

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, May 13, 2021, 18:30

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

1. Meeting called to order

- a. Welcome by club president, Steve, W6RXK
- b. Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV
- c. Self-introductions by all.

2. Reading of Minutes from last meeting by Jack, W6JAK. Minutes were approved as read.

3. Treasurer's Report by Ken, AE6LA (see attached).

- a. Income since last report totaled \$45 from sale of donated amateur radio equipment.
- b. Expenses totaled \$330.68 for repeater service fee and expenses.
- c. More income is expected from members paying yearly dues. One member paid by postal money order which required Ken to redeem at a post office and then he had to write a personal check to deposit in the club's account. Members should avoid paying dues with a postal money order. There are a total of 90 members on the current roster, 79 of which needed to pay dues. About a dozen members have paid and several paid during the meeting.

4. Net Report by Mike, N6AXQ (see attached). Mike will be resigning as Net Manager, effective June 30th. Mike thanked the net control operators and said each one is doing a good job. The repeater linking has been working very well, thanks to Mike, KBUSJ and Mark, N6IV. Mike was then presented a certificate of appreciation by club president, Steve, W6RXK, for doing an excellent job over the past five years as Net Manager. His service will be missed. The club is still seeking a replacement for Mike.

5. Repeater Report was presented by Ken, AE6LA.

- a. Ken was at the Fowler site the Friday prior to the meeting. The repeater is working well but local interference is still present on VHF. The repeater should be used more often and it will be a resource during the fire season.
- b. Mike, WA6ZTY, moved the APRS digipeater from his home (where it was located for about a year) to the Summit site. It has very good coverage and several members expressed interest in using it.
- c. Glenn, KD6ONU, asked if the Fowler and Lodi repeaters were tied together continuously or only linked for the Monday night nets. Ken explained general operation of the repeater which led to a discussion of using APRS for special events.
- d. A question was posed as to how many people are using the Summit Level repeater. A discussion ensued with several examples given of members using it.

6. Breakfast Report was presented by Patsy, KN6XW. With Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed, the breakfast meetings have resumed at the Murphys Hotel on the first Saturday of each month. Patsy encouraged members to attend and enjoy the fellowship. The next club breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th.

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7. **Web Master's Report.** There was not a report given since Andy, NV6V, was not present.
8. **ARES/RACES Report:** Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by SAM, WS6P, the Calaveras County ARES EC and RACES Radio Officer (see attached).
9. **Old Business.**
 - a. An update was provided on the work being done to the Emergency Trailer. Al, KF6OBM, installed a new roof and new roof vents. The trailer needs new tires and the interior still needs work. DC power distribution devices and solar panels are available for installation. The status on DMV registration is unknown. Discussions will continue at the next meeting.
 - b. Ken, AE6LA, reported that the Ride for Art event was very successful. It will likely be the only event for this year.
 - c. The VE Session conducted at Ken's house on April 24th with eight people taking nine tests. The session produced four new Technicians (KN6ORV, KN6ORX, KN6ORY, KN6ORZ), one upgrade to General (KN6GES), and one new General (KN6ORW, who passed both Tech and General exams during the session). KN6ORW requested to be a club member. He will be offered the free first-year membership.
10. **New Business.**
 - a. Steve, W6RXK, reported that additional amateur radio equipment was donated to the club and is available for purchase as a fund raiser. Steve passed around a list of the equipment and he had items for sale at the meeting. A visiting ham who is a new technician and is recuperating from an accident is enjoying an antenna he obtained from the club. A new technician, Justin, bought an ICOM VHF XCVR. A discussion ensued on the available items.
 - b. Upcoming events:
 - Mike, KB6USJ, suggested members participate in Field Day from their home locations. The exceptions to the ARRL contest rules for Covid-19 are still in place so that points can be accumulated for the club with members participating from home. Mike will put a feeler out on the net to see who is interested in participating.
 - Operating a special event station during the Frog Jump was discussed. Mike, KB6USJ, suggested that special event operators could work from home during the fair which would avoid the booth fee charged by the fair management. If the club decides to do a special event, it will have to be planned months in advance. Mike's suggestion was discussed further with no ultimate conclusion or decision. Steve, W6RXK, recommended the discussion continue at the next meeting.
11. **Adjournment** by Steve, W6RXK, at 19:45. After the meeting members spent a significant amount of time socializing in lieu of watching the planned video presentation on station bonding/grounding.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Provide Invoice for ant. materials	1/14/2021	Ken, AE6LA	Closed	3/11/21	Ken & Mike were paid
Review trailer project	1/14/2021	Steve, W6RXK Mark, N6IV	Open		
Video recommendations	1/14/2021	Mike, KB6USJ & others	Closed	5/13/21	Ongoing action

List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting
Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp

Date: 5/13/2021

CALL	Name	Member?	QTH
W6JAK	SACK LUOMA	yes	mountain Ranch
KU6XW	Fatsy Clark	yes	Arnold
K06HV	Jim Clark	yes	Arnold
K66USJ	Mike Gueviera	yes	Copperopolis
NG6IV	MARK GODBOAT	yes	MOSELUMNE Hill
W6AW	Chuck Farr	yes	San Andreas
K66LKL	Danna Farr	yes	San Andreas
NG6XQ	MICHAEL AXIAL	yes	COPPEROPOLIS
K66ELE	Dee Richman	yes	Angels Camp - Copperopolis
W6RXK	Steven Aivola	yes	San Andreas Ca
AE6LA	Ka. Sanders	yes	Arnold
AC6CY	Jim Bortis	yes	Angels Camp
W6LZY	Mike Bortis	yes	ARNOLD
K66AUT	ALAN	yes	SAN ANDREAS
K66DM	ALAN	yes	SAN ANDREAS
KD6ONU	Glenn BYRON	NO	Valley Springs

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Treasurer's Report

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Report March 8 to May 3, 2021

Banking Summary

3/8/2021 through 5/3/2021

Category	3/8/2021- 5/3/2021
INCOME	
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	45.00
TOTAL INCOME	45.00
EXPENSES	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Repeater Expenses	30.68
TOTAL EXPENSES	330.68
OVERALL TOTAL	285.68

Transaction

3/8/2021 through 5/3/2021

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 3/7/2021					4,631.18
4/10/2021	DEP	Sales Of Equipment	Ken Sanders	EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	45.00
4/1/2021	1179	La Rue Communications	Apr, May, Jun	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
3/15/2021	PayPal	NARCC Dues Org #391	" N6FRG "	Repeater Expenses	20.00
4/9/2021	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.34
3/9/2021	EFT	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	5.34
3/8/2021 - 5/3/2021					285.68
BALANCE 5/3/2021					4,345.50
TOTAL INFLOWS					45.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					330.68
NET TOTAL					285.68

Prepared by Ken Sanders, AE6LA, Treasurer

CARS Net Monthly Report

Reporting for: **March** and **April 2021** Net Activity.

March 2021 – 5 Mondays in the Month

Members Roll Call at **91** Members:

Highest Call-in for Month – **32** (3/1) at **35** percent of Members.
Average Call-in for Month – **27** at **29** percent of Members.

Visitor Roll Call:

Highest Call-in for Month – **17** (3/1, 3/29).
Average Call-in for Month – **14**.

Average Members and Visitors for **March** – **41**.

April 2021

Members Roll Call at **91** Members:

Highest Call-in for Month – **29** (4/12) at **32** percent of Members.
Average Call-in for Month – **26** at **28** percent of Members.

Visitor Roll Call:

Highest Call-in for Month – **13** (4/26).
Average Call-in for Month – **12**.

Average Members and Visitors for **April** – **38**.


CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

May it be known that this Certificate of
Appreciation has been presented to

N6AXQ
MICHAEL AXIAK

In appreciation of his valuable services for
Calaveras Amateur Radio Society as
Net Manager

Presented this 13th day of May 2021


STEVEN J. AIROLA
President, W6RXK

ARES / RACES:

RACES

It has been a year since my last RACES report. Not a lot has happened, other than Covid-19. I did notice that our agreement with Calaveras OES is 10 years old. I will work with Calaveras OES to get it up to date. In 2020 there were no call outs for RACES to response from Calaveras OES.

I would like to thank Jack – W6JAK and Ken – AE6LA for their support of the California Emergency Service Net; they both are great assets to our county's participation in this net.

ARES

In 2020 ARES has been busy with daily Covid-19 conference call with Calaveras OES. These calls have been reduced to a weekly call and will be going to a bi-weekly call sometime after June 15. ARES have been asked to participate in the Calaveras County Vaccination Clinic. This is a great way to show Calaveras OES we are here to help, but we had only 1 person respond to the event. We did have others ARES members at the Clinic, but were representing CERT. I attended several times and I represented both XCA ARES and West Point CERT. So I would like to thank Jack – K6JAK for representing XCA ARES and well as the following ARES members that were at the clinic as a CERT member: Kathy - KI6OBE, Mike – N6AXQ, Delia – KM6ELA and Carolyn – W6CLS.

ARES Connect is going through some major changes and I'm not sure it will survive pass September. For me it is a great tool, I can send emails to the entire ARES team, log ARES events and keep the amount of time that ARES members support an event. I will keep you posted on its future.

I also have been keeping track of the PSPS that happened last year. We are now getting into that season again. I will keep you posted on anything that develops, but in any event please monitor the K6FRG and/or the W6WPT repeater for any updates. I will also try to link these repeaters together via the WiRES nodes.

XCA ARES teaming with West Point CERT, put on 2 VE sessions in 2020, one of these were cancelled because of the Stay at Home Order, the other session, following the State's Covid -19 protocols, produced 4 new Techs, which included Donna Farr, now known as KN6LKU. A VE session in April 2021 produced 2 upgrades to General and 3 new Techs.

Field Day is just around the corner, I know that West Point CERT will be holding one at the West Point Fire Station, stop by for a visit, if you can.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

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