

Minutes of the March 20, 2008 CARS Meeting

Our first club meeting of the year was held at the Country Cafe (formerly Perko's) in Angels Camp. Ken, AE6LA, club president, welcomed the group which was attended by 20 members and 3 guests. The meeting started at 6:40pm.

The minutes for the last meeting on Dec. 6, 2007 were read by Mark, N6IV, club secretary. Lynn, AC6CY, gave his treasurer's report stating the club now has \$709.00 after the club insurance policy was paid for this year. Both reports were seconded and accepted unanimously.

Ken handed out OES badges to some members and stated Terry Bullock from OES wanted the clubs input as to what radio equipment might best suit their needs. Andy and Ken offered to help.

Ken reported a small club contingent traveled to the repeater site to do preparatory work as the State will be reconditioning the vault soon. Chuck, W6AJW, volunteered to weed spray at the repeater site to reduce the amount of work necessary for the planned May 2008 repeater clean up.

Andy, NV6V, said the IRLP was working well and asked the members if they would like any special features incorporated. Bill, K6DUY, asked for easy steps to use IRLP. Andy also asked for volunteers to help maintain the CARS website at which our club roster is now centralized.

Ken mentioned several members are experimenting with NarrowBand Emergency Messaging System, "NBEMS", on HF/VHF which allows error proofed message sending.

Arturo, N6PGH, gave information regarding 3 bicycle rides coming up this year, Party Pardee 4/5/08, Sierra Century 6/7/08, and a replay for Mr. Frog's Wide Ride, date to be determined. Communication volunteers welcomed.

John, KI6ART, reports the next issue of the Sierra Wavelength will be released around mid April and to contact him if you want to list items on his "Trader's Corner."

K6DUY says that Bear Valley will likely be the site for Field Day and passed around a preliminary sign up sheet for those interested. Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2008 will be held June 28-29, 2008. He implied that "size does matter"... as far as antennas go. Bigger the better.

Fred, KB6QVI, net manager, was pleased at the manner in which the net is being handled. "We have a good turn out and are attracting guests". More control ops are needed.

Chuck and his hard working committee presented the club with proposed bylaws which are subject to acceptance by the club. Mark was assigned to mail out ballots that are due back by April 30, 2008. Results to be announced. Chuck also proposed that KI6ART be made "Public Information Officer" for the remainder of the year. This was accepted by the members.

A final thanks was given to new member Steven Airola, W6RXK, for his help with the bylaws.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by N6IV, CARS Secretary