



# ARC-OVER

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KJ6ART Editor

## **Prez Sez: Bambi Schmidt – KI6YQL**

The weather seems to be returning to winter despite the trees all in bloom, we are predicted to get more rain and snow over the next 10 days or so making it needful that we keep our equipment in good condition along with gokits. I know it sounds like a broken record, but it is that type of winter. Enjoy the beauty of the blossoms and the wonderful scent of the almonds!

## **Next TARC Meeting: March 14**

TARC meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Salvation Army in Turlock, 893 Lander. TARC meetings are a great spot to ask amateur radio questions, get radio programming help, and enjoy fellowship together. Once a quarter amateur testing sessions are held prior to TARC meetings. For more information, [please visit our meetings page](#).

## **TARC Dues**

TARC dues, effective January 1, 2023, will increase to \$25 for individual membership and \$35 for families. For more membership information, please see our [membership page](#). Also, please be sure to include a membership application so we can keep our database up to date. This cost increase comes as a result of increased cost in maintaining the TARC repeater system.

## **Amateur Testing Sessions:**

April Meeting - April 11  
2023 Testing Sessions – TARC Meetings: Feb. 14, April 11, June 13, Aug. 8, Oct. 10

## **Bacon and Eggs Net**

If you haven't heard the early morning radio chatter, TARC once again has an early morning net on weekdays. Thanks to the push from Lena to get it off the ground! The net gets going around 7 AM Monday through Friday and goes until about 7:30.

Thanks to the willingness from Lena, Brian, and Ken, net control positions have been filled for every day of the week. We look forward to hearing you on the air!

### **Auction Cancelled**

The TARC auction originally scheduled for April 1 has been cancelled due to an insufficient quantity of items to sell. We look forward to rescheduling when possible. Please keep an eye on the [auction page](#) for updates.

#### **TARC Net:**

Tuesdays – Except the second Tuesday (meeting nights)

147.030 + (100 Hz) or 444.700 + (94.8 Hz)

Winlink check-ins are also accepted.

Please send them to W6BXN.

#### **NASA Wants Your Help**

During the 2023 and 2024 solar eclipses NASA is requesting hams to make QSOs to better understand how the ionosphere reacts. For more information, [take a look at NASA's request](#).

# Grady Williams

September 2, 1937 – January 14, 2023



Grady Lanson Williams was born in Eufala, Oklahoma on September 2nd 1937. He passed on to glory on January 14th, 2023 in Merced, California. He was the eldest of three sons born to Fred and Irene (Buck) Williams.

He spent his childhood in Oklahoma and his adolescence in California. He was a 1955 graduate of Turlock High School. In 1956 he married his high school sweetheart, Ivanna Lu Bates. Soon after his marriage he went to work for Pacific Telephone Company. He stayed with them and their successors until his retirement in 1990 serving in Modesto, San Francisco, Yosemite National Park and finally Merced. He was a 49-year resident of Atwater.

He was active in his church and a member of Gideons International. He was a member of the Golden Valley Chorus. An amateur radio operator (K6IXA) since high school, he was active in the Turlock Amateur Radio Club for over 60 years. Combining his faith and radio skills he helped establish radio networks in Ghana on two mission trips to Africa as well as Southeast Asia. He served as a communications officer on two Spirit of Grace missions taking relief supplies to hurricane survivors

in Eastern Honduras and to refugee immigrants in Israel. He was an active and enthusiastic pilot flying first his beloved Cessna 170 and later a powered parachute.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 64 years and his brother, Kenneth. He is survived by his brother Edward of Elk Grove, two sons, Keith Williams (Virginia) of Keller Texas and Kevin Williams (Kelly) of Atwater, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was a sometimes gruff but always caring friend to all and a dedicated worker in the Lord's vineyard. He will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested you donate bibles in his memory through the Gideons International, so that although no longer here, his witness of his Lord and Savior may continue through the spreading of God's word.

Remit contributions in memory of him to The Gideons International Merced Camp P.O. Box 2683 Merced CA 95344.

Services will be held at Lakewood Memorial Park & Funeral Home 900 Santa Fe Ave, Hughson, CA on Saturday, March 11, 2023 beginning with Visitation at 9:30am. A Funeral Service will take place that same day beginning at 11:00am and Committal will follow.

*Contributed by Grady's family.*

**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club  
January 10, 2023 @ 7PM  
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 15 members and guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion by Dinnie Echols (N6TLW) and seconded by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$3,611.61 and CD \$5027.57. Paid \$61.90 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. Paid \$828.00 to Shelli Jenner Catering – Xmas Dinner. Paid Sam Gardali \$120 for ½ shared power for D-Star Sys. Collected \$603.00, from Dues, raffle \$239.00 and an unknown special event \$210.00

**Membership Chairman's Report:**

John Sims (N6JCS) reported 80 paid members as of year end 2022 and 36 paid up members as of January, 2023.

**Repeater Chairman's Report:**

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) reported on the current issues with the generator on Mt. Bullion as well as removal of Satellite receivers.

**ArcOver Publisher's Report:**

Items for the ArcOver are due by January 20, 2023.

**Vice President's Report:**

Vice President Richard Larson (W6ABJ) not present.

**Merced ARES Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) not present.

**VEC Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) not present.

**Old Business** President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) discussed the success with the Club Christmas dinner.

**New Business:**

A discussion was had concerning the weekly net, the need for operators, and scheduler.

A discussion was also had as to an Auction, and it appears to be available at the Salvation Army building, Turlock on April 15. Ken Stillwell (K6IDK) is slated to be the auctioneer. Ed Darrah (K7ERD) will have a press release issued in the Turlock Journal.

**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club  
February 14, 2023 @ 7PM  
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 19 members and guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion by Dinnie (N6TLW) and seconded by Bill (KN6HAB). Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$4,102 and CD \$5,027. Paid \$64.35 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. Collected \$180 in Dues with 56 dues paid members.

**Membership Chairman's Report:** John Sims (N6JCS) MIA

**Repeater Chairman's Report:** Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) MIA

**ArcOver Publisher's Report:** Items for the ArcOver are due by February 20, 2023.

**Vice President's Report:**

Vice President Richard Larson (W6ABJ) Discussion had concerning help needed for the Club's Tuesday ;night net and reported under new business.

**Merced ARES Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that the next Merced ARES meeting is Wednesday at the Pizza Factory..

**VEC Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that a license exam session for April at 6:00pm..  
Old Business:

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) discussed the upcoming auction set for April 1st. Brian (AJ6NM) was absent therefore there was no report, nor follow-up at this point.

The morning net was discussed and Lena Van Beek (KN6VOH) suggested the name "BACON & EGGS NET" which was welcomed by all. She also volunteered to initiate an undertaking to see if there was enough support to make it a regular morning net Monday-Friday (Holidays excepted) to start at 7:00 a.m.

A discussion was also had concerning volunteers to handle the Club's Tuesday night net. Ed (K7ERD) will take the First Tuesday of the month, (the second is Club meeting), the third Tuesday will be handled by Fernando (W6FRD), and the 4th Tuesday by Chris (N6BRO).

Volunteers to assist with Auction preparation were: Dinnie (N6TLW), Bill (KN6HAB) and Fernando (W6FRD).

**New Business:** No Program, just good cake!

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm. Motion by\_Trelawny (K16CDV),\_Second by\_Richard (W6ABJ).

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Walter (K16PBL) Secretary