

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Bi-Monthly General Meeting, January 8th, 2026, 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.

- 2) **Reading of the 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 November 1st through December 31st, 2025, total revenues were \$333.81 and total expenses were \$14.34, for a net income of \$319.47;
 - b) The bank balance at the end of the reporting period was \$5583.67;
 - c) Net income to date from the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st) is \$565.67;
 - d) Eighty-three members have paid their dues.

- 4) **Monday Night Net Report** by Mark, N6IV (not present):
 - a) For November and December, the average number of member check-ins was 37 with a range between 30 and 41;
 - b) The average for guest check-ins was 8 with a range of 6-10;
 - c) In his email report, Mark thanked all who check in every week and the control ops who are doing a great job.

- 5) **Repeater Report** by Walt, K6WGY:
 - a) The transfer of the trustee for the N6FRG repeater from Ken, AE6LA, to Walt has been completed;
 - b) Walt will send the required paperwork to the FCC to transfer the trusteeship of the club's call sign K6XCA to Barry, KO6FOV.
 - c) Fowler Peak repeater: The sensitivity issue with the repeater's antenna has not been resolved, so the APRS repeater is currently being used for voice communications. Steve, W6RXK, stated that Knox La Rue will troubleshoot the antenna and feedline. The antenna was provided by Knox, and Steve was asked what happened to the two antennas that were previously donated to the club. Steve said he will find out where they are located. A discussion followed on the interference on the repeater from the linked Lodi repeater during the previous Monday night net. The interference was caused by an open All-Star node allowing out-of-state hams to conduct a QSO during the net;
 - d) Summit Level repeater: No change in status since the last meeting;
 - e) Mount Reba repeater: No change in status since the last meeting;
 - f) There was a discussion on GMRS repeater activity in the area. Mark, N6ARP, said that the Calaveras Emergency Service group has three repeaters and have weekly nets. Seventy people are involved in the nets.

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- 6) **Breakfast Report** was presented by Dee, KM6ELF. The club Christmas Breakfast was attended by 22 to 23 people, and the waitress provided exceptional service. Six people attended the January breakfast.
- 7) **Web Master's Report.** A guest at the meeting, Mike Burns, WA5KWK, has web building and hosting experience and is considering building and hosting a new website for the club, and serve as Webmaster. Mark, N6ARP, and Mike agreed to have discussion after the meeting on what would be involved. Steve, W6RXK, said he would try to arrange a meeting between them and Andy, NV6V, the former web host, to get a better understanding on how to transfer web hosting responsibility.
- 8) **Public Information Officer Report:** Mike, KB6USJ, has stepped down as PIO due to health issues. Barry said he is interested in assuming the position. There was a separate discussion regarding Dave, KB6TOU, and the serious health issues he has experienced over the past several months.
- 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 addressed. Jack, W6JAK, changed his mind and is willing to be Secretary for another term. Chuck, W6AJW, nominated Barry, KO6FOV, for PIO, and Steve, W6RXK, agreed to be the nominee for President. Chuck motioned that all three candidates be considered as a white ballot for a single vote. The motion was seconded and approved. The vote followed and the white ballot passed. Subsequently, Jack stated he will no longer be the VE Team lead. Marlin, N6MIV, volunteered to take over from Jack. Jack will bring the test materials to hand over to Marlin at the next meeting.
- 11) **Old Business.**
 - a) The County Fair Board has responded regarding the club's request to the Dept. of Agriculture to have a booth at the county fair free of charge. They offered to reduce the fee from \$600 to \$400, which Steve, W6RXK, deemed unacceptable. He will try again next year to obtain a fee waiver.
 - b) Chuck, W6AJW, gave a brief history of the club's involvement with the county fair. Of note, after the club's radios caused interference with the fair ground's PA system, they were not invited back for future county fairs.
- 12) **Round Table:**
 - a) Steve, W6RXK, requested members to donate equipment to be sold to raise funds for the club;
 - b) Barry, KO6FOV, is hosting the club's Winter Field Day event at his QTH;
 - c) The Lodi club is changing their Winter Field Day location to a park in Lodi instead of the New Hogan picnic area;
 - d) Barry is putting together a list of special events planned for 2026;
 - e) The Loomis swap meet is occurring on March 28th;
 - f) Ken, AE6LA, will coordinate the club's involvement with the Arnold Rim Trail event scheduled for May 31st.
- 13) **Adjournment.** Chuck, W6AJW, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 1919 hours.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
Determine the location of the two antennas previously donated to the club	1/8/26	Steve, W6RXK	Open		
Submit application to InterServer for free web hosting	11/13/25	Mark, N6ARP	Closed	1/8/26	
Put out a request for volunteer web designer	11/13/25	Steve, W6RXK	Closed	1/8/26	
Send an email to membership for officer nominations	11/13/25	Steve, W6RXK	Closed	1/8/26	

List of Attendees

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Bi-Monthly General Meeting Attendance

Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp, CA

Date: 1/8/26

Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
WGJAK	Jack Luma	MTN RANCH	Y
WASIKWK	Mike Burns	Rail Road Flat	Guest
WABZTY	Mike Farnic	ARNOLD	Y
K16WJV	Ed Alendark	Vallecito	Y
K6WGY	Walt Gyssel	"	Y
	Karen Gyssel	"	N
W6AJW	Chuck Farr	San Andreas	Y
K6BKH	Donna Farr	"	Y
K6BWT	Nancy Lamore	"	Y
KF6OB	Al Lamore	"	Y
N6MIV	Marlin Bates	West Point	Y
W6RKK	Steven Atiola	San Andreas	Y
K6FOV	Barry Streets	Copperopolis	Y
N6AXQ	MICHAEL AXIAK	"	Y
K6ELF	DEE RICHINA	"	Y
N6ARP	Mark Price	Turlock	Y
K6RKY	Scott Johnson	modesto	Y
K6ELE	John Yost	Vallecito	Y
AC6CY	Lynn Bartschi	Vallecito	Y
K6HUS	MICHAEL GNEVICH	Copperopolis	Y

Treasurer's Reports

Treasure's Report for January 8, 2026

Club Meeting

1. First chart is Income and Expenses the January Meeting.
2. Next chart is Income and Expenses since the start of the fiscal year in July.

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Income Statement For Period Covering 11/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

Revenues

<i>Member Donations</i>	\$300.00
<i>Membership Dues</i>	\$33.81
<i>Repeater Expenses Reimbursement</i>	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$333.81

Expenses

<i>Reba Repeater</i>	\$0.00
<i>Repeater Expenses</i>	\$14.34
<i>TriCounty BBQ</i>	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$14.34

Net income for Period \$319.47

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

Bank Funds as of 12/31/2025 == \$5583.67

Paid Membership 2026 = = 83 members

**Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Income Statement
For Period Covering 07/01/2025 to 12/31/2025**

Revenues

<i>Member Donations</i>	\$350.00
<i>Membership Dues</i>	\$1,188.58
Total Revenue	\$1,538.58

Expenses

<i>Registration (Non-taxable)</i>	\$139.00
<i>HAM Equipment - Not Repeater</i>	\$0.00
<i>Ham Repeater Service Fee</i>	\$600.00
<i>Reba Repeater</i>	\$0.00
<i>Repeater Expenses</i>	\$42.82
<i>TriCounty BBQ</i>	\$191.09
Total Expenses	\$972.91

Net income for Period	\$565.67
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ARES/RACES Report

ARES / RACES:

RACES

Everything remains status quo on the RACES side of EmComm. I would like to thank Jack and Ken for their participation on this net for 2025. We are still seeking operators to represent Calaveras County on the California Emergency Services Net. For more information about the CESN, please contact me (WS6P), Jack (W6JAK), or Ken (AE6LA).

ARES

The next ARES meeting will be held on March 14 at the Mt. Ranch Community Hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Planning for the 10-meter ARES net is progressing well. I will send full details—including the frequency, start date, and operating time—to the current ARES members list once everything is finalized.

There is also a wide-area exercise scheduled toward the end of April. I am looking into how XCA ARES can participate and will share more information as soon as I have it.

This year, the ARRL is introducing a new “Club of the Year” recognition, and Section leadership would like to invite all club officers to the February All Hands Meeting, held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. I will send the Zoom information to Jack, W6JAK, so he can pass it along to the CARS board members

The Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators met on December 13 at the West Point Veterans Memorial Hall. They are exploring the possibility of setting up a special event station for Lumberjack Day in West Point. They are also planning to establish several Ham Watch stations in the area to support the West Point West Fire Wise Community.

Recent weather has triggered flood watches and warnings throughout the county. Please make sure you’re prepared to shelter in place or assist others if needed. Keep your HT and spare batteries charged, ensure your Go Box battery is topped off, and have your go bag ready and accessible.

73,

Sam – WS6P

Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES

Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

