



Mt. Vaca Radio Club, Inc.

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1st Quarter Activities

SUN JAN 21 - REGULAR MEETING - 3:30 PM
NEW LOCATION - See notice to the right ----->

JAN 24-31 - QUARTZSITE CAMPOUT - FYI only - See
Les, W6TEE

SAT FEB 10 - Annual CHILI PARTY - 7 PM at
WA6ACF/WD6ABF QTH, Loomis. Bring
contest chili or pot luck side dish. -
BOARD MEETING at 6:30.

SAT MAR 10 - YUBA-SUTTER SWAPMEET - See
article.

WED MAR 21 - BOARD MEETING
APR 4-8 - Annual DESERT TRIP, Victorville. RV or
cabins. RSVP per article.

SUN APR 22 - REGULAR MEETING
Simplex outing frequencies: 147.555 (136.5 pl) or 147.585
in case of QRM.
Les, W6TEE.

SWAPMEET IN LINDA

Saturday, March 10, 2001, American Legion Post, 5477
Feather River Blvd, Linda, CA. Hosted by the Yuba-
Sutter Amateur Radio Club. Contact Ron, W6KJ, 530-
674-8533, or Clara, KC6JPP, 530-742-2674 for additional
details.

Breakfast served by members of the American Legion Post
is 7:00 a.m. Swapmeet starts at 8:00 a.m. Buyers free,
sellers \$10.00.

Directions: from north or south of Marysville, CA, exit
Hiway 65/70 at the Feather River Blvd exit (just south of
the Yuba River bridge at Marysville) and continue
southwest on Feather River Blvd. to Island Ave.

Well did you miss the Summer, then check out some
pictures from the work party last summer.
These show a real eager group of members doing, well that
is still being decided.
See page 3.



General Meeting

Sunday, Jan 21, at 3:30 p.m.

Solarium/green room

Chevy's

1234 Howe Ave.

Sacramento, CA.

Dinner follows...approximately 5:30 p.m.

Tech Report

Happy New Year 2001 to one and all. Well for those of
you that haven't heard yet, the new Motorola R1225 UHF
repeater is up and running. A word of warning. The
repeaters internal timer is on and set for approximately 3
minutes. This means that the repeater must be allowed to
drop off completely, not just wait for the courtesy tone, or
it will time off. We will fix this at a later date. In the
future, and as time and money will allow, we have further
plans for the repeater. We want to add a new TPL 100
watt power amplifier. We are currently running about 50
watts out of the duplexer. Also we want to purchase a new
4 pole antenna and configure it like the new 2 meter
antenna. Currently we are using an omni-directional
Diamond antenna. Lastly I am looking for a volunteer with
good mechanical skills. We have a cross band repeater. It
needs to be assembled and packaged for portable use.
Please form an orderly line at the back of the room at the
next general meeting.

See you all there.
Mike
WA6RWR

16th Annual DESERT TRIP

This will be similar to the popular 1999 trip at the Victorville KOA. The dates will be April 4-8, Wed-Sun. The first and last day will be for travel. We will visit spots from the Bill Mann Mojave Desert books that we used last time, except he is now up to 3 volumes. Extra seats will be available for off-highway trips. Joshua Tree NP is also a possible day trip.

The KOA has facilities for RVs and tents, and has cabins. In 1999 we had 3 RVs and 5 cabins, plus one stayed at the Motel 6 across the freeway. Everyone should RSVP to me by the Chili Party for reservations, even if you are not 100% sure.

Les, W6TEE

MVRC Annual Desert Trips

Death Valley - 1983, 1998
Saline Valley - 1984
Mojave Road - 1987, 1993, 2000
E Mojave H T - 1989-1992, 1994
Ariz Mohave - 1995
Anza Borrego - 1996
Lone Pine - 1997
Victorville - 1999, 2001



Words to the Wise....

and Otherwise.

The best way to stay informed about MVRC happenings is to tune in and check in to Monday night's 7:45 p.m. net..

Please check the roster for correct information.



A note from the Pres:



I want to thank Mike, Lew and others for getting a new UHF radio system up and installed at our site.

This is the first of many needed changes to keep the club with good reliable communications.

It is important here to again thank the Kellers for their help in proving a loan for the new UHF repeater. The club made a commitment to repay as soon as possible by donations and try to recruit new members. The club still owes \$527.43.

\$o please help the club by donating 30 to 50 dollars now. To put things in perspective our annual costs are increasing and we may need to increase due this coming year.

Our fixed expenses per year are:

Rent \$51/month total per year is \$612.

Insurance about \$500/year.

Bank service charge \$8.50/month when bal less than \$1000.

News letter about \$140 per year - note postage goes up on Jan 7th.

Tech supplies can vary but at least \$200/year.

To sum this up we have a minium expense of \$1337 not counting Tech expenses and for this year we only had dues of \$1296. Several members paid two years in 1999 to help us then, which now leaves us short of operating cash.

So I ask those users of the system to donate.

Thanks

Bill - WA6ACF

Send to:

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FOR SALE:

1. 8 lengths of 50 to 100 feet of 84147 1/2 inch andrew heliax cable with connectors.

2. 4 lenth of 98 feet 84147 super flex heliax with connectors.

Please make offer, here is another way to help the club.

This was our summer clean up of grounds and building last July 29th.

Thanks to the crews that made the effort.

I was going to add captions to each but I think these pictures will speak for themselves.

