Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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P.O. Box 417405 Sacramento, Ca. 95841-7405

SUN August 3 - 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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If you have already submitted \$48, we can either credit two years or refund half, your choice. Other rates have not changed.

Activities: Always verify at http://www.mvrc.org/activity.html

Mt Vaca Sat. Night 80 m Net - Sacramento and California- 8 PM 3918.5 kHz SSB, open, informal

SUN AUG 3 - MVRC MEETING - election. (See above notice)

AUG 9 - TEVIS CUP - comm.wstrail.org - Public Service.

SUN AUG 17? - MOBILE RUN - Radio, family picnic. Leave designated McDonalds, 10 AM departure with RSVP, otherwise, anytime after 9 AM McD breakfast. K6MVR 147.00- repeater before McD departure, 147.555 simplex after. Date, destination, McD announced at Aug 3 meeting.

AUG 23 - TAHOE SIERRA 100 - See KE6RKX - Public Service.

SEPT. 26-28 - WHITNEY CLASSIC - Same date, new route, close to Lone Pine, outside Death Valley, this year. Usual Boulder Creek Campout follows.



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



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President's Column

As we age some become intolerant, such as to strange voices on our repeater, or new faces at our activities. But we always need new members. A few years ago, I was President of this plus one other Ham club. Both were suffering low attendance. We encouraged new members in both. The other club did not have vocal opinionated members and I handed a growing club to the next President. But some in this club wanted impossible outcomes. When we have new ideas, give them a chance or make your own suggestions. We do need those new members.

The Mt. Vaca 80 meter Saturday night open net is successful with a minimum of MVRC members. Open nets recruit new members for clubs. The net preamble has an option where check ins could be accepted from the K6MVR 2 meter repeater. Our NCS volunteers have their hands full and have never invoked this option. Most people don't know it is there since it has never been read on the air. It has been a long time since we had an MVRC 2 m net. One idea would be to have the optional check in during the 80 m net once a month, or hold 2 m before or after 80 m. Who was our former 2 m NCS? Trustee George, of course, who is a regular on the 80 m net.

MVRC activities are now fail-safe. We only list events that will occur either because they are organized by others, or have commitments from participants. Look at the web page often for changes and additions.

Les W6TEE

Celebrate MVRC 45th Birthday by joining



your friends at the General Meeting.

The club was licensed in the summer of 1969 for operation of a UHF repeater and associated VHF station under the call sign WA6UGY. The repeaters 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 incor-

porated and by-laws were written and adopted. During the past 45 years the club has operated and in some cases suspended, various modes of operation including UHF, 220, 6 meters, auto patch and a 2-meter remote base.

Of the original "Founding Fathers" and charter members (nineteen), Two are still members - Robert Bartels, K5MVZ; and Les Cobb, W6TEE.