

CARS Meeting Minutes
Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting
May 9th, 2013 - 6:30 General

The CARS Business Meeting was called to order by CARS President Ken Sanders at 18:30, and started off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken continued with an explanation of the function set of the new repeater. He brought the repeater and all needed support devices to set up the repeater in a local dummy mode. Everyone was impressed.

Secretary Report: Tim Cody kd6nrh asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting, and there was a motion to accept them as published. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Holmes K6DUY reported a current balance in our CARS account of \$2549.39, and he enumerated transactions and income since the last meeting. We have 101 paid up members, and all current bills have been paid.

Attention all members, dues for 2013 are due before June 30th; expect an email reminder and please do make things simple for our Treasurer by getting your dues in before that time.

Individual dues are \$23/year, and a family membership is \$30/year. If you have PayPal, that's an easy way to pay (one click at http://calaverasars.org/Web/?page_id=115) – or you can mail a check to CARS Inc., P.O. Box 391, Angels Camp, CA, 95222.

Vice president's Report: Vice President SteveW6RXK is always looking for potential meeting program topics. Steve also mentioned there will be no Burson swap meet this year. Hopefully next!

President's Report & Repeater Report: Ken AE6LA has not visited our Fowler 145.17 repeater since the last meeting, but all is working well. Ken said there has been no recent action on the Arnold UHF repeater with the Blue Lake Springs homeowners association. He also mentioned we need to visit the Mnt Reba repeater before field day.

Ken again asked everyone to be thinking about the officer slate for next year. Nominations for President, PIO, and Secretary are due in September.

Amador County ARC is asking for help on June 15 to assist with *Sierra Century Bike Ride*.

Mr. Frog Ride and the Mountain Ranch Disaster Exercise on April 20 both went off well. Both events were covered by Amador and Calaveras club members.

Ken added that the table-top Emergency Preparedness exercise on May 1st, a SET exercise for the New Hogan Dam & Farmington Dam projects, was a success.

Last but not least, Ken gave a report on the last NARC meeting and it seems no action was accomplished.

PIO Report: John KI6ART reported no candidates showed for the last VE session.

There is no new information on grants this month.

Our First Saturday Breakfasts have been great – we had about 30 at the last one, with some new faces. Make sure John has your email – John sends out the email reminders faithfully, and we mention it on the Monday night net – bring your significant other or a friend, and come enjoy an “eyeball QSO” and a good cup of coffee next month.

Web Master Andy Thomas, NV6V was absent, but be sure to visit it at <http://CalaverasARS.org> if you haven't looked stopped by in a while, it's looking real good.

If you have any other suggestions for Andy about content you'd like to see, let him know.

Note that the club can provide email forwarding for any member, ie. your-call-sign@CalaverasARS.com can be automatically forwarded to an email address of your choice, just like Andy's NV6V@CalaverasARS.org. Email Andy if you'd like to have that.

ARES/OES Committee Report: PT Brown (KG6FEY) was absent, but Kit (WB6QVU) gave a report on the Mountain Ranch SET event on April 20.

Sam WS6P's temporary 440 Mhz repeater is now moving to the West Point Fire Station #2 (Wilseyville). It currently covers up to Pine Grove (marginally) and Summit Level road, and most of the West Point evacuation routes. In the long run, we're considering a possible 220 Mhz link to the N6FRG Fowler Peak repeater.

At the request of Chief Stone (Central Fire Chief, Mountain Ranch), a VE exam-prep/study class is now planned for June 8th at Central Station #1 in Mountain Ranch. The objective is to train & prepare recent CERT participants for the planned June 15th VE session.

Net Manager & NBEMS Report: Sam WS6P reported that the Monday night net call list is actively managed – if your call sign is skipped then you have missed a few nets and your call sign has been temporarily removed from the roster. Just check in again when they ask for late or missed members, and your on the list again. Obviously this streamlines the net as our membership grows. A reminder to new members: tune into the N6FRG repeater, 145.17- PL100hz, at 7:30pm each Monday night for the net.

The weekly NEMBS update & plan for the week is always available on the Monday night net..

Field Day: According to Sam, WS6P the date for the annual ARRL Field Day is June 22nd – 23rd, 2013 (always the fourth weekend in June), and we'll be in Bear Valley again this year.

Work on your CW skills everyone, as it appears our indefatigable CW team (Bill K6DUY & Chuck W6AJW) won't be able to participate this year – they've carried us in recent years. Maybe we'll do more on the digital modes this year...

One big change for this year: set up can begin on Thursday at 4pm – that's an extra day. For more info see <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>.

Picnic Committee: Tim Cody reported the committee is idle until after FD

Old business

Steve W6RXX noted that Knox La Rue was planning a huge swap meet and that event has been canceled for now.

New Business:

Upcoming Calendar / Events:

- * Monthly Breakfast Saturday, June 1, July 6, 2013, 9 AM, Murphys Hotel
- * VE Session June 15 in Mountain Ranch
- * Bi-monthly business meeting July 11, 2013, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels Camp
- * FD June 21-23
- * BBQ Sep 7
- * The Meeting was adjourned by Ken at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cody for Rob Sullivan, WB5FTF
Secretary - Calaveras Amateur Radio Society