

Radio Rio FM 91.5 *Student Run Station*

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Yes, Rio Vista has its very own radio station – Radio Rio, KRVH FM 91.5, run by students from Rio Vista High School.

With the arrival of Gordon Whiting in September, Radio Rio has undergone a renaissance. It now features a student staff of over thirty and many more hours of live programming each week interspersed with the station's continuing fare of pop music from the 60's onward. Gordon has a background as a radio producer with experience in all aspects of running a station having developed shows at

Clear Channel and through his work as a software designer for music and film,



"Lab Rat" team, left to right, Jimmy Giannini, Jesus Rivas and Diana Bernal, who broadcast 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Monday through Friday. (Not shown, Ricky Ratola.)

including 18 years with the Saul Zaentz Company. His wealth of talent and knowledge is now being put to work to bring skills, broadcast

experience, and self-confidence to Rio Vista High students. Students learn how to "run the board" (the broadcast control board), as well as other technical aspects. They learn song selection, how to introduce and announce music selections, and how to interview guests. The most important skill is to develop a "sense of the audience" where one learns to speak as if it were a one-to-one conversation, even though

there may be thousands listening.

With its 30 meter tower, 50 watts of power and first class broadcast equipment and studios, Radio Rio covers most of the Delta. Based at Rio Vista High School, it is among only 11 public high school based broadcasters in California, and among just 50 nationwide. The station has been operating since 1972 and is the emergency broadcast system station for the Delta. As a non-commercial station, the station does not sell advertising, but accepts and needs sponsorships which are acknowledged on the air. With its 24 hour broadcast schedule, Radio Rio is the primary radio station for many businesses and Rio Vista residents.

Check out the new Radio Rio web site at KRVH.org. Email the station at info@krvh.org for general inquiries or calendar@krvh.org to put event info on the air.