

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society (CARS)

Minutes for Bi-Monthly General Meeting, July 9th, 2026, 1830 Hrs

Meeting Location: Brett Hart High School, Angels Camp, CA

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order:**
 - a) Welcome by club President, Steve, W6RXK;
 - b) Pledge of allegiance led by Mark, N6IV;
 - c) Self-introduction by all.
- 2) **Ad-hoc Discussions:**
 - a) The Brett Hart High School meeting location was reserved by Barry, KO6FOV. It is unknown if there is a fee for the usage. The club is responsible for the setup and teardown of chairs and tables.
 - b) Steve, W6RXK, stated that Lance Remke donated 2M radio and test equipment to the club.
 - c) Mark, N6IV, gave a report on the club's Field Day event at Brett Hart HS. The event was attended by several club members and had approximately 12 visitors stop by and ask questions. John, AK6RD, said about 6 people participated in the Amador club Field Day event.
- 3) **Parks on the Air Presentation (POTA) Presented by John, AK6RD, and Jay, KB6ENY:** John and Jay gave a very informative talk on POTA and displayed several of their antennas that they use for their events. They discussed DX contacts, awards, POTA registration, communication methods, and contact logging. The presentation ended with a question-and-answer session.
- 4) **Approval of Meeting Minutes as Submitted by Jack, W6JAK:** The minutes were sent out by email in advance of the meeting for members to review. There were no comments so Marlin, N6MIV, motioned that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report by Mark, N6ARP** (see attached report):
 - a) For the reporting period May 1st through June 30th, 2026, total revenues were \$301.08 and total expenses were \$203.80, for a net income of \$97.28;
 - b) The bank balance at the end of the reporting period was \$4811.00;
 - c) Net loss to date from the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st) is \$199.82;
 - d) Eighty-one members have paid their dues;
 - e) Thirty-nine members are ARRL members (48%), which is below the number required to keep the club's status as being ARRL sanctioned. If we lose ARRL status, the club will have to obtain insurance from another provider which would likely be more expensive.
- 6) **Monday Night Net Report by Mark, N6IV:**
 - a) For May and June, the average number of member check-ins was 32 with a range between 26 and 38;
 - b) The average for visitor check-ins was 13 with a range of 11-18.
- 7) **Repeater Report by Walt, K6WGY:**
 - a) Fowler Peak repeater: The antenna has a bad take-off angle where lower elevations have difficulty hearing the repeater. Walt is considering replacing it with a folded dipole which must be mounted on a non-conductive mast. Dave, AD6AE, recommended a 2-bay vertical to achieve

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- a lower take-off angle;
 - b) Summit Level repeater: The repeater worked well for the Rim Trail event;
 - c) Mount Reba repeater: Mike, WA6ZTY, and Walt went to the repeater site to install a new VHF folded dipole. The new antenna enables the repeater to communicate with the Fowler repeater and is needed to support the Death Ride event.
- 8) **General Mobile Radio Service – GMRS:**
- a) Al, KF6OBM, showed his GMRS repeater;
 - b) Jay, KB6ENY, mentioned the Ebbetts GMRS repeater group which has a net on Monday nights at 7:00 PM, and participation averages 18 check-ins. The repeater is solar/battery powered, and he recommends using a low-gain antenna;
 - c) Barry, KO6FOV, is exploring installing a GMRS repeater in Copperopolis. He has verbal approval for mounting an antenna on the water tower.
- 9) **Breakfast Report:** Dee, KM6ELF, stated that the July breakfast was cancelled due to the 4th of July holiday. She called the Murphys Hotel to inform them of the cancellation.
- 10) **Web Master's Report:** Barry, KO6FOV, had issues with posting on the club's web site. He contacted Andy, NV6V, who subsequently fixed the problem so that Barry is now able to make the postings.
- 11) **Public Information Officer Report by Barry, KO6FOV:** See Web Master's report.
- 12) **ARES/RACES Report:** Jack, W6JAK, read the report provided by Sam, WS6P (see attached).
- 13) **New Business:**
- a) Steve, W6RXK, mentioned the club picnic and invited John, AK6RD, and Jay, KB6ENY, to operate a POTA station at the event. Utica Park would have to be recognized by the POTA organization prior to the event.
 - b) Mike, KB6USJ, has been in correspondence with the private property-owners where the former Dixon VOA station is located. He is arranging a field trip to the site, with Mike and Dave, AD6AE, acting as tour guides. The tour is scheduled for July 21st at 10:00 AM.
- 14) **Old Business:** None was discussed.
- 15) **Round Table:** See Ad-hoc section.
- 16) **Adjournment:** Mark, KO6FOV, motioned adjournment of the meeting which was approved at 2013 hours.

List of Action Items

Action Item	Date	Assigned To	Status	Date Closed	Comments
None					

List of Attendees

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Date: 7/9/2026

Call Sign	Name	QTH	Member?
W6JAK	JACK LUOMA	MTN. RANCH	Y
N6AXQ	MICHAEL AXIAR	COPPEROPOLIS	Y
KM6ELF	DEE RICHINA	"	Y
K06FOV	Barry Streets	"	Y
	Sheryl Streets	"	N
K6LGGY	Walt Gyger	Vallejo	Y
XYL	Haka Gyger	"	N
N6IV	MARK Godbout	MOKE Hill	Y
K6LKS	Donna Farr	San Andreas	Y
A6BAE	DAVE MERRICH	MURPHYS	Y
K6GUSJ	Michael Greenich	Copperopolis	Y
K6BDDY	ARON KEUSE	ANGELS CAMP	Y
J5B6KIN	CHRIS EDGERLY	COPPEROPOLIS	Y
AC6CY	Lynn Bartschi	Angels Camp	Y
N6ARP	Mark Price	Turlock/Camp Connell	Y
W6RXK	Steven Aivela	San Andreas	Y
TK6YRD	John Paulson	Pine Grove	Y
K6BENY	Jan Goldbery	Forest Mendocino	N
K06NID	Annal Bates	West point	~~Y~~
N6MER	Marlin Bates	West point	Y
K6BAM	Nanci Lamoni	S.A.	Y
K6BOM	Al	S.A.	Y
K6QMDP	Bob Kehr	Sutter Creek	Y

Treasurer's Reports

Treasure's Report for July 9, 2026 Club Meeting

1. First chart is Income and Expenses since the May Meeting
2. Next chart is income and Expenses since the start of the fiscal year in July 2025.

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Income Statement For Period Covering

05/01/2026 to 06/30/2026

Revenues

Member Donations \$0.00

Membership Dues \$301.08

Repeater Expenses Reimbursement \$0.00

Total Revenue \$301.08

Expenses

Field Day \$0.00

Filing Fees \$0.00

Ham Repeater Service Fee \$0.00

Liability Insurance \$0.00

Post Office Box Fee \$0.00

Reba Repeater \$189.44

Repeater Expenses \$14.36

TriCounty BBQ \$0.00

Total Expenses \$203.80

Net income for Period \$97.28

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

Bank Funds as of 06/30/2026 == \$4811.00

Paid Membership 2026 = = 81 members (ARRL=39 48%)

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Revenues

Amazon Smile Income \$0.00
Badge Income \$0.00
Check Book Correction \$0.00
EQUIPMENT SALE (Donated) \$0.00
Event Sponsor Donations \$0.00
HAT SALES \$0.00
Member Donations \$450.00
Membership Dues \$1,606.39
Repeater Expenses Reimbursement \$0.00
Returned From CommTrailer \$0.00
VE Income \$0.00

Total Revenue \$2,056.39

Expenses

Bank Fee \$0.00
Biz Supplies \$0.00
Charity \$0.00
Christmas Party \$0.00
Communications Trailer \$0.00
Registration (Non-taxable) \$139.00
Field Day \$0.00
Filing Fees \$0.00
HAM Equipment - Not Repeater \$0.00
Ham Repeater Service Fee \$1,200.00
Hat Purchase (Gateway) \$0.00
Liability Insurance \$200.00
Meeting Speaker Dinner \$0.00
Member Awards \$0.00
Member Badges \$0.00
Phone Bill \$0.00
Post Office Box Fee \$88.00
Printing and Reproduction \$0.00
Printing and Reproduction \$0.00
Publicity \$0.00
Reba Repeater \$189.44

Repeater Expenses \$98.68

TriCounty BBQ \$341.09

Total Expenses \$2,256.21

Net loss for Period \$199.82

ARES/RACES Report

ARES / RACES:

RACES

Sgt. Cole Waite was unable to attend the June ARES meeting due to a family illness. I will extend an invitation for him to join us at the next meeting in September.

ARES

The ARES meeting was held on Saturday, June 13, at the Mt. Ranch Community Hall, and it went very well. We updated our task books, conducted a Winlink demonstration, and several attendees sent follow-up Winlink messages once they returned home. We also welcomed a new member to the group.

Field Day 2026 is officially in the books. The Northern Calaveras Emergency Radio Operators (W6WPT) operated as a 2A station, running both SSB and digital, with a GOTA station available. We didn't hear the DX stations we worked last year, nor did we hear CARS, ACARC, or TCARES on the air this time around, but there's always next year. A map of our 2026 contacts is attached.

Our next major event is the special event station during October's Lumberjack Day in West Point. The listing has been submitted to the ARRL and will appear in the October issue of QST. It is also posted on QRZ—just look up the W6WPT call sign.

The 10-meter ARES net is now fully operational, and I encourage everyone to participate. The net is held on the first Saturday of each month at 20:00 hours on 28.450 USB. The solar event that struck Earth on June 3 made the June 4 net challenging, but we still pushed through.

The Ham Watch Net continues on the first day of each month at 12:00 noon. It uses a cross-band link from the W6WPT repeater to 146.565 simplex. Several participants have expressed appreciation for having a reliable source of local information.

I've created a new Facebook group for Calaveras ARES to help us share information quickly and reliably. This will make it easier to get updates out in real time, especially during activations, training, and event coordination. I sent an email invitation to all current ARES members. If you didn't receive it—or if you'd like to become an ARES member—please request to join the group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1664775844795671>

This group will become our primary channel for announcements, training reminders, and coordination. Looking forward to having everyone connected.

Please keep your HT and spare batteries charged, ensure your Go Box battery remains topped off, and keep your go bag ready and accessible.

73,
Sam – WS6P
Calaveras County Emergency Coordinator – ARES
Calaveras County RACES Radio Officer

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