

## Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

### Minutes for Bi-Monthly General Meeting, November 13th, 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 conducted;
  - c) Self-introductions by all.
- 2) **Reading of Minutes by Jack, W6JAK.** The minutes were approved as read.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** by Mark, N6ARP (see attached report):
  - a) For the reporting period September 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, total revenues were \$164.15 and total expenses were \$505.33, for a net loss of \$341.18;
  - b) The bank balance at the end of the reporting period was \$5230.39;
  - c) Seventy-eight 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 28 and 42;
  - b) Avg. guest check-ins was 7 with a range of 7-11.
- 5) **Repeater Report** by Walt, K6WGY:
  - a) Fowler Peak repeater: There is an issue with the repeater's antenna. Troubleshooting of the connectors and feedline is required to isolate and fix the problem of poor sensitivity. A repeater located in Chico can be heard on occasion on the Fowler Peak repeater output;
  - b) Summit Level repeater: Mike, WA6ZTY reported that Ebbetts Pass Fire District has installed new solar power equipment at the site;
  - c) Mount Reba repeater: Mike stated that the repeater has not been checked since the Death Ride event last summer. The UHF repeater is not as sensitive as it should be, possibly due to colocation of the VHF link repeater causing frequency mixing. The solution will be to install a separate antenna for the VHF repeater;
  - d) The transfer of the trusteeship for the club's primary call sign, N6FRG, to Walt, K6WGY, has not been processed by the FCC due to the government shutdown. Barry, KO6FOV, will be the trustee for the club's second call sign, K6XCA, which is used for special events and emergency communications.
- 6) **Breakfast Report** was presented by Walt, K6WGY, since Dee, KM6ELF was absent. Seven people attended the breakfast at the Murphys Hotel.
- 7) **Web Master's Report** presented by Mark, N6ARP, for Mike, KB6USJ, who was absent: Mark reported that Andy, NV6V, will no longer be hosting or managing the club's website. Mark gave a presentation on an AI-generated website for the club hosted on a web server he created. He also provided information on a web hosting service provided by InterServer, which is free for non-profit organizations. He proposed submitting the required application to InterServer for acceptance. Jack, W6JAK, motioned that Mark submit the application which was seconded and approved. Steve,

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W6RXK, will put out a call for a volunteer with web design experience to create a new website for the club.

- 8) **Public Information Officer Report:** No report was given due to Mike, KB6USJ's absence.
- 9) **ARES/RACES Report:** Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by Sam, WS6P (see attached).
- 10) **New Business:** The election of the club officers of President, Public Information Officer, and Secretary was discussed. Steve, W6RXK, will send an e-mail to the membership for nominations. No one in the meeting was nominated for any of the positions. Steve stated he is willing to serve one more term as president. Jack, W6JAK, is stepping down as secretary, so a replacement is necessary.
- 11) **Old Business.**
  - a) Al, KF6OBM, stated that additional repair work is needed on the trailer, including the door, roof panel, and brakes. A discussion followed on whether additional work is required since a show of hands at the previous meeting indicated the trailer is not needed or desired. Another show of hands by the meeting attendees resulted in the majority agreeing the trailer project should be abandoned. Mark, N6ARP, motioned to discontinue the trailer project and its dispositioning be determined. The motion was seconded and approved. Helen, KM6ELE, subsequently motioned that the trailer be given to Al, since he has done so much work on it. That motion was seconded and passed;
  - b) There has not been a response to date from the County Fair Board regarding the club's request to the Dept. of Agriculture to have a booth at the county fair fee of charge.
- 12) **Round Table:**
  - a) Steve, W6RXK, showed a Geiger counter and dosimeters that were formerly used for Civil Defense. They are available for purchase as a set;
  - b) There are 6M and 2M beam antennas available for purchase. Contact Mike, WA6ZTW, if interested;
  - c) Winter Field Day was discussed with one suggestion that it be held in the Round Table Pizza parking lot. Approval of the property owners should be obtained. Walt, K6WGY, and Barry, KO6FOV, will head-up the Winter Field Day activity;
- 13) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 1947 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>
Amend agenda and send letter to explain required vote count to pass changes to Bylaws	9/11/25	Steve, W6RXK	Closed	9/14/25	
Submit application to InterServer for free web hosting	11/13/25	Mark, N6ARP	Open		
Put out a request for volunteer web designer	11/13/25	Steve, W6RXK	Open		
Send an email to membership for officer nominations	11/13/25	Steve, W6RXK	Open		

## List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance

Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Date: 11/13/25

Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
W6JAK	Jack Wamp	MT. RANCH	Y
N6IV	MARK GODBOLE	MOORE HILL	Y
K6FOV	Barry Streets	Copperopolis	Y
	Sheryl Streets	"	N
W6BZY	MIKE FAHNE	ARNOLD	Y
W6RXK	Steven Aikola	San Andreas	Y
K6WGY	Walt Gyger	Vallecito	Y
—	Blayne Gyger	"	—
K6GAW	NANCY LAMON	S.A.	Y
K6LDM	ALAN LAMON	S.A.	Y
N6GAE	DAVID ARZICH	MURPHY'S	Y
K6BKK	Donna Farr	S. A.	Y
W6AJW	CHUCK FARR	S. A.	Y
N6ARP	Mark Price	Camp Connell / Turlock	Y
AC6CY	Lynn Bertschi	Angels Camp	Y
K6BZE	Helen Yost	Vallecito	Y

## Treasurer's Reports

### Treasure's Report for November 13, 2025 Club Meeting

1. First chart is Income and Expenses this the September Meeting.
2. Next chart is Income and Expenses sine the start of the fical year in July.

#### Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Income Statement For Period Covering 09/01/2025 to 10/31/2025

##### Revenues

<u>Member Donations</u>	50.00
<u>Membership Fees</u>	\$164.15
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$164.15</b>

##### Expenses

<u>Ham Repeater Service Fee</u>	\$300.00
<u>Repeater Expenses</u>	\$ 4.24
<u>InCounty BSC</u>	\$191.09
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$505.33</b>

Net loss for Period            \$341.18

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

Bank Funds as of 10/31/2025 = \$5230.39

Paid Membership = 78 members

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Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Income Statement For Period Covering 07/01/2025 to 10/31/2025

**Revenues**

<u>EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated)</u>	\$0.00
<u>Event Sponsor Donations</u>	\$0.00
<u>Member Donations</u>	\$50.00
<u>Membership Dues</u>	\$1,154.77
<u>Repeater Expenses Reimbursement</u>	\$0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,204.77</b>

**Expenses**

<u>Communications Trailer</u>	\$0.00
<u>Registration (Non-taxable)</u>	\$139.00
<u>HAM Equipment - Not Repeater</u>	\$0.00
<u>Ham Repeater Service Fee</u>	\$600.00
<u>Liability Insurance</u>	\$0.00
<u>Post Office Box Fee</u>	\$0.00
<u>Reba Repeater</u>	\$0.00
<u>Repeater Expenses</u>	\$28.48
<u>TriCounty BBQ</u>	\$191.09
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$958.57</b>

Net income for Period \$246.20

## ARES/RACES Report

### ARES / RACES:

#### RACES

There were a handful of wildland fires over the past couple of months we were not activated by OES. We are still looking for operators to represent Calaveras County on the California Emergency Service Net. We currently have three RACES members, and I would like to see more participation. If you are interested in joining RACES, please contact Jack – W6JAK, Ken – AE6LA, or me for more info about the CESN.

#### ARES

The ARES meeting on September 13 was attended by 4 ARES members and one new member. I have 22 on the ARES roster, so this was poorly attended. We reviewed the ARRL ARES Task Book and added training and skills that we may need during an activation. We also updated members' FSD98 and identified some future training, nets, and exercises. The group decided to meet once per quarter to update task books and discuss training. I am planning a 10M ARES net that will begin in 2026. The next meeting was scheduled for December 13, but there is a conflict. Jack and I agreed to skip this one, so the next ARES meeting on March 14 will be held at the Mt. Ranch Community Hall, starting at 9:30 am.

The Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators decided to meet every three months, and the next meeting is set for Dec 13 at the West Point Veterans Memorial Hall. This group is working with the Blue Mountain Emergency Preparedness Committee, as they continue efforts to make West Point a Fire Wise Community.

Looks like the weather is changing from mild days to wet and cold days. Please ensure you're ready to shelter in place or assist others 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

