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Mesilla Valley Radio Club		

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M—F	6 m FM net 52.540	6:00 AM	
T, T	Informal Wal-Mart (E)	10:00 AM	
M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (W)	10:00 AM	
Mon	WTRA Swap Net 146.88	8 PM	
Wed	MVRC Net 146.64	6:45 PM	
June 25, 26	Field Day Club House	Noon to Noon	
July 2	Breakfast Club House	8 AM	
July 2	Business Meeting Club House	9 AM	
July 5	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
July 6	Board Meet Club House	7 PM	
July 19	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
For more events see http://www.n5bl.org/calendar			



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Installing the 6 M Beam

The Articles for This Month

Field Day

K5XY

Field Day is the biggest event on the ham calendar. Stations are on the air from home, from portable locations, club locations, and vehicles. The number of transmitters operating at a single site varies from one to 20. Our club will anywhere near 20, but it will be operating and open to all hams and their guests from noon Saturday to noon Sunday. Preparatory activity at the club house will probably

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start around 9 AM.

Actually a lot of activity has already taken place. A first class six meter antenna has been added to the Club's collection. The foundation for the tower was laid some time ago. The tower, antenna, and rotor were installed on June 23 when AD5LJ lead a work party which put up the tower, drilled a hole in the east wall for the feed line and rotor control cable, and installed the seven element beam. The club will now have a first class six meter operating position.



The schedule for Field Day weekend is quite flexible and depends on the activity of Club members. Some will be at the club house well before the opening of the operating event. It is expected that several operating positions will be active starting at noon. Operators and loggers will rotate all day and into the night. It is expected that there will be activity right up to the close of operation at noon Sunday. There will even be a dinner served at about 6 PM. All members and their guests are invited to come whether or not you have taken part in the operation on field day. There will be lots of food, all at no expense to the participants.

If you have not already made plans to operate, at least drop by sometime during the week end. Bring a friend or family member to see the Club in action.

2011 Dayton Hamvention

W5UMA

The largest hamfest in the world is the Dayton Hamvention. It is usually held in May. As we look back on this May, we find another Dayton Hamvention has come and gone. The three day event opened, Friday morning, May 20, 2011, with sunshine and temperature in the lower 60 degree range. Cool but not cold! Good weather prevailed for the next two days. Ideal weather for a hamfest, not too cold or too hot.

The "Flea Market" opened at, 8:00 AM , with most of the 2200 spots occupied by eager vendors, all anxious to sell their wares. Items large and small and some very hard to describe are to be found here. They go from assembled, to parts and pieces, from tools to test equipment and modes from spark to digital. Treasures can be found among the bargains galore

A bit of caution on the flea market sales! If you see it, and like it, buy it. This just may be one of a kind and never to be seen again.

The Arena opened at 9:00 AM each morning. Here you find the big names in ham radio: Yaesu, Icom, Kenwood, along with many others all anxiously waiting to demonstrate their equipment and point you to a distributor. If you are shopping for a new radio, this is the place to be. You can go from booth to booth turn knobs look at the specifications, check prices and make your decision all under one roof. Oh, yes, they do take credit cards.

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In addition to a flea market which is hard to believe, there are non-stop forums on all three days on every conceivable ham related topic, talks by well known hams, awards of various types, and two days of license exams, all this in addition to a page full of door prizes worth up to \$3500 each.

Amateurs from around the world have made The Dayton Hamvention the largest hamfest in North America and possibly the world. This year the attendance may have been down by 10% over previous years but never-the-less all 50 states and many foreign countries were represented. Advance ticket sales were over 18000 and estimates are that over 20000 people attended the event.

Can you imagine the economic boost this gives the city of Dayton, 20000 hams most with a spouse (40000 people) all needing meals, gasoline and 2-3 nights lodging. I am sure the totals will run into millions of dollars.

If you have not attended The Dayton Hamvention, make plans to go. Every ham should go at least once.

Local Oscillator

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The Local Oscillator has been redesigned. You may not notice much change in the physical appearance, but there have been major changes in the way that it is produced.

Before this month it was a text based newsletter created and then put into web compatible form to be displayed on the internet. A pdf version was made from those html files. The club suggested that the text feature be dropped several months ago. Nobody said that they missed the txt form so the web form became the production format and the pdf file was created from the html files and sent out by e-mail.

This procedure presented some difficulties, particularly with the links so it was decided to use Microsoft Publisher as the initial program. It is easy to convert that format to pdf form but there may still be a link problem that will be investigated further. There will still be a web form but it may just be the pdf file placed in an html holder. There is not an easy way to convert either a publisher or pdf file into standards compliant html.

In any case now is a good time to present any suggestions you may have for improving either the form or the content of the Local Oscillator. E-Mail your suggestions to K5XY now.

Monthly Business Meeting

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Not Available

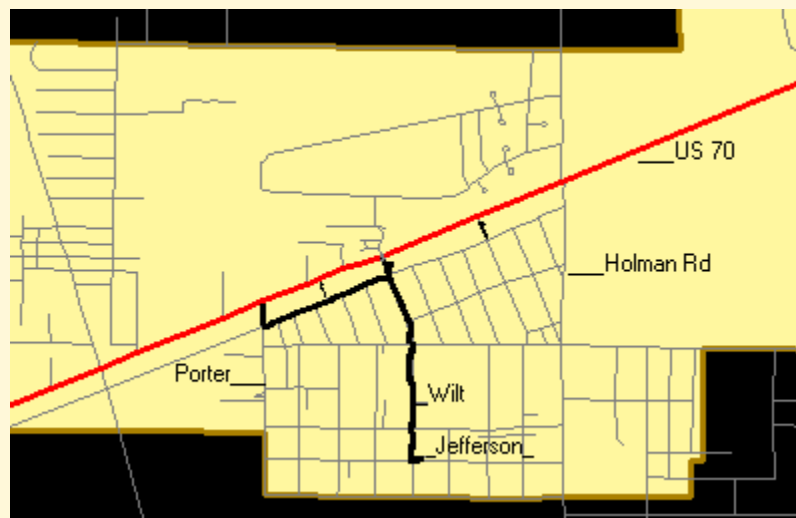
Monthly Board Meeting

KD5UZF

Not Available

CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit on US 70. It is about 5 miles from the I 25 interchange, near the firehouse. Almost immediately south of the south frontage road on the south side of US 70, turn left toward the mountains until you come to Wilt. Turn right. There is a jog in the road, but at 0.35 miles you should come to Jefferson. If you can't see the tower and beam, you shouldn't be driving. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



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MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB

CALL SIGN(S) _____ FAMILY yes _____ no _____

LICENSE CLASS (E, A, G, T, N) _____

ARRL (Y/N) _____

ARRL VE (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector? _____

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____ PHONE _____ (OPTIONAL)

INTERESTS – Computer ___ Contests ___ Digital ___ Elmer ___ Emergency Communications ___ Field Day ___

Packet ___ Programs ___ Public Service ___ Publicity ___ RFI ___ Repeater ___ Social ___ License Classes ___

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SINGLE \$35 FAMILY \$45