

CARS, Inc. Meeting Minutes
Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2016 - 6:30 PM

- Welcome and Opening by President, Ken Sanders - Pledge - Agenda Changes?
Meeting started at 6:33 PM local time. Pledge led by K6DUY.

- Reading of minutes by Secretary – Andy Thomas, NV6V
 1. March 10, regular Bi-monthly meeting Motion to waive reading of minutes approved
 2. Secretary's report
 3. Agendas and Minutes are posted on CalaverasARS.org back to 1998. Looking for fill-ins
 4. **Badge procedure:** all new paid members will have 1 name badge ordered and shipped. Secretary orders, receives and ships to member. Treasurer pays invoice.
 5. **Senior Fan Magazine** contacted us for information on our club for an upcoming issue. We provided info such as purpose, Ham Radio licensing and emergency preparedness.
<http://seniorfan.com/>

- President & Repeater Operator Report – Ken Sanders, AE6LA
 - a. Fowler - 5.17, 4.39, 4.31, remote base, EchoLink, phone patch, relocation.
 - 145.17 operating normally in LaRue location
 - 144.39, 144.31 and Remote Base remain off air
 - EchoLink is operating well but computer is getting old
 - Phone patch operating normally through Ooma
 - Relocation: AE6LA read an email thread with WA6ZTY (Mike) and K6FRC (Paul Shinn). On the LaRue site, the antenna positions on the tower that were promised to us have been filled. The antenna at the top has apparently been placed there for future use of the CARS 145.17 repeater receiver. This is a very desirable location on that tower. The owner of the Sierra Vista Quiggs Mountain (QM) site, Ron Mobley, has been quite busy with other obligations including the operation of a new KVML repeater in Calaveras county. K6FRC outlined a suggested course of action for CARS if we wish to successfully move to this site: offer to help Mobley get his still unfinished site operable by lending CARS' labor and expertise to finish the electrical and RF wiring and install an air conditioning system. Then offer to install our own equipment for the 145.17 repeater in a very professional manner. Then approach Mobley for consideration of reasonable rent.
 - Discussion: Favorable comments for QM site. KO6HV (Jim) mentioned he has some AC experience and equipment. Another comment was we should pick a site and move forward. Agreement that the club should maintain a professional attitude.
 - A show of hands was performed for which site was preferred. QM was chosen unanimously. We need to consider the costs.
 - W6RXK (Steve) will help facilitate communication with Mobley.
 - b. Reba – 4.39, 441.0375 Operations
 - Both operational
 - c. Arnold Preparedness Fair May 7 at Independence Hall
 - WA6ZTY and AE6LA both attended. They gave a presentation on hams assisting in emergencies.
 - d. Blue Lake Springs Arnold UHF site going up on test pair 441.875
 - AE6LA has met with Blue Lake Springs Water Co. and now has a key to the repeater site. He also successfully integrated a 2m link radio into the repeater.
 - There is now a plan for the radios and antennas and the repeater is ready to deploy.

- Treasurer's Report – Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX
 - Treasurer absent. Figures presented by Secretary:
Bank account balance as of 5-6-2016: \$3,299.56
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Financial business – Membership update
 - Several members have been making extra donations with their dues. Thank you!
 - c. Dues Reminder, Correspondence & etc.

- Vice President's Report – Bill Holmes, K6DUY
 - a. Bi-monthly meeting program schedule/suggestions
 - WS6P (Sam) suggested a CPR refresher class/presentation
 - b. Swap meet opportunities
 - This is swap meet season!
 - North Hills club in Sacramento this Sunday
 - 6-11-16 Boomtown, NV
 - TRW in L.A. Has a meet every month on the 2nd Saturday
 - See http://www.w6thw.com/ham_swap_meets.html for comprehensive list of swap meets in our region.

- Repeater Committee – Mike Fahmie, WA6ZTY
 - a. Fowler coverage: big hole in Central Calaveras County and the Valley Springs area
 - b. QM site has excellent coverage in these areas. It may not get as far up and down the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, but it should serve our membership better than Fowler.

- Breakfasts – Michael Dugger, K6AAN
 - a. Absent
 - b. KN6XW (Patsy) commented approximately 12 members were present and a good breakfast was enjoyed by all.

- Web Master – Andy Thomas, NV6V
 - Keep watching roster page for improvements
 - Admin interface almost complete

- ARES/OES Committee Report – PT Brown, KG6FEY; Sam, WS6P; Kit, WB6QVU; Ken – AE6LA; Mike, N6AXQ
 - TCSET April 21, 2016
 - CARS Communications Trailer – Chuck, W6AJW
 - W6ACW is currently unable to work on the trailer due to recovery from back issues.
 - CESN – Monday 2000Hrs, Wednesday 1000 Hrs
 - Mr.Frog & other events
 - Thank you from KG6FEY (P.T.)
 - Calaveras Art council bike ride event this weekend
 - August: David Brummond Memorial Run will need volunteers
 - General comments from E.C.s:
 - a. WS6P -
 - Currently working on a training course about NCS in emergencies
 - Citizen Corps meetings have become unproductive and unfriendly. Recommends ceasing participation in these meetings. Other E.C.s agreed.
 - b. AE6LA -
 - Attended FireWise meeting with WA6ZTY
 - CESN – E.C.s are checking in weekly
 - Requests Budget for Arnold repeater project
 - K6DUY moved a budget item of \$300 for general repeater repair. Seconded and passed unanimously.

- Monday night Net Manager – Sam Hernandez, WS6P
 - a. He will retire from this position at the end of June
 - b. N6AXQ (Mike) has agreed to take over as the Monday night Net Manager. Thanks, Mike!
 - c. WS6P was warmly congratulated for a job VERY well done!
 - Field Day June 25-26, 2016 – Sam, WS6P
 - a. Porta-Potties have been ordered (that's a relief!)
 - b. Site visit this Saturday. Improvements have been made.
 - c. Dinner will be a chili cook-off. Prize is a \$50 gift certificate from DX Engineering. West Point Fire Protection Board will judge. WS6P will purchase hot dogs and pot-luck side dishes are being requested from those attending.
 - Picnic Committee – Tim Cody, KD6NRB Date set - September 10, 2016
 - a. KD6NRB was absent, but he is no longer the chair of this committee
 - b. Butte Fire canceled last year's picnic
 - c. No volunteer has stepped forward to take charge
 - d. AE6LA will suggest to the other 2 clubs involved to suspend the picnic this year. Those present agreed
- VE Liaison – Suzan Flanary, K6CDK
Report attached
- Old Business –
None
- New Business -
N6AXQ commented that the upcoming Pacificon is well worth attending
- Event Calendar: VE Session May 21, Murphys, Monthly Breakfast Saturday, Jun 4 & Jul 2, 2016, 9 AM, Murphys Hotel; Field Day June 24 – 26; Bi-monthly business meeting Jul 14, 2016, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels, HamCram Jul 23 in Arnold.
- Final Comments & Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM local time

VE Liaison Report

May 2016

Exam Sessions Update

Since the last CARS VE Liaison report, the following exam session was held:

March 19, 2016 12 applicants passed exam: 12 Tech (Ham Cram in Mokelumne Hill)

The July session date may change due to potential additional Ham Cram offerings.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE A NEW EXTRA EXAM VERSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016. POTENTIAL EXAMINEES MUST BE SURE TO STUDY FOR THE VERSION BASED ON THE APPROPRIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CURRENT VERSION EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016 AT MIDNIGHT.

Next Scheduled Exam

The next scheduled Exam Session will be held at the Murphys Fire District station on May 21st.

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzan Flanary, K6CDK

Remaining 2016 Exam dates and locations:

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 (may be July 23, 2016 at 3PM)

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 9:30AM

West Point Veteran's Memorial Building
Hwy 26
West Point, CA 95255

CARS MEETING

5/12/2016

1. Bill Holmes

K6DLY

2. Kit Brown

WB6QVU

CHRIS SAMPSON

N6YPN

MIRIAM BROWN

R6MAB

John

K66FEV

ANDY THOMAS

N6BV

Draza Nikolic

KK6ZQC

Gary Johnston

KK6UQY

SAM HERNANDEZ

WS6P

KATHY HERNANDEZ

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