

**CARS Meeting Minutes**  
Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.  
Bi-Monthly Meeting  
March 10, 2016 - 6:30 PM

Minutes taken by KD6RNB (Tim) and NV6V (Andy)

⑤ Welcome and Opening by President, Ken Sanders - Pledge - Agenda Changes? **None**

⑤ Reading of minutes by Secretary – Steve Dexter, AA6AQ - He's resigned. Needs replacement. Two members expressed willingness to take over Secretary position: K6MAB (Miriam) and NV6V. After some discussion, a vote was taken and NV6V was elected.

⑤ President & Repeater Operator Report – Ken Sanders, AE6LA

- a. Fowler – Relocation to La Rau Communications Fowler Site **Repeater was moved on 2-6-16 to LaRue site. AE6LA (Ken) received a nasty cut but is OK now. Site is shared with several other companies. Autopatch is up. Crew has been working to improve the antenna. Some advice was offered by K6FRC (Paul) and he feels our VHF antenna should be OK to place on top of the 110'(+ ) tower. AE6LA will be seeking design advice from KC6QID (Mike), WS6P (Sam), KK6ZQG (Draza) and WA6ZTY(Mike), who will chair the group. Hoping to get APRS and Winlink equipment in place soon. AE6LA and WA6ZTY will schedule a meeting.**
- b. Possible Alternate Locations for Fowler Equipment **Some discussion was had regarding Quiggs Mountain. No cost estimate yet. Possible field test from this site on an upcoming Monday Night Net.**
- c. Fowler - 5.17, 4.39, 4.31, remote base, EchoLink and phone patch Operations **WS6P needs the address of the LaRue site to configure the Ooma telephone provider so calls from the site report correctly to authorities.**
- d. Reba – 4.39, 441.0375 Operations **operational, but no hard data to confirm. APRS is operating as evidenced by several reports.**
- e. Blue Lake Springs Arnold UHF site going up on test pair 441.875 **Will be useful for SAR, local (Arnold area) users and as a link to Fowler. Some funding may be needed to get it operational. Crystals are needed. NV6V asked if a similar UHF repeater might work in Valley Springs on the same frequency pair. AE6LA and WA6ZTY think it is feasible.**
- f. Arnold Preparedness Fair May 7 at Independence Hall **CARS Inc. has been invited. AE6LA will be representing the club there to promote Amateur Radio and a possible Ham Cram on 5-28-16.**

⑤ Treasurer's Report – Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX

- a. Financial Report **Current bank balance: \$2,717.00.**
- b. Financial business – Membership update **103 members.**
- c. Dues Reminder, Correspondence & etc.
- d. Dues and budget recommendations **Yearly Budget analysis shows that projected expenses for the coming year will be approximately \$2,676.00. With the current dues structure, if all members that are due in July of this year paid, the income would be \$1,706.00. If the dues were increased to \$30 for Individual and \$35 for Family memberships, we would expect \$2,051.00. KI6OBE (Kathy) commented that raising the dues by too much would risk losing memberships. K6DUY suggested this discussion should be brought up under new business. K6CDK (Suzan) suggests Individual members upgrade to Family memberships to help raise funds. AE6LA suggested an ongoing fundraiser might be in order. Further discussion was tabled until New Business.**

⑤ Vice President's Report – Bill Holmes, K6DUY

- a. Bi-monthly meeting program schedule/suggestions
- b. Swap meet opportunities **K6DUY reported on several ham swap meets that were coming up.**

⑤ Repeater Committee – Mike Fahmie, WA6ZTY

- ⑤ Breakfasts & Bike Ride Reports – Needs new chairpersons **KK6YCR(Mike) has volunteered to take over the coordination of the Monthly Breakfast. He also brought up the possibility of alternating the location with another. Some discussion followed.**
- ⑤ **Mr Frog's Wild Ride: KG6FEY (PT) and WS6P have taken on the responsibility of organizing CARS, Inc.'s participation in this event. Participating hams will receive free lunch and a shirt.**
- ⑤ Web Master – Andy Thomas, NV6V **There is now a working model of the web form that will allow administrators to edit the roster. It should be ready soon. NV6V asked for a new membership category called Intro that is for new hams that pass their first exam at a CARS, Inc. VE session. This membership is extended free of charge and has all the same privileges as Individual, save the free badge. Seconded by K6CDK and Carried.**
- ⑤ ARES/OES Committee Report – PT Brown, KG6FEY; Sam, WS6P; Kit, WB6QVU; Ken – AE6LA
- ⑤ **Presented by WS6P. ECS wants to define the roles of the Leaders. A communications class is available as a Ham Cram follow-up. RACES: sworn in by the County, certain ICS certificates are required. ARES: just need to fill out a form and send it to KG6FEY. WS6P will send the electronic version to NV6V for publication on CARS, Inc. website. Hams can be members of both groups.**

TCSET April 21, 2016 **KG6FEY is looking for more participants. It will be held in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties.**

CARS Communications Trailer – Chuck, W6AJW  
CESN – Monday 2000Hrs, Wednesday 1000 Hrs

- ⑤ Monday night Net Manager – Sam Hernandez, WS6P **Net Control Station this month is KK6VQY (Guy). NCS is covered through June of this year. WS6P announced he needs to resign as Net Manager as of June 30 this year due to other obligations. He was commended for his diligent work in this capacity. CARS, Inc. is looking for a new Net Manager.**
- ⑤ Field Day June 25-26, 2016 – Sam, WS6P **Contract for the Camp Lodestar location is signed and insurance is in place. There will be an inspection of the site sometime in May. Rather than 2 small porta-potties, 1 large one will be ordered for this year. 2 rule changes this year: multimedia and Safety Officer will receive 100 points each. WS6P proposes a Saturday night chili cook-off judged by local fire departments. He suggests a \$50 gift certificate from DX engineering. Motion seconded and carried. VE session on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.**
- ⑤ Picnic Committee – Tim Cody, KD6NRB **Date set - September 10, 2016 KD6NRB has retired from this position and somebody else needs to step forward. Set for 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after Labor Day. Most of the planning is already in place. Contact him if you are willing to serve in this capacity. K6DUY suggests a big swap meet at this event next year (2017).**
- ⑤ VE Liaison – Suzan Flanary, K6CDK **See attached report.**
- ⑤ One Day Ham license - Sam Hernandez, WS6P & Ken Sanders, AE6LA **AE6LA reported 11 participants, 10 of which passed at the February class in Arnold. 7 participants were members of Calaveras County Search & Rescue.**
- ⑤ Old Business – **NONE**
- ⑤ New Business -

**WS6P reported that the West Point CERT purchased a Yaesu DR1X repeater using a grant program sponsored by Yaesu that allowed the money to be raised through bake sales. The repeater supports either VHF or UHF and both analog and digital communications. Well done, CERT!**

**K6DUY noted that CARS, Inc. has not raised dues rate for quite some time. He proposed a raise in dues to \$30 for Individual and \$35 for Family memberships. Moved and seconded, discussed and then passed unanimously. Secretary and Treasurer will send notification to all members.**

- ⑤ Event Calendar: VE Session Mar. 19, Jesus Maria, Moke Hill, Monthly Breakfast Saturday, Apr 2 & May7, 2016, 9 AM, Murphys Hotel; Bi-monthly business meeting May. 12, 2016, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels,
- ⑤ Final Comments & Adjournment: **8:44 PM.**

## VE Liaison Report

March 2016

### Exam Sessions Update

Since the last CARS VE Liaison report, the following exam sessions were held:

November 14, 2015 3 applicants passed exams: 2 Tech, 1 Extra

December 19, 2015 2 applicants passed exam: 2 Tech (Ham Cram in West Point)

January 16, 2016 1 applicant passed exam: 1 Tech

February 27, 2016 10 applicants passed exam: 10 Tech (Ham Cram in Arnold)

The proposed 2016 Exam Schedule has been distributed and submitted to ARRL. There continue to be some suggested changes based on potential additional Ham Cram offerings.

### Next Scheduled Exam

The next scheduled Exam Session will be held at the Central Calaveras Fire station on Jesus Maria Rd. in Mokelumne Hill on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3PM after a Ham Cram session presented by Sam Hernandez, WS6P. This is a revised location and time. The original location was Angels Camp at 9:30AM.

The May session may also be either relocated or have a Date/Time change due to Ham Cram class requests. Please watch the emails for updates.

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzan Flanary, K6CDK

### **Remaining 2016 Exam dates and locations:**

**March 19, 2016 3:00 PM**

Central Calaveras Fire Dept  
19927 Jesus Maria Rd.  
Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245

**May 21, 2016 9:30 AM**

Murphys Fire District  
37 Jones St.  
Murphys, CA 95247

**June 25, 2016 9:30 AM**

CARS ARRL Field Day  
Camp Lodestar  
6135 Blue Mountain Rd  
Wilseyville, CA 95257

**July 16, 2016 9:30 AM**

Ebbetts Pass Fire District  
1037 Blagen Rd.  
Arnold, CA 95223

**September 10, 2016 9:30 AM**

Utica Park prior to Tri-County Amateur Radio Club Picnic  
1075 Utica Ln.  
Angels Camp, CA 95222

November 12, 2016  
West Point

**2016 Exam dates and locations: Revised as of 02/27/2016**

**January 16, 2016 9:30 AM**

Mokelumne Hill Fire Dept  
8160 Church St.  
Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245

Confirmed with:

David Spitzer, 209-286-1389 office  
209-815-7348 Personal Cell  
209-217-4435 office cell

Requested courtesy reminder call a day prior to exam date

**February 27, 2016 3 PM (after class)**

Requested by AE6LA for SAR Ham Cram Class

Ebbetts Pass Fire District  
1037 Blagen Rd.  
Arnold, CA 95223

**March 19, 2016 3:00 PM**

Central Calaveras Fire Dept \*\*  
19927 Jesus Maria Rd.  
Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245

\*\* Changed from Angels Camp

**May 21, 2016 9:30 AM**

Murphys Fire District  
37 Jones St.  
Murphys, CA 95247

Confirmed at 209-728-3864; we can use the office area

**June 25, 2016 9:30 AM**

CARS ARRL Field Day

Camp Lodestar  
6135 Blue Mountain Rd  
Wilseyville, CA 95257

**July 16, 2016 9:30 AM**

Ebbetts Pass Fire District  
1037 Blagen Rd.  
Arnold, CA 95223

Confirm with Cheryl at 209-795-1646  
Emailed completed Reservation Form to Cheryl on 12/31/2015.

**September 10, 2016 9:30 AM**

Utica Park prior to Tri-County Amateur Radio Club Picnic  
1075 Utica Ln.  
Angels Camp, CA 95222

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Kathy Hernandez

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