

CARS Meeting Minutes

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

November 10, 2016 - 6:30 PM - Hall open by 5:20 come early!

Sign up for ARES – We need you.

Started at 18:31

Welcome and Opening by President, Ken Sanders - Pledge - Agenda Changes?

W6AJW heard from AA7KJ and sends greetings from Manzanita, Or.

Reading of minutes by Secretary – Andy Thomas, NV6V Accepted as posted.

- a. Sept.8, regular Bi-monthly meeting
- b. Secretary's report **103 active members**
- c. Correspondence & etc.

President & Repeater Operator Report – Ken Sanders, AE6LA

- a. Fowler – 5.17 **Antenna is temporary**, 4.39 **down**, 4.31 **down**, remote base **down**, EchoLink **down**, phone patch **up**, relocation.
- b. Reba – 4.39 **down**, 441.0375 **up**
- c. Blue Lake Springs Arnold UHF 441.875 **working well**

Repeater Committee – Mike Fahmie, WA6ZTY

WA6ZTY heard from a friend that knows Ron Mobley.

Feedback: \$100/month is reasonable rent. Currently waiting for brackets to be installed on tower (due next summer). He is very conscious of security on the site.

Some discussion followed about asking Ron about accepting help. The best advice is to wait until he's ready to proceed.

Discussion: Trying to improve the property at this point is probably not a good idea. We should be patient and put our efforts into Quiggs Mountain when it becomes available.

Treasurer's Report – Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX given by NV6V

- a. Financial Report
- b. Financial business – Membership update
- c. Dues Reminder, Correspondence & etc.

Vice President's Report – Bill Holmes, K6DUY

- a. Bi-monthly meeting program schedule/suggestions
- b. Christmas Party, December 3, 2016 **Date is OK. Noon to 5:00. Email invitations will be sent out and announced on Monday Night Net.**

Swap meet opportunities

Breakfasts -Mike Dugger K6AAN
Next breakfast will be in January 2017.

Web Master – Andy Thomas, NV6V
Routine updates and backups are being performed.

ARES/OES Committee Report – PT Brown, KG6FEY; Sam, WS6P; Kit, WB6QVU; Ken – AE6LA; Mike, N6AXQ

WS6P for ARES/RACES: Currently going through a transition period with NTS message passing. ARRL stopped supporting NTS from the Section level on up.
The slack is being taken up by a new group: RRI (Radio Relay International) <http://radio-relay.org/>

CARS Communications Trailer – Chuck, W6AJW
Currently covered with a big tarp. Antennas are stored inside. W6AJW is disabled at the moment, but encourages others to come help after the start of the new year. Aiming to be operational at Field Day 2017.

CESN – Monday 2000Hrs, Wednesday 1000 Hr
Continues to be covered.

2017 Event Schedule
Ride for Art March 19 in San Andreas
April 15: Mr. Frog's Wilde Ride

Monday night Net Manager – Mike Axiak, N6AXQ
Thanks for participating! Sept: 27 members, 3 visitors. Oct: 25 members, 3 visitors.

Field Day June 25-26, 2016 – June 24-25, 2017 – Sam, WS6P
WS6P has not been able to contact Hermit Springs due to winter shutdown.
Location suggestion: Blue Mountain event Center – 1.8 miles from current FD site. BlueMountainPresents.com

Picnic Committee – Date set - September 9, 2017
40 attendees...a fine event!
To change the date, we would need to request it after the first of the year.
N6IV is considering taking over as chair of this committee.

VE Liaison – Suzan Flanary, K6CDK
Report attached

Old Business –

Election of Officers:

Vice President - Bill Holmes, K6DUY
Treasurer - Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX
Moved and accepted white ballot. Passed.
PIO remains unfilled.

New Business -

N6NML: now living at Foothill Village. She is 95 years old! Char is the only living charter member of CARS.

HF Nets: Electric Radio – dedicated to re-building old radios
20 meter nets: Collins, AM nets
3870 Wednesdays 08:00Z
3895 Fridays (Collins)

N6IV Show and Tell:
Remote control for old Kenwood VHF rig
1988 Moresematic MM1
1981 DFC-230 External VFO
220 MHz 140 watt linear amplifier (TD Systems)

Talked about the Morse Trainer app from IZ2UUF
<http://www.iz2uuf.net/wp/index.php/2012/07/02/koch/>

WA6ZTY operated a VHF contest recently
Has a KT34XA antenna for sale
<http://www.hamanuals.com/MMans/KT-34XA.pdf>

Event Calendar: Christmas Party Dec. 3, Monthly Breakfast Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, 9 AM, Murphys Hotel; Weekly Net Mondays, 7:30 PM, 145.17 MHz; Bi-monthly business meeting Jan. 12, 2017, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels,.

Final Comments & Adjournment 19:57