

CARS Meeting Minutes

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

July 13, 2017 - 6:30 PM - Hall open by 5:20 come early!

Sign up for ARES – We need you.

- ⑤ Welcome and Opening by President, Ken Sanders - Pledge - Agenda Changes?

Called to order at 18:30

- ⑤ Reading of minutes by Secretary – Andy Thomas, NV6V

- a. May 11, regular Bi-monthly meeting

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept as posted.

- b. Secretary's report
c. Correspondence & etc.

- ⑤ President & Repeater Operator Report – Ken Sanders, AE6LA

LaRue tower work looks complete. Antennas were taken up to the site for installation (to be installed by LaRue).

AE6LA met K6TOA from Burlingame and discussed the different ways that members and potential members can get involved in CARS activities, including RACES/ARES.

<http://www.arrl.org/ares-races-faq>

K6DUY met a new ham and helped him get on the air.

CARS ByLaws Article III Section 2 States:

Each Officer of this Club shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by ballot of eligible Club members, as follows: a) The President, Public Information Officer, and Secretary shall be elected in odd years to serve the following even/odd year terms. b) The Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in even years to serve for the following odd/even year terms.

AE6LA sincerely requests another member steps up to take the office of President. He has faithfully served as president for 10 years or so. It's time to let him step down and serve the club in other ways (remember, he owns and maintains the repeater with help from other club members -Sec.)

AE6LA says he will continue to serve if nobody else is nominated.

W6AJW is happy to continue as PIO.

NV6V would welcome a replacement but will continue if required.

Fowler - 5.17, 4.39, 4.31, remote base, EchoLink, phone patch, relocation.

- a. Reba – 4.39, 441.0375-**Working well**

- b. Blue Lake Springs Arnold UHF 441.875

AE6LA and WA6ZTY are considering using a remote base on this repeater to link to 145.170 on Fowler Peak. This would open the possibility to more fully use the remote base on Fowler: especially the frequency agility capability without needing to employ the directional antenna up there.

- ⑤ Repeater Committee – Mike Fahmie, WA6ZTY

Nothing new to report.

- ⑤ Treasurer's Report – Eileen Thomas, KK6GIX

KK6GIX read a thank-you note from Linda O'Keefe-attached.

- a. Financial Report

Current balance: \$3,899.93

- b. Financial business – Membership update

107 active members

- c. Dues Reminder, Correspondence & etc.

50 paid memberships, 57 unpaid memberships.

AE6LA requested a copy of the Quicken financial file to approve for state tax requirements. KK6GIX will send the file to him.

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Financial Report as presented.

⑤ Vice President's Report – Bill Holmes, K6DUY

Commented that memorial service for KI6PRM was very nice.

Bill has 2 10' satellite dishes available for free.

- a. Bi-monthly meeting program schedule/suggestions
Nominations for 3 officers (President, PIO, Secretary) are coming up soon.
- b. Swap meet opportunities
K6DUY will email all members dates for upcoming swap meets.

⑤ **PIO Report**

W6AJW would like to see the newsletter start up again. He will put some work into it to make that happen. KN6XW reminded us that there was a contest held years ago to choose the current name of the newsletter: the *Sierra Wavelength*.

Note from Secretary: back issues of our newsletter are currently available on our website under Club Business. If anybody has issues available that are not listed, please contact the Secretary.

⑤ Breakfasts – Michael Dugger, K6AAN

K6AAN was not present.

K6DUY reported that approximately 12 members attended the last breakfast. Good food was had by all and shopping ensued.

⑤ Web Master – Andy Thomas, NV6V

A reminder to the officers that they have access to inactive member information on the roster.

N6IV asked about the welfare of KA6RNO (Helen). We have not heard from her in a couple of years, but was last known to be in good health and living in a care home in Stockton.

It was also pointed out that KG6VLF has not been heard on the air for a while. WS6P and KI6OBE commented that she is doing OK, but is not as active on the radio as she once was.

⑤ ARES/OES Committee Report – Sam, WS6P; PT Brown, KG6FEY; Ken – AE6LA; Mike, N6AXQ
WS6P reported that ARES Section: Northern San Joaquin Valley had a meeting today that he attended. It was proposed at that meeting that guidelines for every ARES member be developed. The hope is to improve interoperability at events and incidents. Also standardizing frequencies.

CESN – Monday 2000Hrs, Wednesday 1000 Hr

AE6LA has been checking into the voice net and WS6P to the digital net.

2017 Event Schedule: Sunday, March 19, Ride4ART; Saturday, April 15, Mr Frog; Saturday, May 13,

There was good participation at these events.

Central Fire Mud Run: an interesting study in interoperability. Noticed issues with differing methods, frequencies and licensing.

⑤ Monday night Net Manager – Mike Axiak, N6AXQ

N6AXQ thanks N6IV for covering the Monday Night Net while he was visiting Malta.

May: 26% of membership checked in, with 5 visitors on average.

June: 22% member checkin

Mike told the members a bit about his adventures in Malta as 9H3AX, including visiting a local ham club and presenting them with one of our club hats and some QST magazines. All were well received.

- ⑤ Field Day - June 24-25, 2017 – June 23-24, 2018 - Sam, WS6P & Cory, KM6ELA
**Despite the heat, the members present carried on and made contacts.
9 participants
0 CW, 32 digi and 151 voice contacts were made resulting in 430 QSO points.
They really missed the CW ops!
GOTA had a good showing with 16 total contacts.**

Sam received an email from Camp Lodestar inviting the club back for next year.

WS6P handed over the Field Day Boss baton to KM6ELA. Thank you for your great work, Sam!!

KM6ELA is welcoming suggestions for sites to hold next year's Field Day event.

- ⑤ Picnic Committee – Date set - September 9, 2017
**There is no committee, but KD6NRB has made the reservations at Utica Park in Angels Camp. It will cost \$50 to reserve the park.
No-Host Potluck
All our members, plus all members from the Tuolumne and Amador clubs are invited
A VE session will be held.
A motion to budget the \$50 fee annually was presented, seconded and passed unanimously.**

- ⑤ VE Liaison – Suzan Flanary, K6CDK
Report Attached

- ⑤ Old Business –
**WA6ZTY presented his document: A Look at On-Going Expenses – attached
Conclusions: we can keep our existing dues if we keep expenses modest.
Discretionary spending budget: approximately \$250.00 annually**

- ⑤ New Business

Christmas Party 2017: Is it time to relieve K6DUY the obligation to host the party? He will check his availability and report back. In the meantime, alternatives were discussed. Perhaps a public space such as the old church hall in Murphys (now belonging to Murphys Fire Department) should be considered. Are there volunteers for planning? KK6GIX would like to help with the setup and running of the event once it has been decided where and when it will be held.

Event Calendar: VE Session: July 22, 8 -4, Ham Cram, EPFD #1; Sept. 9, 10 AM at BBQ; Weekly Net Mondays, 7:30 PM, 145.17 and 441.875 MHz; Bi-monthly business meeting Sept 14, 2017, 6:30 at IOOF Hall in Angels,. Breakfast at 9 AM, Murphys Hotel, Aug 5 and Sep 2;

- ⑤ Final Comments & Adjournment
**October 7 Lumberjack Parade in West Point
The last Monday Night Net of the month is called in reverse order...watch out!
W6AJW encourages us all to attend the monthly club breakfast**

Meeting adjourned at 20:08

CARS BI Monthly Meeting July 2017

Checking
7/12/2017

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
1/11/2017	1131	La Rue Communications cat: Ham Repeater Service Fee memo: Jan - 2017	100.00			4,007.67
1/12/2017	1132	La Rue Communications cat: Ham Repeater Service Fee memo: Feb-2017	100.00			3,907.67
2/17/2017	1133	La Rue Communications cat: Ham Repeater Service Fee memo: Mar-2017	100.00			3,807.67
2/25/2017	1134	US Postal Service- PO Box Rent, Angels Camp memo: ONE YEAR RENT- March 2017 to March 2018	52.00			3,755.67
4/12/2017	DEP/CK	K1VHR - Gordon LaPORTE cat: Membership Dues			30.00	3,785.67
5/4/2017	DEP/CK	K1VHR - Gordon LaPORTE cat: Member Donations			45.00	3,830.67
5/4/2017	DEP/CK	KMGAXI, KMGAXF -Chuck Hillis cat: Membership Dues			35.00	3,865.67
5/4/2017	1135	HOPE LODGE#33(Odd Fellows Hall) cat: Rent memo: \$25.00 per meeting 2017	150.00			3,715.67
5/25/2017	1136	Mike Fahmie cat: HAM Equipment - Not Repeater memo: Antenna Purchase	89.95			3,625.72
6/19/2017	CC	Blooms And Things cat: Charity memo: Flowers for Mike O'keefe's funeral	197.33			3,428.39
7/5/2017	1137	Sam Hernandez [WS6P] cat: Field Day	56.90			3,371.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Taryn Tolhurst KK6NZP Courtney KK6N20 cat: Membership Dues			35.00	3,406.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Steve Vargas - KK6BNJ cat: Membership Dues			30.00	3,436.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Donald PRILL-KG6KFA cat: Membership Dues			30.00	3,466.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Dee Garrison KG6KFA cat: Membership Dues			30.00	3,496.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	CAROL GILLIAM KF6WLE cat: Membership Dues			35.00	3,531.49

CARS BI Monthly Meeting July 2017

Checking
7/12/2017

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Brown PT And Marion KG6FEY, K6MAE cat: Membership Dues	35.00		35.00	3,566.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	DENNIS Lewis KJ6KXQ cat: Membership Dues	30.00		30.00	3,596.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Bartschi Family cat: Membership Dues	35.00		35.00	3,631.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	BERSTEIN - N6ZEN cat: Membership Dues	30.00		30.00	3,661.49
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	James MJUTER N6TP Pam W6KXG cat: Membership Dues	35.00		35.00	3,696.49
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	CODY - KD6NRB cat: Membership Dues	35.00		35.00	3,731.49
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Michael Grcevich KB6USJ cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	3,760.32
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Brown, Kitchell WB6AVU cat: Membership Dues	33.68		33.68	3,794.00
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Susan Flannery K6CDK cat: Membership Dues	33.68		33.68	3,827.68
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Richard And Michelle Leaman - KJ6SII & KJ6TUA cat: Membership Dues	33.68		33.68	3,861.36
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	David Orcutt - KM6AXL cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	3,890.19
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Terrance Cieszki KO4KP cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	3,919.02
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	BONO - K6OAK cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	3,947.85
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	STONE - KK6FDW cat: Membership Dues	33.68		33.68	3,981.53
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	ALLENDORF - KI6WJV cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	4,010.36
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	John Davenport - KI6ART cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	4,039.19
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	GRAVE - KJ6OEA cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	4,068.02
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Jaime Castillo - KM6BMZ cat: Membership Dues	28.83		28.83	4,096.85

CARS BI Monthly Meeting July 2017

Checking
7/12/2017

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	FARR- W6IJ cat: Membership Dues			28.83	4,125.68
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	GODBOUT - N6IV cat: Membership Dues			28.83	4,154.51
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	VERKERK - KK6OAL cat: Membership Dues			28.83	4,183.34
7/11/2017	DEP/PP	Walter Teruya KH7IZ cat: Membership Dues			33.68	4,217.02
7/11/2017	DEP/C...	Bill Holmes - K6DUY cat: EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)			35.00	4,252.02
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Chris Sampson cat: Member Donations			25.00	4,277.02
7/11/2017	DEP/C...	Hat And Visor Sold cat: HAT SALES			30.00	4,307.02
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Eugene Nesterenko - KM6BNU cat: Membership Dues			28.83	4,335.85
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Lauren Tudor K6LT cat: Membership Dues			30.00	4,365.85
7/11/2017	DEP/CK	Scot Workman cat: Membership Dues			30.00	4,395.85
7/11/2017	1138	SWEET PEA Septic Service, Inc. 21550 Hwy 88, Pine Grove, CA. cat: Field Day memo: Field Day : June 2017	140.00			4,255.85
7/11/2017	1139	La Rue Communications cat: Ham Repeater Service Fee memo: July, Aug, Sept.	300.00			3,955.85
7/11/2017	1140	Sam Hernandez [WS6P] cat: Phone Bill memo: Ooma Autopatch	55.92			3,899.93

CALAVERAS AMATUER RADIO SOCIETY, INC.
JULY UPDATE

1. Balance is \$3,899.93.
2. 107 Members
77 Arrl Members
72%
3. 50 members have paid their dues. Some members paid a year or two in advance last year.
Total \$875.53
4. 57 members have not paid. Sent out reminder emails.
13 family memberships = \$455.00
22 individual memberships = \$660.00
\$1,115.00
5. Umpqua deposit app. on my phone.
6. Hope Lodge (Odd Fellows Hall) has been paid
7. Flowers for Mike's funeral \$197.33
We received a thank you notice from Linda.
8. La Rue has been paid. (paying quarterlyly now) Francesca at LaRue is learning on an updated billing version. Watching her closely as she has a tendency to send the wrong bill. She thanks us for our patience.
9. Phone bill (Ooma) was paid.
10. Sweet Pea Septic Service was paid.
11. Sam was reimbursed for Field Day food and such.

A Look at On-Going Expenses

-By Mike Fahmie, July 2017-

	Total	Balance
Expenses from March 2015 to March 2016*	\$ 960	\$3063
Expenses from March 2016 to March 2017*	\$2045	\$3756

Discussion;

Why were these periods chosen?

Seemed to be the best periods to use in order to be representative of periods before and after repeater site rental fees were incurred.

Why did on-going expenses grow?

Primarily due to \$1200/yr repeater site rent.

Why did the ending balance grow?

Dues were increased.

Donations to repeater rent fund offset some rental fees.

Lack of major discretionary spending (trailer, donations, etc.)

Can we continue at the current dues rate?

It appears that we can provided that discretionary spending is kept under tight control.

Major purchases will have to be amortized over several years unless dues are increased.

* Some minor adjustments made to amounts in order to make the amounts more representative of the years expenses.

AGENDA Summary
ARES Inter-County Interoperability Standards
Is It Possible?
How can we get there?

Administrative Information: The Restrooms are located....

Introductions:

Mission Statement: ***The Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) consists of licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES Leadership. The Mission for the SJV EC Summit is to achieve interoperability and common operational preparedness with neighboring counties for voluntary communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes.***

Goals for 2017 SJV EC Summit: Northern SJV County ECs, or their proxies, achieve consensus about;

- 1.) Clearly stated, achievable, training and/or demonstrated competence in specific skills for one or more levels of standardized Amateur Radio Communication Operations and their deployable equipment to ensure efficient interoperability responding to other than home County deployments.
- 2.) Acknowledging that each County EC, SJV Section wide, has autonomy to:
 - A.) Participate or not.
 - B.) Set initial entry level and additional Standards for 'in County' & County specific requirements that are different than the Common Interoperability Standards.
- 3.) Identifying Current status of ARES Emergency Communications Interoperability standards and agreements already in place that can serve as a functioning framework to eventually extend transitive Interoperability MOUs throughout all SJV Counties.
- 4.) Conducting and participating in technology agnostic training where and when able to enhance local and nearby County Emergency Communication Skills and Capabilities deploying any Modes of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications when needed.
- 5.) Participating in ongoing, periodic , Formal Exercise scheduling conferences or email 'roundtables' among SJV Counties to optimize opportunities for training via mentoring & shadowing of experienced ARES Operators by all interested Amateurs using any mode of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications.
- 6.) Liaise and collaborate with local 'other than ARES' Amateur Emergency Communications and Disaster response entities who are organizationally committed to Emergency, Disaster Response and Public Service Event Support such as CalOES, County OES, County Sheriff and Public Health Offices etc., CalFire VIP, The American Red Cross, VOAD and Faith Based Disaster Response entities whose Emergency and Disaster Recovery Services are available to the General Public.
- 7.) Keep local County Public Safety and Public Service Agencies informed of Training Exercise and Simulations scheduling and training opportunities throughout the ARRL SJV Section. Invite observation of and participation in organized Training events by these Agencies.

KGDLY	-	
W6AJW	-	Chuck
KIGOBE		Kathy
WS6P		SAM
NGAXQ		Mike AXick
NGIV	-	MARK
KUGXW		Patsy
XOGHV		Jim
KD6WRB		TIM
144661X		EILEEN
NUGV		ANDY

Linda O'Keefe, PO Box 88 (mailing) [5905 Swiss Ranch Road] Mountain Ranch CA 95246
(209) 754-4587 swissranch@hotmail.com

July 3, 2017

CARS *the CARS Family,*

re: Michael O'Keefe

Wanted to thank you all for the card and fantastic and huge floral arrangement of flowers in honor of my dearest Michael who went to the Lord on May 11th. I am still enjoying them. You are all great. I know he really, truly enjoyed being a CARS member.

Thanks again all of you.

God blesses,

Linda O'Keefe

Linda O'K

CARS FOLK!



*...for the extra love you put
into everything you do!
Thanks for your
group. Michael
loved it!
Blessings - Linda*

VE Liaison Report July 2017

Exam Sessions Update

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

May 20, 2017 – no examinees attended although three were expected based on phone calls received.

ARRL Field Day, June 24, 2017 Wilseyville, CA. One applicant drove all the way from Reno, NV to take the Technician Class Exam and successfully passed the exam..

Thank you to all of the Volunteer Examiners and helpers for both of these sessions.

Next Scheduled Exam

The next scheduled Exam Session will be held after the Ham Cram on July 22nd at :

Ebbett's Pass Fire District
1037 Blagan Rd.
Arnold, CA 95223

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzan Flanary, K6CDK

Remaining 2017 Exam dates and locations

July 22 2017 3PM after HAM CRAM by Ken Sanders *****

Ebbett's Pass Fire District
1037 Blagan Rd.
Arnold, CA 95223

September 9, 2017 9:30 AM

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

November 18, 2017 9:30 AM

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