

ARC-OVER

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2019 IN REVIEW

What just happened, another year and it's gone... Those no longer with us include Steve Brown N6WQV, Mary Mancebo N6DQM, Phil Escobar KC6JDL, Dorothy Escobar W6DME, George Stevans K6SNA, Don Mason KB6TB, Marcell Chapuis K6YTK, Ron Hunt N6MTS & Dan Pruitt AE6SX... Hopefully I haven't overlooked someone... Having been at this for 65 years I now know more SK hams those still with us...

ECHO-LINK

The K6IXA Echo-IRLP node is still ka-put with irreparable at the moment issues... The IXA node was frequency agile but left on the W6BXN network primarily... Rich W6ABJ has stepped up to the plate and is now running a W6BXN-R Echo Link node # 424068... Thanks Rich for your effort...

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Dinner was held at the Elegant Bull in Delhi... Relatively good turnout for an excellent meal... Was a screw-up on the billing which was resolved a couple days later... At \$50 per plate it was essential to get it right... Fortunately the error was made by the owners wife so we had a degree of leverage when settling the account... This was a particular advantage to a specific couple who signed up for the dinner but did not show... They technically were liable for their commitment, however with the billing confusion their no show was buried in the process. Only the meals actually served were paid for... You shall remain un-named but YOU know who you are... When making dinner reservations our word is our bond lest we forget...

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dick most likely will be reviewing your program interests in that to a glazed eyed audience we have ridden the DMR and D-Star horse to death... Coming up with interesting informative programs which are attuned to the comprehension of the masses is a truly daunting challenge... Much akin to creative articles for the ArcOver... I would offer a suggestion to be open for possible field trips of interest to the membership... Just recalling previous field trips to Channel 4 Mt. Sutro, the University of California, Berkeley Beva-tron, the TID Co-generation Plant, San Luis Dam Pumping, Generation facility to name a few...

SPRING AUCTION

We have a couple of estate possibilities in the mix for a Spring Auction... Will keep you advised, most likely looking at late March or early April depending on room availability...

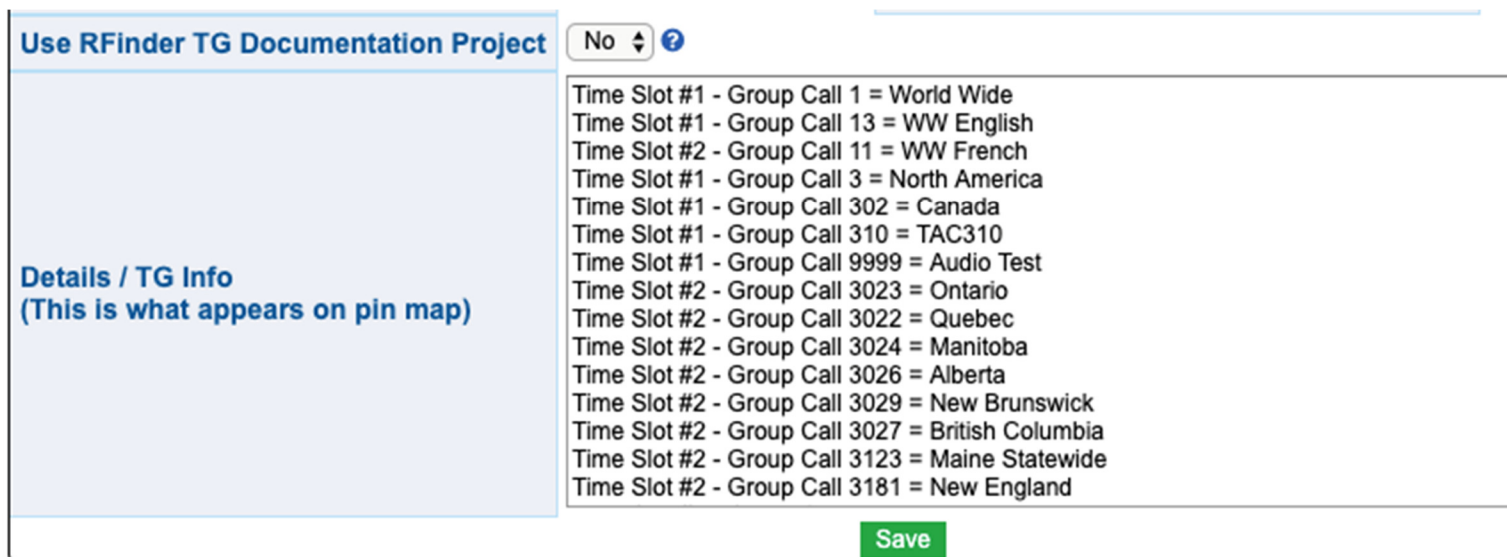
DMR STUFF (managing your talkgroup)

This is a ***ONE TIME*** email being sent to all DMR repeater owners, There is nothing to unsubscribe from. Please **DO NOT** reply to this email as the mailbox is not monitored.

Both RFinder and RadiolD believe there is a better way to Manage TalkGroup info!

We are pleased to have joined forces to better facilitate the progress of Amateur DMR in a common database of TG information that is easy to document and manage as well as readily sharable. TG info still resides on the RadiolD database, it's still accessible from the datadumps and it is now and will always be your choice as a repeater owner to use this new feature or not. We highly suggest that you do use it however. It's as simple as saying YES , Once you do, you can simply click the ***EDIT*** link next to the TG Information section and you will be linked to RFinder website where you can enter your data. RadiolD will sync this data on a regularly back to our DB, or if you want it completed right away, just press the ***RESYNC*** icon in order to immediately sync just your current work back to RadiolD from the RFinder DB.

Here is a quick example of how this works



Use RFinder TG Documentation Project ?

Details / TG Info
(This is what appears on pin map)

- Time Slot #1 - Group Call 1 = World Wide
- Time Slot #1 - Group Call 13 = WW English
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 11 = WW French
- Time Slot #1 - Group Call 3 = North America
- Time Slot #1 - Group Call 302 = Canada
- Time Slot #1 - Group Call 310 = TAC310
- Time Slot #1 - Group Call 9999 = Audio Test
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3023 = Ontario
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3022 = Quebec
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3024 = Manitoba
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3026 = Alberta
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3029 = New Brunswick
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3027 = British Columbia
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3123 = Maine Statewide
- Time Slot #2 - Group Call 3181 = New England

1.) An Example of existing TG settings shown above.



Use RFinder TG Documentation Project ?

RFinder TG Data

1.) Select "Yes" in the Dropdown. You may or may not have existing TG info already populated

1.) Simply click the SYNC icon, and the data will be pulled from RFinder.

Don't forget to hit 'SAVE' when your done!

If you already use or update RFinder TG's on the RFinder.net website, then you simply have to go into RadiolD.net, click on each of your repeaters and select "YES" to the RFinder TG Documentation Project.

This Data is still compatible with the DMR-MARC pin map if you are also using that, so no need to worry there. Using RFinder data DOES NOT override your manually entered data, you can switch back at anytime.

But I suggest using the RFinder project for optimal TG maintenance.

DMR STUFF (cont)

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We hope you will take advantage of this TG project and help us to standardize the DMR TG information world wide.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to open a support ticket after logging into RadiolD.net and proceeding to the SUPPORT menu at the top. If you have forgotten your password, you will be prompted for a password reset after failing the login process.

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THE OLD GUY

Don W6LRG, was President of Turlock Amateur Radio club for many years. He is resident at a home care facility in Merced where he is called upon by Dick K6SUU accompanied by various other Ham clientele... He has been told to retain his youthful appearance he should eat the **breakfast of champions**.



Whoops! Wrong Cereal! Aw What the Heck !

**Turlock Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting
IHOP Restaurant, Turlock
January 5, 2020 6:00PM**

Members Present: Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL), Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL), Dick Decker (K6SUU), Mike Smith (KG6VFL), Lynn Smith (KM6DKF), John Sims (N6JCS), Spenser Boyd (KJ6ART), Greg Back (WA6LGS).

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Copy of minutes was distributed for review. Motion to accept by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and seconded by Spenser Boyd (KJ6ART). Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: presented by Mike Smith (KG6VFL) – there is \$2026 in checking and \$7947 in CDs. All current bills have been paid including payment to Grady Willaims for power share on Mt. Oso and also Mt. Bullion power bill. Club finances are in good order.

Membership Report: John Sims (N6JCS) – joint report by John and Mike Smith that club ended 2019 with 82 paid members. Also reminded members that 2020 dues are now payable.

Repeater Chairman Report: Grady Williams (K6IXA) – Grady was not present.

Newsletter Submissions: Submissions to the next ARC-OVER newsletter are due January 20, 2019.

Vice-President Program Report: Dick Decker (K6SUU) – Next meeting Dick will have a survey of members about program topics for 2020 meetings. In addition we will have an assortment of precision resistive loads and a calibrated voltage reference for members to use to check accuracy/calibration of their antenna analyzers and voltmeters.

Old Business: Spenser Boyd (KJ6ART) reported that the club communications for Turlock Christmas Parade went well. Spenser also reported on the club Christmas Dinner at the Elegant Bull. Due to a few issues encountered we will look for a new venue for this year's Christmas Dinner.

New Business: Spenser Boyd (KJ6ART) reported on the upcoming Kayla Bernardi Bee Positive Fun Run. Volunteers will be signed up at the next regular club meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Greg Back (WA6LGS) and second by Mike Smith (KG6VFL). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back (WA6LGS)

FOR SALE

Hi Grady,

If you can let the club know, I have some items I'm parting with. Prices are negotiable.

Kantronics KPC 3+ \$100

CS580 DMR UHF HT \$75

MD380 DMR UHF HT \$60

Yaesu FT-2900R (2M) \$95

Yaesu FT-7900R \$150

Yaesu FT-8800R \$175

TYT TH-9000D (220) \$95

19" W x 18" H Home Brew Plywood Go Box w/ Rack Mount Rails (Make an Offer)

Thanks,

Loren

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Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club January 14, 2020 @ 7PM

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 24 members and guests in attendance.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Dick Decker (K6SUU) – Dick passed out surveys for members to rate their preferences for program topics in 2020. He will compile and present results at next meeting. Dick also asked for one additional volunteer to help with communications for the Kayla Bernardi Be Positive Fun Run.

Membership Chairman's Report: We currently have 30 dues paid members for 2020. We ended 2019 with 82 paid members. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Smith (KG6VFL) reported that there is \$2026 in the checking account and \$7947 in CD. Bills paid in the last month were PG&E, reimbursement to Dick for meeting refreshments, the Christmas dinner and the club portion of power sharing for the Oso and Bullion sites. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the last several meetings were published on the web for member review. Motion by Greg Back (WA6LGS) to approve as published with second by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL). Motion carried.

Repeater Chairman's Report: Grady Williams (K6IXA) was not present but Spenser Boyd (KJ6ART) reported that the Oso DMR machine needs to be removed, serviced and reinstalled. Schedule tbd. The 220MHz is currently off the air and has been sent in for repair.

ArcOver Publisher's Report: Items for the ArcOver are due by January 20, 2020.

Old Business: Everyone had a good time at the club Christmas dinner but we will need to find a different venue for this year. The club provided communications for the Turlock Christmas Parade and all went well.

New Business: Spenser Boyd (KJ6ART) reported that other than the Kayla B. fun run there are no other upcoming events needing communications. Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) reported that the 2020 Field Day is coming up in June and we need to start planning now. Club dues for 2020 are now due. Please send your check and renewal form via US mail to the club PO Box or bring to the next meeting. Motion to adjourn by Ron Roos (KJ6KNL) and seconded by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL). Meeting adjourned by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) at 7:20pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back (WA6LGS).

Program: The official program for this evening was the survey of program topics by Dick Decker. In addition there were calibrated voltage references and precision loads available for members to use to check the accuracy of their voltmeters and antenna analyzers. Thanks to all that participated.



Grady L. Williams K6IXA
Turlock ARC, W6BXN
Dear Fellow Ham,

The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club is hosting our 6th Annual Hamfest in Loomis, California, on Saturday, March 21st, 2020! We are proud to call this a sanctioned ARRL Event.

This year our featured presentation isn't a presentation, but a **workshop on DStar, DMR, Fusion, and Hot Spots**. We will have a table dedicated to each mode. Elmers will be there to explain how these systems work and will have everything on hand to program your member's radios!! We anticipate this to be a very popular program and are excited to make it available to you.

Please follow this [LINK](#) to our flyer with all the pertinent information. Additional information is available on our website at W6EK.org.

Please email and pass out the flyer to your members. Also, if you would be so kind as to make an announcement on your Club net. We want any ham interested to have the opportunity to come.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and your members at Loomis Hamfest 2020!

73

Orion Endres, AI6JB
Loomis Hamfest 2020 Chair
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Program for February 11th Meeting

Back by Popular demand will be a presentation on "Batteries for Ham Use" by Greg Back WA6LGS. For those of you who missed this presentation you definitely want to make this one. It is perhaps one of the most comprehensive informative presentations we have experienced in a long time.

Greg draws from his experience as a power engineer for AT&T with vast knowledge of the subject.

K6IXA Editor



Singing Valentines!!



Say "I Love You" with a song!

The Super Bowl is over. Now is the time to order a singing valentine for that special person. A song and a rose delivered by the Golden Valley Chorus quartet. TARC subscribers will receive \$5 off the regular price of \$45. Please mention this code - GVCFAN2020. Call 209-551-2314 now to reserve your singing valentine...

As Mike Germino AD6AA once said, best 40 bucks I ever spent. I became an instant hero while the other gals husbands in the wife's office became Dog Meat!

LAUGHTER! LAUGHTER!

Nature's Remedy

Sentimental - A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of cocoa in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wiped a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his Hot Cocoa . "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room. "Why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up from his Cocoa , "It's the 20th anniversary of the day we met." She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up. The husband continues, "Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating? I was 18 and you were only 15," he says solemnly. Once again, the wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive. "Yes, I do," she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continued. "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, 'Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years?'" "I remember that, too," she replied softly. He wiped another tear from his cheek and said, "I would have gotten out today."