

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Bi-Monthly General Meeting, September 11th, 2025, 1830 Hrs

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. At Steve, W6RXK's request, members who attended the Ripon swap meet shared their experience.
- 2) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read. The action item list was reviewed, and all previously assigned actions were closed (see table at the end of these minutes).
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** by Mark, N6ARP (absent), presented by Steve, W6RXK (see attached report):
 - a) For the reporting period July 1st through August 31st, 2025, total revenues were \$1040.62 and total expenses were \$453.24, for a net revenue of \$587.38;
 - b) The bank balance at the end of the reporting period was \$5605.38;
 - c) Seventy five members have paid their dues.
- 4) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV (not present):
 - a) Avg. member check-ins was 35 with a range between 32 and 40;
 - b) Avg. visitor check-ins was 9 with a range of 7-13.
- 5) **Repeater Report** presented by Steve, W6RXK: In place of a report by Walt, K6WGY, who was absent, Steve presented photos of the Summit Level repeater installation. Ken, AE6LA, described what was depicted in the photos.
- 6) **Breakfast Report** presented by Dee, KM6ELF. Thirteen people attended the breakfast at the Murphys Hotel. There were lively discussions and a new member, John, was in attendance.
- 7) **Web Master's Report** presented by Mike, KB6USJ: Mike is working with Andy, NV6V, on the transfer of web master's duties. Andy will continue hosting the website and maintain the domain. He will also continue to load updates of the membership roster to the website, as it is a complicated procedure.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report** presented by Mike, KB6USJ.
 - a) Current and upcoming special events were discussed including Route 66, VHF contest, California QSO Party, and others. Mike also mentioned the upcoming Big Shakeout emergency communications drill scheduled for October 16th.
 - b) Barry, KO6FOV, passed around certificates he has earned participating in contests.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report:** Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by Sam, WS6P (see attached). Two members, Barry, KO6FOV, and Marlin, N6MIV, expressed interest in getting involved with ARES.

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10) **Old Business.**

- a) Mark, N6IV, and Steve, W6RXK, went to look at the club's trailer which is in process of repair and upgrades by Al, KF6OBM. Steve asked the meeting attendees whether the club should continue expending money and effort on the trailer. Steve showed photos of the trailer and expressed doubts about its utility and worthiness for use at events or emergencies. An informal, non-binding show of hands indicated a majority do not want to continue with the effort. Further discussion and a decision were deferred to the next meeting since Al was not in attendance.
- b) For the upcoming tri-county picnic, Dee, KM6ELF, will coordinate and manage food, and Chuck, W6AWG, will be the BBQ chef;
- c) There has not been a response to date from the Dept. of Agriculture regarding the club's request to have a booth at the county fair fee of charge.

11) **New Business:** Regarding the membership vote on accepting the modified bylaws, Mike, N6AXQ, stated that the agenda sent by Steve, W6RXQ, was in error about the required vote count. Mike read Articles V and VI, and his interpretation was that two-thirds of the voting members, not the total membership, are required to approve the modifications to the bylaws. A discussion ensued, and it was agreed that Mike's interpretation is correct. Since 18 of the total 20 votes were cast to approve the changes, the two-thirds requirement has been met. Thus, the updated bylaws were deemed approved. Marlin, N6MIV, made a motion for Steve to amend his agenda and explain in a letter that two-thirds of the voting members is the requirement to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and approved.

12) **Round Table:**

- a) There is a Hallicrafters receiver available for purchase, which was donated by Mike, KB6USJ;
- b) Mike, N6AXQ, commented that the club's repeaters weren't used during the recent fires in the county. A discussion followed on how to get more hams to use the repeaters. Marlin, N6MIV, suggested transmitting the ARRL newscast;
- c) Marlin, N6MIV, asked if anyone knew of a car installer who could install his mobile radio. Steve, W6RXK will provide him a contact. Marlin also requested help with installing an antenna and equipment on his tower;
- d) Barry, KO6FOV, is looking into getting Copperopolis as a historical mining site for Parks on the Air (POTA).

13) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 2000 hours.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
The club will have to obtain another web hosting service and administer it	5/8/2025	Steve, W6RXX	Closed	9/11/25	Andy will continue
Whoever takes over management of the repeaters either needs to have Ken's RC-10 license transferred or a new license must be obtained	5/8/2025	Mark, N6IV	Closed	9/11/25	Mark has the software
Document a procedure on how to maintain the member list on the website	5/8/2025	Mike, KB6USJ	Closed	9/11/25	Andy will continue
Contact the Vine and Branch church to inform we will not be needing their facility this year.	5/8/2025	Steve, W6RXX	Closed	9/11/25	Completed
Develop a proposal for exhibiting the club trailer at the county fair.	5/8/2025	Mike, KB6USJ	Closed	9/11/25	Letter sent to Dept. of Ag.
Amend agenda and send letter to explain required vote count to pass changes to Bylaws	9/11/25	Steve, W6RXX	Open		

List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance

Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Date: 9/11/25

Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
WB5AK	JACK LUOMA	MT. PINE HILL	Y
AL6PTU	Marlin BATES, IV	WEST POINT	Y
AT6CLA	Ken Santos	Arnold	Y
K0DUM	Kristen Duggar	Valley Springs	Y
K6RAN	Kristen Duggar	Valley Springs	Y
NG1V	MARK GODBOUT	More Hill	Y
K0F0V	Barry Streets	Copperopolis	Y
KN6LKH	Donna Farr	San Andreas	Y
WB4JW	Chuck Farr	San Andreas	Y
K6PWG	Pascal Gyger	Angels Camp	Y
—	Maya Gyger	Angels Camp	—
KN6RKY	Jeff Johnson	Mokesto	Y
NG6XQ	MICHAEL AXIAK	COPPEROPOLIS	Y
KM6ELF	TEE RICHINA	"	Y
KB6USJ	MICHAEL GREENICH	COPPEROPOLIS	Y
AC6CY	Lynn Barbick	Angels	Y
WB6AK	Steven Aiolo	San Andreas	Y
RN6ELE	Helen Fast	Valley Springs	Y

Treasurer's Reports

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Income Statement For Period Covering 07/01/2025 to 08/31/2025

Revenues

<u>Badge Income</u>	\$0.00
<u>EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)</u>	\$0.00
<u>Member Donations</u>	\$50.00
<u>Membership Dues</u>	\$990.62
Total Revenue	\$1,040.62

Expenses

<u>Charity</u>	\$0.00
<u>Communications Trailer</u>	\$0.00
<u>Registration (Non-taxable)</u>	\$139.00
<u>Filing Fees</u>	\$0.00
<u>Ham Repeater Service Fee</u>	\$300.00
<u>Liability Insurance</u>	\$0.00
<u>Meeting Speaker Dinner</u>	\$0.00
<u>Member Badges</u>	\$0.00
<u>Post Office Box Fee</u>	\$0.00
<u>Reba Repeater</u>	\$0.00
<u>Repeater Expenses</u>	\$14.24
<u>TriCounty BBQ</u>	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$453.24

Net income for Period \$587.38

BANK Funds as of 08/31/2025 = = \$5605.38

Paid memberships = = 75 members

ARES/RACES Report

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RACES

The TCU Complex fire used a lot of resources. I was not contacted by Calaveras OES for any assistance during this incident. We only have 3 members on the RACES team, so if you are interested in joining RACES, please contact me.

ARES

On August 23, the Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators gathered. I attended the meeting, where they are collaborating with the Blue Mountain Emergency Preparedness Committee. They will meet every three months, with some form of training or exercise scheduled for the months they do not meet. I look forward to helping them with communication needs.

Jack and I have planned an ARES meeting for September 13. This meeting will be held at the Mt. Ranch Community Hall starting at 9:30 am. We will review the ARRL ARES Task Book, update members' FSD98, and also seek input from ARES members on future training, nets, and exercises. This meeting will be open to all interested in Emergency Communications.

The TCU Complex serves as a clear reminder that emergencies can occur unexpectedly. Please ensure you're ready to evacuate or assist if needed. Remember to keep your HT with spare batteries charged, Go Box battery fully charged, and your go bag easily accessible.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer



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