

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

May 9, 2019 6:30PM

Meeting Minutes

Announcement KG6FEY (SK) Chuck, W6AJW

Preston T. (PT) Brown passed away this week. He had a successful career as a Professional emergency communicator. He was the RACES Coordinator for Calaveras County. He passed on the day of his 56th wedding anniversary to his beloved wife, Miriam (K6MAB). He will be missed by the CARS membership and other clubs in the area that he touched. News of his passing was announced on the TCARES net.

Look for a celebration of life to be held in June of this year.

A time of silence was observed to honor our colleague and friend.

Welcome Chuck, W6AJW ✓

Flag Salute All ✓

Self Introductions All

Dispensed with for this meeting

Old Business

Reading of Minutes from Last Mtg Andy, NV6V

Approved as read

Extra

W6AJW had some comments regarding last meeting's powerful presentation.

Treasurers Report Ken, AE6LA

Report attached

AE6LA sent 3 rounds of dues reminders via email:

1. To memberships expiring in June 2019
2. To memberships paid up through June 2019
3. To former membership and general members of the community

AE6LA would like to produce a roster list that shows members that have and have not paid for this year, then email to all members.

Club Call Signs: N6FRG (old WA6YGA) and K6XCA

Some discussion was had regarding PayPal costs. KM6MGI commented that the Venmo app might help the club recover more of the dues.

<https://venmo.com/>

Net Report Mike, N6AXQ

March – High:29 AVG:25 AVG%:26 Visitors High:12 Visitors Average:11

April – H:29 A:26 A%:26 VH:12 VA:10

N6IV commented that since N6AXQ has taken over Net Control, it has been a solid and reliable weekly schedule. Those in attendance agreed heartily. Well done, Mike!

Breakfast Report Mike, K6AAN

Absent

ARES/RACES Report Sam, WS6P

Attached.

W6AJW commented that WS6P is the current coordinator. He has sent a message inviting WS6P back to CARS as an active member. No response has been received.

EC report: ARES

There was some discussion on the importance of Ham Radio during situations like the recent wireless/Internet outage in Calaveras County.

Repeater Report Ken, AE6LA

AE6LA visited the site this week. Not much progress was noted.

Intermittent interference continues. AE6LA suspects the CalNet digital equipment on the site is the cause. There is other interference as well, which has not yet been identified. AE6LA expressed his dissatisfaction with this repeater site.

AE6LA was contacted by a Chief at Calfire wondering if CARS might consider placing a repeater at the Blue Mountain lookout site. Calfire is considering this idea.

AE6LA commented that the Mobley site (Sierra Vista) would also be a desirable location for the CARS repeater. Other sites on Fowler Peak are also possibilities.

W6AJW noted that most repeater site are difficult to get to and asked if accessibility should be a factor in choosing a new site. AE6LA responded that the sites mentioned are not terribly difficult to reach.

It was asked if moving the repeater would require a change to our NARCC coordination. AE6LA responded that yes, but was unsure of how difficult it might or might now be.

Repeater Committee Mike Fahmy, WA6ZTY

WA6ZTY commented that NARCC might be difficult to coordinate in other parts of Calaveras County due to other repeaters already in place. He added it might be useful to put up a remote receiver.

W6AJW asked if a Repeater Committee was needed. WA6ZTY responded that a meeting will not be needed until our current repeater situation changes.

New Business

Chad Cossey – Calaveras OES

KM6MGI distributed a flyer (attached) regarding wildfire preparedness.

He reported that the Calaveras Alert System was tested last week. Most members present received it.

He then gave a report on the “Great Internet Outage of 2019”. A Caltrans road-widening project cut a major fiber-optic cable.

KM6MGI also proposed building a communication network of some sort to incorporate Amateur Radio Operators into events such as described above. A Concept of Operations (ConOP) would need to be developed.

AE6LA discussed the need for Hams to self-deploy and report to the County Emergency Coordinator in situations like these.

W6AJW started a discussion about future Field Day events. It's certainly too late for this year.

AE6LA would like to see it come back. He suggests we leave the possibility open if perhaps N6AXQ and others are willing to take it on.

A discussion followed regarding Amateur Radio in general.

2019 Club Events Calendar Mark, N6IV

Club Breakfast

VHF contest June 8

Ham Cram June 29 – contact AE6LA to volunteer and/or for information.

Presentation XW8DK, Laos Chuck Farr, W6AJW

Tabled

Adjournment Chuck, W6AJW

20:02

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Banking Summary

3/6/2019 through 5/8/2019

Category	3/6/2019- 5/8/2019
INCOME	
Membership Dues	492.87
TOTAL INCOME	492.87
EXPENSES	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	42.91
Repeater Expenses	189.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	532.85
OVERALL TOTAL	39.98

Transactions

3/6/2019 through 5/8/2019

Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/5/2019			3,539.09
03/11/19	Ooma - Tele Service for Auto Patch	Repeater Expenses	4.52
03/21/19	GATEWAY PRESS	Member Badges	10.73
03/22/19	Amateur Radio Supply - Replace Antenna	Repeater Expenses	96.98
04/04/19	Alderson Fencing - 3 -21'mast	Repeater Expenses	79.42
04/08/19	Josh & Cindy Heller KM6AXJ & KM6YMA	Membership Dues	33.68
04/08/19	Alvin P. Lamore KF6OBM & KG6AWT	Membership Dues	33.68
04/09/19	Ooma - Tele Service for Auto Patch	Repeater Expenses	4.51
04/15/19	La Rue Communications	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
05/02/19	GATEWAY PRESS	Member Badges	32.18
05/03/19	Tim CODY - KD6NRB	Membership Dues	35.00
05/03/19	J.R. Tregenza - W6OX	Membership Dues	30.00
05/08/19	Ooma	Repeater Expenses	4.51
05/08/19	David Jones - WA6D	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	Mary Agatha - KJ6WHT	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	David Orcutt - KM6AXL	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	Dan Foye - KM6UXL	Membership Dues	33.68
05/08/19	Lauren Tudor - K6LT	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	BILL Scott - K6PKL	Membership Dues	28.83

05/08/19	Nicktane - KK6TBF/KK6VOQ	Membership Dues	33.68
05/08/19	Thomas Farr - W6IJ	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	Tim HILDABRAND - KG6ZAJ	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	David Voit - WB6TOU	Membership Dues	28.83
05/08/19	Michael Fahmie - WA6ZTY	Membership Dues	33.68
05/08/19	David Sanderson - KK6ZHP	Membership Dues	28.83
3/6/2019 - 5/8/2019			39.98
BALANCE 5/8/2019			3,499.11
TOTAL INFLOWS - 3/6/2019 through 5/8/2019			492.87
TOTAL OUTFLOWS - 3/6/2019 through 5/8/2019			532.85
NET TOTAL			39.98

Total Active Members: 103
 ARRL Membership: 85
 Club ARRL Percentage: 83%

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: May 9, 2019

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
NV6V	ANDY THOMAS	✓	VALLEY SPRINGS
AE6LA	Ken Sanders	✓	Arnold
AC6CY	Lynn Bertschi	✓	Angels Camp
W6ZTY	Mike FAHME	✓	ARNOLD
W6JAK	JACK LVOMA	✓	MOUNTAIN RANCH
KM6EIE	Dee Richina	✓	Angels Camp -
N6AXQ	MICHAEL A. AXIAK	✓	COPPEROPOLIS
N6IV	MARK Godbout	✓	MOKE Hill
W6AJW	CHUCK FARR	✓	San Andreas
"XYL	Donna Farr	✓	San Andreas
K6AMCI	Chad Cossey	Assoc	San Andreas

(More on back)

ARES / RACES:

RACES

I have picked up all RACES tasks; I will sorely miss PT as he was a mentor to me on Emergency communications. I am looking for some operators that can do the California Emergency Services Net. The Net is Monday nights and Wednesday mornings, If you are interested in this please contact me.

ARES

Thanks to Ken for picking up the Ride/Walk 4 Art on Mar 17. I sent the final report of this event to our Section EC. Calaveras ARES put in 103 man hours in supporting this event.

On Mar 28, Ken and Josh responded to cover two schools during a telephone outage. I would also like to thank them for their time. This was also reported to our section EC.

West Point Fire CERT along with Calaveras ARES conducted a Ham Cram on April 27 in West Point; the VE session yielded 6 new Technicians, 4 of them in West Point, 1 in Valley Spring and 1 in Pioneer. It also upgraded 1 tech to General. It was a 100% passing rate on the 1st try.

The next Ham Cram will be in June 29 in Arnold, please contact Ken if you have any questions.

Lastly, West Point Fire CERT, W6WPT, will be conducting Field Day on June 22 & 23 at the West Point Fire Protection District's Station 1, located at 195 Spink Road in West Point. As a "Fun Fact" all West Point Fire CERT members are Amateur radio operators, due largely to the local Ham Crams and Elmer classes.





COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS OPEN HOUSE

The CAL FIRE Tuolumne - Calaveras Unit, in partnership with Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services, Calaveras County Sheriff and the Calaveras County Local Fire Agencies, invites you to an open house to discuss fire safety and evacuation preparedness! Please join us to learn about what you can do to prepare yourself and your home in the event of a wildfire.



DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday May 11	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	CAL FIRE San Andreas Headquarters: 785 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249
Saturday May 25	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	CAL FIRE West Point Station: 22670 Highway 26, West Point, CA 95255
Saturday June 1	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	CAL FIRE Altaville Station: 125 North Main Street, Altaville, CA 95221



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