

## Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

### Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, Jan. 9th, 2025, 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 Mike, N6AXQ;
  - c) Self-introductions by all.
  
- 2) **Special program: Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, ARRL First Vice President:**
  - a) As an honored guest, Kristen gave a very informative and technically detailed presentation on Standing Wave Ratio (SWR), which is a topic of mystery or misunderstanding for many ham operators. Her presentation defined SWR in very understandable terms, gave examples of SWR characteristics, and its effect on station performance;
  - b) Her presentation was followed by a question and answer session on the ARRL organization, current issues, and outlook for amateur radio in general.
  
- 3) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read upon a motion by Walt, K6WGY.
  
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** by Ken, AE6LA (see attached report):
  - a) Ken went over his most recent banking summary and the Umpqua Bank statement. Ken's banking summary matches the bank's statement;
  - b) The banking summary showed a beginning balance of \$5,289.30 and an ending balance of \$4,980.92. Expenses exceeded income by \$308.38; The major expense was \$300 for three-months rent at the Fowler site (Jan through March).
  
- 5) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV:
  - a) The average number of member of check-ins for the past two months was 34 with a range of 27 to 40;
  - b) Guest check-ins averaged 6, with a range of 3 to 10.
  
- 6) **Repeater Report** presented by Ken, AE6LA:
  - a) Fowler Peak repeater: Ken saw Knox La Rue, the Fowler repeater site owner, who stated he will rework the antenna system. Ken has had to point is home yagi antenna at the site to improve the received signal.
  - b) Summit Level repeater: The noise problem at the site comes and goes. Ken and Mike, WA6ZTY, are planning on going to the site do some checks on the system. Cal Fire is in process of upgrading the site's solar power system.
  - c) Reba/Bear Valley repeater: Due to the snow level, the site is currently not

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accessible. Ken is planning a trip to the site this spring to investigate the repeater sensitivity issue. The link radio will be used for the Death Ride event this coming July. Members interested in participating in communications support for the ride should contact Mike, WA6ZTY.

- 7) **Breakfast Report** presented by Al, KF6OBM. Ten people showed up for the ad-hoc breakfast at the Murphys Hotel. The breakfast was originally not scheduled due to the schedule change from monthly to bi-monthly on even months. A discussion ensued on changing it back to monthly breakfasts. Chuck, W6AJW, motioned the breakfasts schedule be changed back to a monthly basis. The motion was seconded and approved.
- 8) **Web Master's Report.** No report was given since Andy, NV6V, was not present at the meeting.
- 9) **Public Information Officer Report** presented by Mike, KB6USJ:
  - a) Mike described the calendar of upcoming events, including Winter Field Day, the VHF contests, potential Parks on the Air (POTA) event at Big Trees park, and a planned field trip to the historic KPH radio station;
  - b) The latest on the pico balloon project is that Dave, WB6TOU's balloon has drifted down to the southern hemisphere.
- 10) **ARES/RACES Report.**
  - a) Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by Sam, WS6P (see attached).
  - b) Ken, AE6LA, stated that 10 years ago Calaveras Search and Rescue (SAR) sent a letter to the CARS president inviting hams to get involved in SAR. Hams still have opportunities to serve public agencies. For those interested in supporting SARS, they are having a meeting next Tuesday.
- 11) **New Business.** New business topics of POTA, the Death Ride, and the KPH field trip were previously discussed.
- 12) **Old Business.**
  - a) Al, KF6OBM, installed new carpet and padding for the club trailer. He now plans on installing new lithium batteries;
  - b) The update to the bylaws will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 13) **Round Table:**
  - a) Old radios, including a Hallicrafters HT-9 radio donated by Mike, KB6USJ, is available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the club.
  - b) Kirsten, K6WX, encouraged everyone to become members of the ARRL to ensure the future of amateur radio. A show of hands indicated most of those attending the meeting are current members.

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14) **Happenings:** See the list shown in the agenda.

15) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 2024 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>
None					

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**List of Attendees**

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Call	Name	City	Member
AEGLA	Ken Sanders	Arnold	yes
WBAJW	Chuck Farn	San Andreas	yes
KNGLKN	Donna Farn	San Andreas	yes
WBJAK	Jack Luoma	Mountain Ranch	Y
KBGUSJ	MIKE GRONICH	Copperopolis	Y
WBRXK	Steve Arica	San And	Y
K6WX	Kristen McIntyre	San Jose	N
	Maya Gys	Vallecito	N
NGIV	MARK GODBOUT	MOKE HILL	Y
K6WGY	WALT GYGEC	Vallecito	Y
WA6ZTY	Mike Fikune	ARNOLD	Y
AD6AE	DAVE ARRICH	MURPHYS	Y
NGAXQ	MICHAEL AXIAL	COPPER.	Y
KM6ELF	DEE AXIAL	"	Y
K06WFOU	Barry Streets	Copper	Y
	Sheryl Streets	Copper	N
KA9MDP	Bob Kehr	Sutter Creek	Y
K066LQ	Scery Bitner	Murphys	Y
W6YH	Larry TUSONI	ANGEL CAMP	Y
AC6CY	Lynn Bartek	Angels Camp	Y
KN6RKY	Scott Johnson	Modesto	Y
K16WJV	Ed Alexander	Vallecito	Y
	Michelle Alexander	"	N
NGARP	MAR PRICE	CampConnell/Torlock	Y
KM6ELE	Helen Yost	vallecito	Y
KF6OBM	AL CAMORR	SAN ANDREAS	Y
K66AWT	NANCY CAMORR	" "	Y

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# Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - November 12, 2024 - January 5, 2025

Banking Summary

11/12/2024 through 1/5/2025

Category	11/12/2024- 1/5/2025
INCOME	
HAT SALES	9.31
Membership Dues	28.91
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38.22</b>
EXPENSES	
Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
Member Badges	32.48
Repeater Expenses	14.12
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>346.60</b>
TRANSFERS	
FROM Cash Account	9.31
TO Checking	9.31
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>308.38</b>

Transaction

11/12/2024 through 1/5/2025

Date	Account	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/11/2024					5,289.30
11/12/2024	Checking	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	7.06
11/26/2024	Checking	GATEWAY PRESS		Member Badges	32.48
12/9/2024	Checking	Ooma		Repeater Expenses	7.06
12/31/2024	Checking	Ken Sanders	Convert Cash \$0.69 fee. Wo	[Cash Account]	9.31
12/31/2024	Checking	Barry E Streets - KO6FOV		Membership Dues	28.91
1/1/2025	Checking	La Rue Communications	Jan, Feb, Mar	Ham Repeater Service Fee	300.00
11/14/2024	Cash Account	Hat Sold	Marlin Bates	HAT SALES	9.31
12/31/2024	Cash Account	Ken Sanders	Convert Cash	[Checking]	9.31
11/12/2024 - 1/5/2025					<b>308.38</b>
BALANCE 1/5/2025					4,980.92
TOTAL INFLOWS					47.53
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					355.91
NET TOTAL					<b>308.38</b>

Total Active Members: 83  
 ARRL Membership: 50  
 Club ARRL Percentage: 60%

## ARES/RACES Report

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#### RACES

All remains calm on the Calaveras RACES front. The Governor has activated the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) due to high winds, primarily affecting Southern California. He is concerned about the potential growth of the Palisades Fire, driven by dry vegetation, low humidity, and strong winds.

#### ARES

At the Winter Preparedness meeting held in November in West Point, there were discussions about forming a Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators group. Although details are scarce, it's known that they are seeking support and guidance. I will keep you informed of any updates I come across.

The next Ham Cram will be on April 19 in West Point, followed by 5 Elmer classes for new Hams.

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

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

