FO - 13 years as treasurer, George Robison, K6JIK - 8 years as president, Les Cobb, W6TEE - 10 + years as treasurer, Bill Yoder, WA6ACF, 7+ years as president and many others who have served as officers and board members for many years with little thanks and very low pay. We thank them all very sincerely.

Another little recognized fact is that Vicki Cobb, WB6PHQ was the first female to hold the office of president with Doris Keller, WA6UAF serving a few years later. We really should hear more from the ladies!

The club has withstood some natural "near" disasters. Heavy rains have made the road to the site near impassable - I'm sure the old timers would be happy to share some stories with newer members...OK so you've heard them all already. Winds in excess of 100 MPH blew the building over onto its side and one of the wildfires in the area came close enough to melt antennas and wires.

But the MVRC lives on thanks to those who provide direction, leadership and participation in club activities whether of a technical or social nature. Good fellowship is as important to our success as are good technical skills. CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK PROVIDING RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS FOR PERSONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

Two antennas meet on a roof, fall in love and get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.



**SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING!**