

CARS, INC
BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 09, 2009
MINUTES

President Ken Sanders, AE6LA, called the meeting to order. Steve Airola, W6RXU led the flag salute. A moment of silence was observed for silent key Ray Word, KB6CEG. Ray and his wife Linda, KB6CEH were to be the co-chairmen for TCARS for our joint picnic coming up this Sept. 12, 2009. Ray was very active in amateur radio and his passing is going to be felt. The secretary was asked to send a card expressing our condolences to his wife Linda and the family.

A written report from the treasurer was circulated. This report covered the year beginning in July, 2008 to July, 2009. This report has been filed in the secretary's binder. The ending balance is \$2,085.09. CARS has 74 members, however less than half have renewed their membership at this time. Members are reminded to please pay your dues for the new fiscal year. John Davenport, KI6ART, volunteered to send reminder notices.

Vice President, Steve Airola – W6RXK, brought the logs and qsl cards of silent key Frank Genochio, W6RXU. The Genochio family loaned these to Steve so we could enjoy them. Frank was first licensed in 1939 while living in Comanche. This little town is now at the bottom of Comanche Lake. He had to go to San Francisco to take his test. Steve's Uncle Virgil Airola went with him and the two obtained their first licenses and became W6RXU and W6RXK. Our Steve now holds his uncle's call sign. The logs and qsl cards were very interesting. The log shows the last contact he made before World War 2 began in 1941 when amateur radio had to close down and then the first contact after the war in 1945. Everyone wrote a note to the Genochio family thanking them for letting us enjoy this collection.

Steve said there would be no speaker for the evening. He expected a small turnout for the meeting and said we should have larger

attendance for speakers. He did have a video to show; however, after the meeting it was decided not to see the video.

Ken, AE6LA asked if the club would like to spend about \$250.00 for a TNC to use for APRS packet on Fowler Peak with Steve Aldren's 440 setup. A motion was made by John Davenport, KI6ART and seconded by Barry Thaysen, K3UG that we budget \$250.00 for that purpose. This would help with the OES work in the county. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Barry Thaysen, K3UG told of plans to expand the 145.170 coverage into the Bear Valley area by use of a 440 APRS tracker digi-repeater connected to a digi-repeater on Fowler Peak. John Mallard, KG6ACF is a member of the Bear Valley ski patrol and is heading this work. He sees this as a good tool for the ski patrol. It would be used for health and safety, increase our coverage, and be a source of new members.

Ken, AE6LA said the club has a new call sign for use with emergency work. The call sign is KJ6ACJ. He suggested the club apply for a vanity call sign to replace KJ6ACJ. The call sign suggested is K6XCA or W6XCA. This would indicate a Calaveras County emergency station. There is a \$13.00 charge for a vanity call sign. Barry, K3UG purposed and Tim Cody, KD6NRB seconded that we apply for a vanity call sign to replace KJ6ACJ to K6XCA with an expense of \$13. After discussion the motion passed.

John Davenport, KI6ART reported the large turnout at the June breakfast. He reminded us that the time for each breakfast is 9:00 a.m. Orders will be taken beginning at that time.

Andy Thomas, NV6V asks us to send announcements we want posted on the web to him by email.

Andy said he was still compiling the frog jump results but plans to begin sending out certificates soon. It was suggested that certificates for club members participating be handed out at the Sept. picnic. Steve Airola, W6RXK has talked to the fair leaders about us

working inside the fairgrounds next year. We would need to write a proposal telling what we would do for the fair personnel. Barry Thaysen, K3UG expressed interest in heading the frog jump for next year.

A written report from Bill Holmes said field day was a resounding success.

Andy Thomas, nv6v proposed and John Davenport, KI6ART seconded that the club purchase more club hats to sell. After discussion the motion passed.

A suggestion was made that the club volunteer to clean a stretch of the highway. This may be a liability that we should not take on. John, KI6ART will look into it.

Fred Soderer, WB6QVI made a donation to the club of a cw antenna tuner. There will be a silent auction at the picnic to find a home for this very interesting piece of gear.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Clark, KN6XW, Secretary