

## Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

### Minutes for Quarterly General Meeting, Mar. 13th, 2025, 18:30

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

- 1) **Meeting called to order:**
  - a) Welcome by club vice president, Dee, KM6ELF;
  - b) Pledge of allegiance led by Jerry, KD6GLQ;
  - c) Self-introductions by all.
  
- 2) **Special program: Mark, N6ARP, CARS Treasurer:** Mark gave a very informative and technically detailed presentation on sizing lithium batteries for ham radio events. The information presented increased the members knowledge on battery selection, charging cycles, discharge rates, and other technical aspects to ensure operators will have adequate battery power to provide communications support to events and during emergency situations.
  
- 3) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read upon a motion by Chuck, W6AJW.
  
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** by Mark, N6ARP (see attached report):
  - a) Mark went over his most recent banking summary covering the period July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, through March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025;
  - b) Expenses exceeded income over the period by \$575.81. The three largest expenditures were \$900.00 for the Fowler site fees, \$357.86 for the tri-county picnic, and \$200.00 for liability insurance.
  
- 5) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV (not present):
  - a) Total check-ins = 351
  - b) Avg. Member check-ins: 36, range: 26-42
  - c) Avg. Regular Guest check-ins: 8, range 5-10
  - d) Guest check-ins averaged 6, with a range of 3 to 10.
  
- 6) **Repeater Report** presented by Mike, WA6ZTY:
  - a) Fowler Peak repeater: The repeater is not working well, as discussed at the previous meeting. It has a high SWR and Knox La Rue has said he will look into it;
  - b) Summit Level repeater: No update from the last report;
  - c) Reba/Bear Valley repeater: The repeater site is not accessible due to snow; the repeater is working.

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- 7) **Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF. Nine people attended the breakfast at the Murphys Hotel. The breakfasts will be held monthly as decided at the previous business meeting.
- 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) There was an article in the Calaveras Enterprise newspaper regarding the visit by Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, ARRL First Vice President;
  - b) Mike reported on the field trip to the KPH site. The docents gave a good tour, there was a lot of CW ops, and lunch was provided;
  - c) A POTA event is still being considered at Calaveras Big Trees;
  - d) A new pico balloon may be launched in March.
- 10) **ARES/RACES Report:** Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by Sam, WS6P (see attached).
- 11) **New Business:**
  - a) Change of the club radio license holder/trustee N6FRG and K6XCA was discussed;
  - b) During the discussion of a replacement web master, Mike, KB6USJ, stated he is considering taking the position. After further discussion, Chuck, W6AJW moved that Mike take over the position. The motion was seconded and approved;
- 12) **Old Business.**
  - a) Al, KF6OBM, was not present to provide an update on the status of the club trailer;
  - b) The update to the bylaws will be discussed at the next or future meeting. Dee, KM6ELF, questioned the status of the comparison of the old and new versions of the bylaws. Jack, W6JAK, explained what was done and what was provided to Steve, W6RXK.
- 13) **Round Table:** No discussions.
- 14) **Happenings:** Mike, WA6ZTY, asked for additional participant in the Markleeville Death Ride event scheduled for July 12th. Participants should arrive very early or camp out the night before due to the road closure for the event.
- 15) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned for adjournment of the meeting which was seconded and approved at 1935 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					

## List of Attendees

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA Date: <del>4/9/2025</del> 3/13/25			
Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
W6DJK	Jack Luoma	Mountain Ranch	Y
KN6RKY	Scott Johnson	Modesto	Y
N6ARP	Mark Price	Turlock / Camp Connell	Y
KB6USJ	Michael Greovich	Copperopolis	Y
KB6GK	Walt Gyges	Vallecito	Y
	Maya Gyges	"	N
KN6LKV	Donna Farr	San Andreas	Y
W6AJW	Chuck Fasy	San Andreas	Y
AD6AE	Dave Arzich	Murphys	Y
N6AXQ	Michael Axiak	Copperopolis	Y
KN6ELF	Dee Richina	"	Y
K6BFOV	Barry E Street	"	Y
AC6CY	Lynn Bartschi	Angels Camp	Y
KA6MDP	Bob Kehr	Sutter Creek	Y
KD6GLQ	Jerry Bitner	Murphys	Y
W6BZY	Mike Fabrice	Arroyo	Y

# Treasurer's Reports

3/10/2025

Banking Summary Fical Year 2024-25

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society

7/1/2024 through 3/10/2025

Category 7/1/2024-3/10/2025

<b>INCOME</b>	
HAT SALES	19.31
Member Donations	225.00
Membership Dues	1,243.04
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,487.35</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Communications Trailer	141.71
Ham Repeater Service Fee	900.00
Liability Insurance	200.00
Meeting Speaker Dinner	46.74
Member Badges	118.28
Post Office Box Fee	84.00
Reba Repeater	130.70
Repeater Expenses	83.87
TriCounty BBQ	357.86
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,063.16</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
FROM Cash Account	129.31
TO Checking	(-129.31)
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>(-575.81)</b>

**BANKING BALANCES**

June 28, 2024 = \$5213.39  
 February 28, 2025 = \$4844.75  
 Difference = (\$368.64)

**MEMBERSHIP TOTALS**

84 Members  
 73 Paid thru 2025  
 4 Paid thru 2026  
 2 Paid thru 2027  
 3 Honorary (life Time)

## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

All remains calm on the Calaveras RACES front. Although I haven't been able to connect with Eric Holt at OES yet, I hope to do so soon.

#### ARES

We successfully completed the Section-wide exercise, "Perfect Storm," on March 7. Jack did a fantastic job running the exercise and even managed to pick up my net on March 5.

During the exercise, I noticed an issue between West Point and the Repeater. I conducted SWR and power checks on my system and plotted the receive and transmitter coverage at the repeater site, and everything appeared fine. However, I needed to use 160W to reach the repeater.

I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who checked into the net on Friday the 7th. Our county had six check-ins, with two non-ARES members and four ARES members. Given that there are 20 ARES members, it wasn't a significant turnout.

Mark your calendars for June 14! The Blue Mountain Emergency Preparedness Committee, in collaboration with the West Point Lions, will host a wildfire safety event starting at 9 AM.

The XCA ARES will have an information table set up throughout the event to share valuable insights. At 1 PM, the WPT CERT VE Team and XCA ARES will conduct an Elmer class, covering topics such as Repeaters, Ham lingo, ARES & RACES, and an introduction to Emergency Communication.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and prepare!

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

