

## Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

### Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, July 11th, 2024, 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 with guest Maeya Gyger
  
- 2) **Report on Field Day event by Mark, N6IV, and Mike, KB6USJ.** Mark and Mike provided a summary of their Field Day operation on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to Mark and Mike, participants included Dee, KM6ELF, Mike, N6AXQ, Walt, K6WGY, and a visitor. Various bands were worked including 20, 40, and 80 meters. Most of the contacts were on 20 meters, although there were not many and the activity was inconsistent. There were 79 contacts in total. Mark and Mike will organize and lead the Winter Field Day for the club.
  
- 3) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read with some typos to be corrected.
  
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached report):
  - a) Ken provided a 5-year financial summary, which is required by the state;
  - b) The banking summary showed a beginning balance of \$4,536.85 and an ending balance of \$5,279.35;
  - c) Ken will be submitting the three required reports to the IRS and Franchise Tax board in August;
  - d) Ken would like to train someone in August to become the next treasurer. Nominations will be considered at the September meeting.
  
- 5) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV.
  - a) The average number of member of check-ins for the past two months was 33 with a range of 25 to 47;
  - b) Guest check-ins averaged 8, with a range of 4 to 11;
  - c) The high of 47 member check-ins was due to the blanket check-ins at the time of the Copperopolis fire.
  
- 6) **Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA.
  - a) Fowler repeater: Knox La Rue worked on the tower last Saturday and installed an antenna he purchased. The antenna donated by Bill Holmes that was transported from Nevada by Al, KF60BM, and Chuck, W6AJW, is not being used at this time.
  - b) Reba repeater: the new equipment is installed and operational. Although the antenna is steerable, the repeater is partially deaf. Ken is not sure why.
  - c) Summit Level repeater: the link to Fowler has been intermittent recently;
  - d) Steve, W6RXK, mentioned that TCARES has a flyer featuring their repeater system. Steve is working on one for CARS.
  
- 7) **Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF. Nine people attended the breakfast and there were very pleasant discussions. Dee brought up the topic of the increased cost of breakfasts and

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suggested having them every other month instead of monthly. A discussion ensued whether to make the change and, if so, which months they should be scheduled. Subsequently, Dee made a motion to schedule the breakfasts for the even months of the year, starting in August. The motion was seconded and approved. Dee will contact the Murphys Hotel and change the reservation schedule.

- 8) **Web Master's Report** presented by Andy, NV6V. Mike, KB6USJ, asked Andy if an EQSL function can be added to the website. Andy requested Mike to send him an email regarding the request.
- 9) **Public Information Officer Report.** Presented by Mike, KB6USJ:
  - a) Current and future events are being posted on the CARS website and calendar;
  - b) The KB6USJ balloon is still in orbit. The WB6TOU balloon is currently in the southern hemisphere. The Elk Grove balloon, KO6SJK, is active on 10 meters.
  - c) Gordon, K1VHR, is interested in putting together an HF net for CARS and is willing to anchor it. The net would be on 40 or 80 meters. Mike will keep the club informed on the status.
- 10) **ARES/RACES Report.** A report was not available at the time of the meeting.
- 11) **New Business.**
  - a) The Death Ride event this Saturday will have five posts manned by ten CARS members or associates. Other members are invited to participate, but they should arrive early or the night before due to the road being closed at 5 am on the day of the race. The Hawkings Peak repeater will be used for the event.
- 12) **Old Business.**
  - a) No work has been done on the club trailer since the last meeting due to the hot weather;
  - b) The update to the bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 13) **Round Table:**
  - a) A CARS license exam session is scheduled for October 26th at the Mountain Ranch Community Hall. A VE team has been assembled and anyone who has a VE certificate is welcome to participate.
  - b) Steve asked Mark, N6ARP, to consider potential programs for future meetings, such as battery selection for field events. Mark, N6IV, will also look into programs.
  - c) Ken is the trustee for the N6FRGd call sign. He recommended it be transferred to another person.
- 14) **Happenings:** There were no additions to the happenings listed in the agenda.
- 15) **Adjournment.** Nancy, KG6AWT, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 1941 hours.

## List of Action Items

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Schedule and coordinate ham licence exam session	3/14/24	Jack, W6JAK	Closed	7/11/24	Scheduled for 26 Oct. 24

## List of Attendees

### Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance

Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Date: 7/11/24

Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
W6JAK	Jack Lwama	MT. RANCH	Y
N6IV	MARK Godbout	MOCKE Hill	Y
NV6W	ANDY THOMAS	DEATH VALLEY SPRINGS	Y
K6LUSJ	Michael Greenich	Copperopolis	Y
K6LWNT	Shirley Comore	SA	Y
K6LWOM	Al LAMON	"	Y
K6LKKU	Donna Farr	SA	Y
W6ASW	Chuck Farr	SA	Y
K6WGY	Walt Gyger	Vallecito	Y
	Mary Gyger	"	Guest ✓
K6LWJV	Ed Alendort	Vallecito	Y
W6LWTV	Mike Fahrig	ARNOLD	Y
A6BLA	Ka Sarkis	Arnold	Y
N6ARQ	MICHAEL A RIAL	COPPEROPOLIS	Y
K6LWLF	DEE RICHINA	"	Y
K6WRKY	Sarah Johnson	Modesto	Y
N6ARP	Mark Price	Sanplumach/Turlock	Y
W6RXX	STEVE AIROLA	San Andreas	Y

# Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - May 6 to July 7, 2024

Banking Summary

3/6/2024 through 7/8/2024

Category 3/6/2024- 7/8/2024

Paid through 6/30/2025 or beyond: 55  
 Unpaid for 2024-2025: 28  
 Total Active Members: 83  
 ARRL Membership: 50  
 Club ARRL Percentage: 60%

INCOME	
Badge Income	35.00
Member Donations	21.42
Membership Dues	993.14
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,049.56</b>
EXPENSES	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Repeater Expenses	7.06
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>307.06</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>742.50</b>

Transaction Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 3/3/2024</b>					<b>4,336.83</b>
3/9/2024	Checking	Ooms		Repeater Expenses	7.06
3/10/2024	Checking	Lynn And Darlene Bartschi - KE6FSH And K6GKFD		Membership Dues	40.00
3/10/2024	Checking	Mike Aviak - N6AXQ/ Dee Richina K6GELF		Membership Dues	35.00
3/10/2024	Checking	Charles Fair - W6AJW/ Donna K6BLKU		Membership Dues	35.00
3/10/2024	Checking	Steven AIROLA W6RJK		-Split-	70.00
3/10/2024	Checking	Mark Godbout - N6IV		Membership Dues	28.91
3/10/2024	Checking	Gordon Laporte - K1VHR		Membership Dues	28.91
3/10/2024	Checking	David Lichterhan K2EDAV		Membership Dues	28.91
3/10/2024	Checking	Brett Short N3NPD		Membership Dues	28.91
3/10/2024	Checking	Dan Foye K6M6XL & Mary K6LUXN		Membership Dues	33.81
3/24/2024	Checking	John Tregenza - W6OX		Membership Dues	30.00
3/24/2024	Checking	Dave Orcutt N6DAO		Membership Dues	28.91
3/31/2024	Checking	CCSAR	Deposited by mistake	Member Donations	21.42
6/14/2024	Checking	David Bono - K6OAK		Membership Dues	28.91
6/14/2024	Checking	David Arrich - AD6AE		Membership Dues	28.91
6/14/2024	Checking	W6SQVU & N6PGH - Kit BROWN & ARTURO SALIZAR		Membership Dues	33.81
6/14/2024	Checking	Mike Dugger - K6AAN & Kristen Dugger - K6ESUN		Membership Dues	33.81
6/14/2024	Checking	Jurai Fandli - K6KOA & Yannick Fandli K06BVH (son)		Membership Dues	33.81
6/14/2024	Checking	Heien Yost - K6ELE		Membership Dues	30.00
6/25/2024	Checking	Mary Agatha - K6JWHT		Membership Dues	28.91
6/25/2024	Checking	Michael Grcevich K6GUSJ		Membership Dues	33.81
7/1/2024	Checking	La Rue Communications	July, Aug, Sept.	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
7/7/2024	Checking	John Davenport - K6SART		Membership Dues	30.00
7/7/2024	Checking	Jack Luoma- W6JAK		Membership Dues	30.00
7/7/2024	Checking	John Hackenkamp W6IFA		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	Glenn Verkerk - K6SOAL		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	James MUIITER N6TP Pam W6KXG		Membership Dues	33.81
7/7/2024	Checking	David West - K06M		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	Michael Kitka - K6RLI		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	N6EV & K6EGIX - Andy & Eileen THOMAS		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	Richard Manies - N6DT		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	K6SAGD (Joanna) & K6SAGU (Martin TEDDER )		Membership Dues	33.81
7/7/2024	Checking	Eugene Nesterenko - K6SBNU		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	Pascal Gyger - K6PWG		Membership Dues	28.91
7/7/2024	Checking	Robert Kehr - K6MDF		Membership Dues	28.91
3/6/2024 - 7/8/2024					742.50
<b>BALANCE 7/8/2024</b>					<b>5,279.33</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>					<b>1,049.56</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>					<b>307.06</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>					<b>742.50</b>

# CARS QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2024

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. 5 Yr. Comparison 7/7/2024

7/1/2019 through 6/30/2024 (Cash Basis)

Category	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	7/1/2022- 6/30/2023	7/1/2023- 6/30/2024	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>						
Amazon Smile Income	23.04	36.46	26.39	41.62	0.00	127.51
Badge Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
Check Book Correction	34.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.26
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)	0.00	1,700.00	777.00	830.00	608.00	3,915.00
Event Sponsor Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.00	50.00	885.00
HAT SALES	130.00	0.00	40.00	158.91	55.00	383.91
Member Donations	73.00	200.00	30.00	120.00	736.42	1,159.42
Membership Dues	1,738.97	2,116.87	1,539.87	1,797.49	1,894.31	9,087.51
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,999.27</b>	<b>4,053.33</b>	<b>2,413.26</b>	<b>3,783.02</b>	<b>3,378.73</b>	<b>15,627.61</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Bank Fee	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Charity	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Communications Trailer	116.00	0.00	405.00	125.00	409.52	1,055.52
Filing Fees	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	60.00
HAM Equipment - Not Repeater	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Ham Repeater Service Fee	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	800.00	1,200.00	5,600.00
Hat Purchase (Gateway)	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.59	0.00	219.59
Liability Insurance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
Member Badges	82.24	23.60	38.61	25.74	142.01	312.20
Post Office Box Fee	65.00	64.00	70.00	78.00	84.00	361.00
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	440.80	33.40	474.20
Publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.78	0.00	103.78
Reba Repeater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,036.52	2,036.52
Repeater Expenses	206.00	528.65	427.15	417.39	440.63	2,019.82
TriCounty BBQ	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.96	401.84	614.80
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,101.24</b>	<b>2,066.25</b>	<b>2,360.76</b>	<b>2,723.26</b>	<b>4,967.92</b>	<b>14,219.43</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>101.97</b>	<b>1,987.08</b>	<b>52.50</b>	<b>1,059.76</b>	<b>1,589.19</b>	<b>1,408.18</b>



## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

With all of the recent fire activity in the county, all is quiet on the RACES front. On my last report I asked if someone is interested in taking over as the RACES radio officer, to please contact me. I did not receive any inquiries about the responsibilities so I guess no one is interested in RACES.

#### ARES

As with RACES all is good with ARES, even with all of the wildland fires. I do have a meeting with the North Calaveras Emergency Preparedness committee this month, they are looking for information on radio support. I will keep you posted on the results of the meeting.

This year's Elmer classes has ended, I'm planning another one starting in January. The Elmer classes covered: questions from the exam, picking your first radio, antenna theory, Ohm's Law, meters and antenna analyzers, soldering basics and HF antenna construction. The class ended on Field Day with how to make contacts and log them into a paper log. Our GOTA station was able to make contacts into Roade Island and Vermont, along with several other ARRL Sections. I used the wire antenna, the class built, for our digital station and was able to make contacts to Indonesia and the Philippines. We did not hear the N6FRG field day station, but we did work TCARES and heard the Amador Club. Field Day is a good way to hone your radio skills or even learn how to operate an HF station.

The next Ham Cram and VE exam will be on October 19. The question pool for the Extra Class license changed on July 1, so if you are looking to upgrade to Extra please use the current pool questions. I will put out a flyer in the next couple of months for the Ham Cram.

Lastly, be sure to have your HT charged, and your Go Bag ready.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer



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