

MINUTES FOR THE MAY 18, 2000 MEETING

President Ed Ule called the meeting to order. Minutes from the April 20, 2000 meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer, Lynn Bartschi, reported \$825.49 in the bank with \$296.72 of that in the repeater fund.

The special events chairman, Fred Soderer, gave final instructions for those participating in the Frog Jump and Calaveras County Fair special event on May 21 and May 22. The only problem he anticipated was poor propagation on the 10 and 15-meter bands for those signed up to work the early shift. He asked to be notified if no contacts were being made so, he could change assignments. He wants everyone working to be able to make contacts. He asked that he be informed before any changes were made to the schedule so there would be no chance of two stations working the same band using the WA6YGA call sign. Fred read the nice article in the Calaveras Enterprise telling how the Calaveras Amateur Radio Society would be operating a special event station during the Frog Jump and County Fair.

There are plans for field day and the summer picnic. Johanna Frame will put information in the Wavelength about field day, June 24 and 25. Ed Ule will coordinate the food for the picnic at White Pines Lake in Arnold at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20. Sandra Benthussen offered to take care of the drinks.

Dennis Bullock showed the group a QSL card he designed for WA6YGA. He proposed having the cards printed to send to field day contacts. The club decided to wait to see the demand for cards during field day. If we find there is need we will purchase. The cards can be printed locally and be available on short notice.

Loreen Bartschi baked the delicious cookies served by Sandra Benthussen during the break.

The guest speakers for the evening were the A.A.R.L. section manager Don Costello, W7WN, and the emergency coordinator Kent K6IN. Don spoke of A.A.R.L. organization and his work. He also spoke in length about enforcement. The FCC expects us to enforce the rules ourselves. Selected monitors mail pink slips to stations heard violating section 97 rules. Should you receive one just take it as a reminder and make the changes called for. There is help from A.A.R.L. with bad language and jamming problems.

Kent spoke about the differences between V.I.P., R.A.C.E.S., and A.R.E.S. He stressed that there was no conflict between the three. He recommends we have all three as they address different types of emergencies. He is there to help us set up an A.R.E.S. group if we decide to do so.

Respectfully submitted by
Patsy Clark, for Marcia Barnum, Secretary