



ARC-OVER

January 2021 Edition

2020 NOT SO GOOD

If the virus were not enough, 2020 devastated our local and area ham acquaintances... Recalling to mind, hopefully not omitting anyone the following: Chuck Mancebo W6GAM, Emmanuel Tsompanas W6RUF, Russ Richards N6JTA, Ray Mills W6WIM, Bob Kelty WA6GEL, Tony Rose WA6KOI, Mike Ruzylo WB6MUH, Loren Foster AA6LF, Neil McKie WA6KLA, Mike Adams KM6WDN ... We had 10 or so last year as well... Certainly lends truth to the apparent fact that we most likely will not get out of this world alive.. Also let me remind you about that "He who has most toys wins" story, yet to see a hearse with a trailer hitch... After a bit of soul searching I terminated a 48 year old love affair with N9197A, a 1949 Cessna 170A that my bride bought me for my birthday in 1972... Too many trips around the sun, lack of current hours to remain safe, trouble mounting the stead, wife can't fly anymore, now was the time... Truthfully a couple years ago would have been more appropriate... Time flies to the point that somehow reality has the chance to slip by un-noticed... Still have the PPC N68NZ hoping to get the back squared away to enjoy it again shortly... <https://youtu.be/UOvvIxKgFZk> Then again ? Why should I worry... Have absolutely no doubt the future holds the ability to blaze around God's vast creation, beholding all of the glorious wonders, not having to pass a physical, change oil, do an annual inspection or scrape bugs off dentures...

SENTINEL REPEATER HISTORY

We have patently been waiting for the tower at Sentinel Dome, Yosemite to be replaced with a larger tower to place the 444.925 uhf repeater and the k6ixa-2 digi weather station in service... When Sentinel Telephone Microwave site was established the power was installed in violation of the wilderness act. Congress allowed it to remain with the stipulation if major changes or repairs were required they would be prohibited... A rock slide at Arch Rock destroyed the main feeder... Consequently the Telco & Verizon equipment are running on 24-7 generator... The possibility of adding to that load is NON-EXISTANT...

K6IXA Editor

A PLACE TO CALL HOME



The following is partially taken from Saturday January 2nd Turlock Journal... As many of you know Brent Ocken, KJ6MRG did not have a real good 2020... The apartment for which he had lived for the past decade sold to a foreign investor which prompted a rent increase twice within the year, which placed the amount beyond his only income, Social Security... In addition he suffered a broken hip along with covid-19 while recouping in a local rest facility...

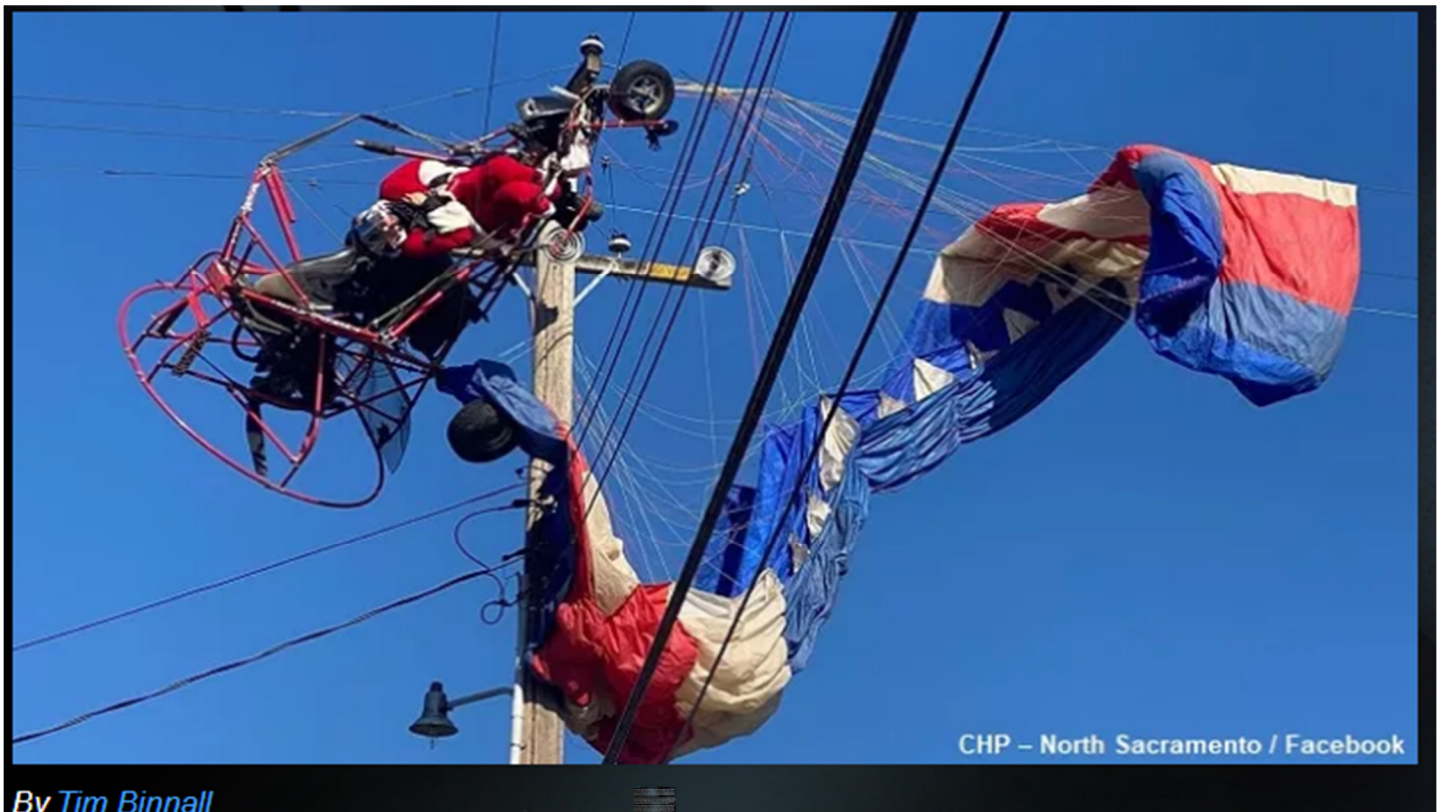
Brent's plight was initially covered in the Turlock Journal where upon the community came forward with monetary and food donations, including Turlock chiropractor Kym Larmarre, who helped Brent with rent for several months. As most of you know the profits from several of the door prize drawings promoted by Dick Decker K6SUU went to assist... Participation by several of our members were more than generous...

Brent was set on the path to applying for Stanislaus County's Housing Authority's in-place voucher program, which helps residents already in a home remain there by helping with rent... Brent said it was a tedious process and required quite a bit of help from friends, but it all paid off when he was approved for the assistance...

"I was so happy when I found out that I got approved," Brent said. "It took away that worry." He was also approved for food assistance and now has a caregiver who comes to help him.

I feel like I have been blessed and feel very grateful," Brent said. "I'm so thankful for all the people who have helped me."

SANTA CAUGHT IN POWER LINES AT RIO LINDA CA.



A California man clad in a Santa Claus costume and strapped into a paraglider wound up needing to be rescued by firefighters after his ride went wildly awry. The bizarre yuletide incident reportedly occurred in the community of Rio Linda on Sunday morning when the unnamed individual took to the skies over the town with the intention of distributing candy canes to local children. Shortly after takeoff, however, the powered parachute suffered a malfunction and the faux Saint Nick's journey hit a literal snag when he was swept up in some power lines.

Initially thinking that perhaps the strange calls about Santa being stuck in some power lines were a prank, police eventually realized that the reports were genuine and dispatched firefighters to go and save the man who was dangling upside down over a road. As one might imagine, the word scene drew quite a crowd as resident Colleen Bousliman marveled that "half the town was down there," including several children hoping to catch a glimpse of the elusive Father Christmas.

Fortunately, the youngsters were spared the therapy-inducing scenario of seeing Santa Claus fried by some power lines as firefighters cut the electricity to the area and safely brought the jolly pilot who was uninjured in the event, back down to terra firma "it's a good thing they caught him, but didn't electrocute him." Bousliman said in what may be the understatement of the holiday season. Reflecting on the "unfortunate" incident firefighter Chris Vestal commented the man for wanting to spread some cheer in the community by way of his well-intentioned, but ill-fated candy cane misadventure...

I JUST WANTED TO DISPELL ANY RUMORS THAT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE SANTA !!!

Having read a more detailed account of the attempt, it was doomed for failure... He had 400' of space to clear 45-50' tree line as well as power line.. He almost made it...VERY LUCKY

Click for details <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDaEupbY21U>

Editor K6IXA

Subject: One liners ...

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 70 might be the new 50, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

HAVE A HAPPY PROSPERUS NEW YEAR FROM YOUR EDITORIAL STAFF



**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club
December 8, 2020 @ 7PM
Zoom Online Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 23 members and guests in attendance.

Vice President's Report:

Vice President Dick Decker (K6SUU) – no report.

Membership Chairman's Report:

John Sims (N6JCS) reported we currently have 61 paid members on the club roster.

Treasurer's Report:

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Current bank balance \$1016.94 in checking and \$7963.68 in CD. Bills paid \$83.56 to PG&E for Mt. Bullion power bill. Income \$80 in dues collected.

Secretary's Report:

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the November membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion by Ron Roos (KJ6KNL) and second by Grady Williams (K6IXA). Motion carried.

Repeater Chairman's Report:

Grady Williams (K6IXA) reported that the Sentinel Dome UHF will not be happening. There was a rock slide that took out the power lines that will not be repaired. Phone company systems there are running on generator power and they cannot support any additional loads. All else is good.

ArcOver Publisher's Report: Grady Williams (K6IXA) reported items for the ArcOver are due by December 10, 2020.

Old Business: President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) reminded the membership that our video meetings will be changing from Zoom to Google Meet starting in January.

The slate of officers for 2021 endorsed by the board was presented to the membership. Motion to close nominations by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and seconded by Ed Darrah (K7ERD). Motion carried. The following slate of officers were elected unanimously:

President – Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL)
Vice President – Dick Decker (K6SUU)
Treasurer – Mike Smith (KG6VFL)
Secretary – Greg Back (WA6LGS)
Sgt at Arms – Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART)
Member at Large – Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL)
Member at Large – Lynne Smith (KM6DKF)

New Business: President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) announced that 2021 dues are now payable. Please download a renewal form from the website and mail in with your check.

Motion to adjourn by Grady Williams (K6IXA) and seconded by Walter Schmidt KI6PBL). Meeting adjourned by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) at 7:17pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back (WA6LGS).

Program: Rich Larson (W6ABJ) gave a presentation on VARA FM.