

Minutes of the June 15, 2006 CARS Meeting

Again this meeting was held in the Banquet Room of Straw Hat Pizza in Angels Camp. Ken, AE6LA, CARS President, called the meeting to order at 19:00. Ken thanked Steve, KF6HJB, for bring the scanner frequency lists. Steve will be presenting a talk on the use of scanners at the September quarterly meeting.

Lynn, AC6CY, club treasurer, stated that we have \$1080 in the checking account, of which \$577 is for repeater use. Kit, WB6QVU, CARS Secretary, read the letter of appreciation, mailed 27 JUN 06, to K7MI for his technical contributions to our repeater. Andy, NV6V, thanked those who helped with the clean up at the repeater site after the CARS breakfast on June 3rd. Andy also said that he now has the website set up to accept on-line payments of dues with a \$1.30 cost, to the club, per transaction. He also requested that someone else take over the newsletter editor job soon as he is not willing to continue that chore for much longer. It is currently being done with MS Publisher.

Jim, KO6HV, CARS VP, said that he had given the Sheriff's Department the RACES information sheets that a number of club members had completed, but had not heard back from them. Ken, AE6LA, discussed Field Day. He stated that we had to move it our location from Cottage Springs (Moto-Cross event being held there) to Big Meadow. Ken said that we would be setting up an HF "GOTA" (Get on the Air) station that could be used by people without the proper license, under the supervision of a ham with the appropriate license. The planned class of operation was to be 4A, with one digital station being planned. Tim, KD6NRB, has the club batteries and will bring them to the site. The club will be providing some food and sodas including refreshments for those using the GOTA station.

Ken thanked Andy for his work on the website, especially the Field Day Packing Check List. It is very helpful.

Pictures from the June 3rd cleanup at the repeater site were shown on the Straw Hat Pizza's TV monitor. Andy stated that Doug, WB6MFV, told him that it had been several years since the repeater building had been painted and Andy suggested that we paint it sometime soon.

John, KI6ART, gave a very interesting talk on receiving various digital modes, especially utilizing the "MixW" software. He stated that it could be downloaded for free, but that a sound card would be needed. We listened to various modes, including PSK31, CW and RTTY and also saw the spectral display produced by this software.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 20:17.