

CARS, INC  
BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2009  
MINUTES

President Ken Sanders, AE6LA, called the meeting to order at 6:45pm in the Odd Fellows Lodge building in Angels Camp. The minutes were accepted as written in the Wavelength Newsletter. Bill Holmes, K6DUI, gave the treasurer's report. Our present balance is \$1,613.97. All bills are paid. The IRS, and State of California now officially recognize us as a non-profit corporation. As such, all donations to the club are tax deductible.

REPORTS

Steve Airola – W6RXK, Vice President, asked how the group liked the new meeting location. The responses were positive. Since there is a \$25 charge per meeting for the use of the IOOF facility, members present may want to make a small donation each week to pay this charge. For the next meeting in May, Wally Radcliff from Columbia Communications will present a program for the club.

Ken Sanders – AE6LA, President, gave a report on the Fowler Peak Repeater Committee meeting held just prior to this business meeting. They are trying to add a remote base at Fowler Peak to improve coverage in parts of the county where propagation is poor. The committee made a motion for the club to budget \$300 to pay for equipment. Chuck Farr seconded the motion, and it was approved.

A picnic is being planned with TCARES for September 12th, 2-6 PM at Utica Park in Angels Camp. Ken asked for a volunteer to chair the event. Patsy Clark – KN6XW volunteered.

John Davenport – KI6ART, PIO, read a letter from Brent Harrington to the members explaining the reasons we did not receive a grant. John is now the VE team liaison person with the ARRL VEC. He is in the process of scheduling a class and test sessions.

Andy Thomas – NV6V, reported he was making progress with the IRLP.

PT Brown – KG6FEY, announced that there will be a dinner for VIP volunteers at Frog Town on April 23rd, 2009 at 5:30 PM. All members interested in working with Cal Fire are invited to the dinner, and to be enrolled in the program. Those who have signed up to be on volunteer call by the Sheriff for emergencies need to take and pass the Incident Command System training classes, IS-100, 200, and 700. These classes are available online at "<http://training.fema.gov>", and then click on "Fema Independent Study", upper right. This is important...you will not be able to work on emergencies with the County OES unless you have this training.

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PT has appointed five "assistant emergency coordinators (AEC)" to help him in the event of an emergency. The five appointed are Sam Hernandez - WS6P for West Point, Kit Brown - WB6QVU for Mountain Ranch, Ken Sanders - AE6LA, for Angels Camp to Bear Valley, Barry Thaysen - K3UG, for Copperopolis, and John Davenport - KI6ART, as the Public Information Officer. PT introduced these men, told of their excellent qualifications, and presented each with an ARRL certificate.

Andy Thomas - NV6V, is working on setting up a "special event station" during the county fair in May, using the club N6FRG call sign. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those interested in working the stations.

Bill Holmes - K6DUY, announced field day would be June 27-28. We will again be at the Bear Valley location, as last year. There will be a planning meeting on April 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Bill's house.

Fred Soderer, WB6QVI, asked Net Control Operators to announce the number of member and visitor check-ins each week, at the end of the Net.

Sam Hernandez - WS6P, reported on the Weds. evening digital NBEMS net. All are invited to join them each week at 20:30. Call or email Sam for more information. It sounds like they are having fun and learning a lot of valuable skills, which can be used during emergencies.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Self-introductions were made. Attendance was excellent. I did not get a complete list of those attending so do not know the exact number. John, KI6ART was asked to find out if we could hold our monthly breakfast at the Murphys Historic Hotel, in Murphys.

NEXT MEETING will be May 14, 2009. Tim Cody - KD6NRB and Bill Holmes - K6DUY will furnish the refreshments.

MEETING ADJOURNED followed by refreshments furnished by Kathy Hernandez - KI6OBE. Thanks Kathy.

#### EDUCATION PROGRAM

Cliff Kurtz - N6ZU from Stockton presented a very interesting and informative presentation on linear amplifiers. He has built many amplifiers over the past 40-years for the Stockton area. He brought an amplifier with him he had built, and also photo albums of work. He said for the beginner this was not the initial project to build. One needs to have skill working with metal, and have the proper tools for the project. Thanks Steve for making the arrangements for this program, and thanks Cliff for sharing your expertise.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy Clark - KN6XW, Secretary