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## From the President's Desk:

### **Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ**

Greetings to all readers of the BEAM. As we approach the end of another year, the Amateur Radio Missionary Service has again been blessed by God. Participation in the regional nets and the transcontinental net has been quite good. In fact on a recent Saturday as net control, I had a total of 40 check-ins on the 20 meter transcontinental net. Also we have been blessed with new members of ARMS. Some have just happened to hear the nets and have sent in applications for mem-

bership. Others have heard about ARMS from the publicity set up at hamfests.

We are again facing the need for an editor of the BEAM.

Mike Eagen, KØRRP, has done a marvelous job at editing and distributing the BEAM,

but now feels the need to relinquish this task. Thankfully we have someone who is considering taking up this responsibility after Mike. We are seriously considering distributing the BEAM electronically instead of mailing hard copies to save on costs. Having said this, we are aware that some ARMS members do not have the capability of receiving it in that mode, and every effort will be made so you receive it by mail.

Shirley and I recently traveled to Texas and Colorado, and had the pleasure of meeting Bruce, K6ZB, and his wife, Kathy, in Georgetown, Texas, staying overnight with Roger Stubbe, WØZMU, and his wife Joyce in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and meeting Geno, AL7GQ and his wife Libby, Rich, WBØAKV, and his wife Kirsten, and Novak, NØVK, and his wife in Westminster, Colorado. It is always a thrill to meet ARMS members for the first time, and to renew friendships with those we have been with before.

Thanks to all those who help to make ARMS a significant witness in our world today.



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## ARMS Christian Fellowship Section Nets

(Local time: Frequency in MHz)

Eastern.....	Mon & Thurs, 0700	3.907
	Sat, 0900	
Southeast.....	Sat, 0900	7.193
Midwest.....	Sat, 0900	3.9035
South Central.....	Sat, 0800	3.925
Rocky Mountain..	Sat, 0700	3.805
Southwest.....	Sat 0945	7.233
Northwest.....	Thurs, 0720	3.965
20-Meter.....	Mon-Sat, 1500 (ST)	14.3075
	1400 (DT)	
Halo Net.....	Daily, 1800	21.390

### 20 Meter Net Control Managers

Monday.....Jay, KCØORJ, Bolivar, MO

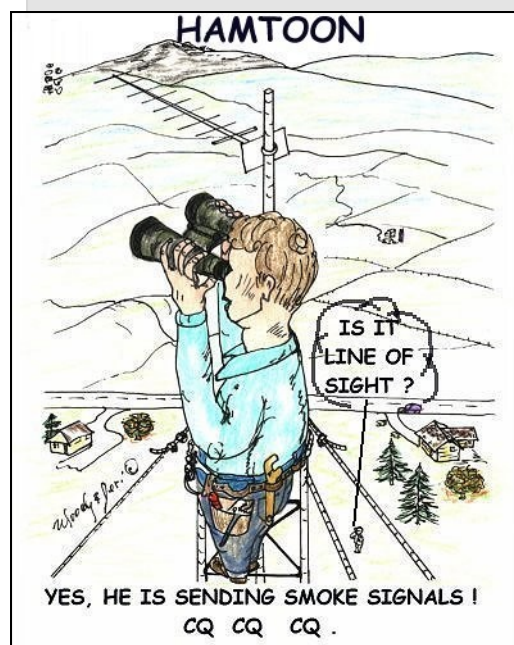
Tuesday.....Ora, KE7BF, Grandview, WA

Wednesday.....Ken, AL7AX, Congress, AZ

Thursday.....Denis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN

Friday.....Boyce, K5VSP, Cash, AR

Saturday.....Gerry, K4RBZ, Harrisonburg, VA



## **South Central Report:**

**Boyce Guffey,  
K5VSP**

Time flies when we are having fun we are told, and serving the Lord is one

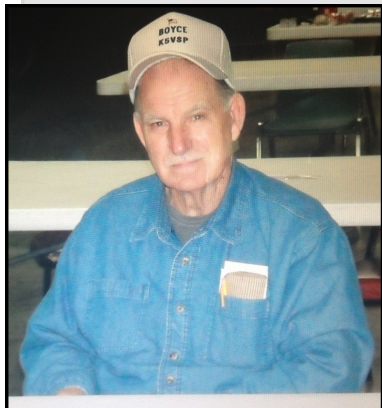
of the most interesting occupation we can have... As we look back over the

last few months and the fellowship of our Net, we realize that this fellowship

has been quite uplifting....We are told in the Scriptures, (Ephesians 4:12 N.L.T.

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.)

We thank those who checked in, and appreciate the comments....as we are all trying to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.....



## **Midwest Section Report:**

**Tom Hauskins, AAØLF**

The Midwest Section held its annual get together this summer on the August 24th, 2013 at Perkins Restaurant located in Owatonna, Minnesota. A small group of four had great fellowship with a good meal. Our Midwest Section Chaplain, Neale Thompson, KØLHJ, opened the meeting with prayer.

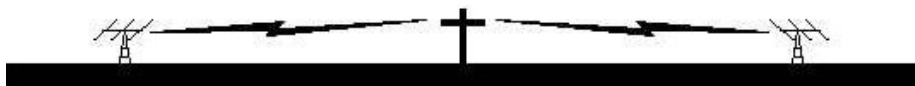
The first order of business was to elect a new Midwest Section Director. A unanimous vote elected Tom Hauskins, AAØLF, to take over for Keith Sykora, WAØJGT. Keith is now the Midwest Assistant Section Director, Fran Bartz, AAØCE, remains the Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Brodale, AGØM, the Net Manager and Neale Thompson, KØLHJ, the Midwest Section Chaplain.

I invite all members to visit the ARMS web site [qsl.net/arms](http://qsl.net/arms). Lew Orcutt, NØCXY, is doing an amazing job keeping the site updated. Lew has included an ARMS Fellowship chat room for SWL's or anyone not hearing net control. If you do not have a computer please visit your local library and check it out.

The Midwest Section is keeping active by attending local ham-fests, setting up a display, passing out information brochures and handing out ARMS tract "Your Best Contact" written by our first President Dr. William A. Mierop. The response has been overwhelming. Anyone who wishes to set up a display at a local hamfest in their area and would like help please contact Tom Hauskins. The next display is scheduled at the Southeast Iowa Hamfest located in West Branch, Iowa, on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The ARMS Midwest Section Saturday Net typically has 8 to 10 check-ins per week. We would like to hear more stations check into the net. We start at 7 AM CT on 3903.5 MHz. We have a different net control each week. If you are not heard by the net control, there should be a station that will hear and relay you to the net control. If you are not able to transmit due to antenna restrictions, please try to tune us in and listen. Let us know if you hear us.

Occasionally someone asks about the use of "99" at the end of a QSO. It was chosen in 1957 by a member of the old Missionary Engineering Net as a Christian "good-bye." "Good-bye is a contraction of "God be with you." So, "99" means "God be with you till we meet again." It also means "God bless you and all that you are doing in His service." It was the latter meaning that the originator had particularly in mind. (From THE BEAM, Spring, 1970.





## **Net Managers Report:**

### **Boyce Guffey, K5VSP**

We are thankful to be able to report that God is still in Heaven directing the affairs of man. We also trust that He is directing the affairs of the Arms Christian Fellowship Net, of which we are thankful to be a part. These are the days that God has made and we are to rejoice and be glad in them.

Thanks to all that has helped as relays for the net as we could not do it without you. We always hope for better propagation but from what I hear and have read it seems like we will have to carry on as best we can.

For you who have trouble being heard please be patient with us as we do the best we can, as conditions don't always allow us to hear you.

We do appreciate you Net Controls, and the job you do. God bless you.

As I am ending another year, as Net manager I want to thank you guys and gals for your support....Thanks...God bless all.

The picture is my son Kendall K5DJU, with Dwain Simms AC5EH, both ARMS members at a local North East Arkansas Winter fest.



## **Central Section Report:**

### **Doug Schipull, KC9OMS**

My wife and I attended Disaster Response Conferences earlier this month (October). We listened to various speakers talk about the many disasters that our church body



(LCMS) responded to this past year. We also had speakers tell us how be prepared in our own homes for disasters. Here is a list of items for you all to think about.

1. Check your smoke and CO detectors once a month and change the batteries twice a year.
2. Check your fire extinguisher monthly and shake it up to keep the powder loose.
3. Keep three days of food on hand.
4. Keep one gallon of water per person per day on hand for three days.
5. Keep at least one half of tank of gas in your car at all times.
6. Keep a "go bag" ready to go if you have to leave in 15 minutes. Included should be:
7. Photocopies of important papers, credit cards, IDs, and the like.
8. Copies of prescriptions for your medications.
9. List of out-of-area contact people with their emails and phone numbers.

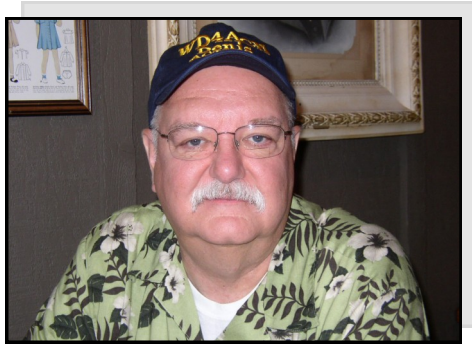
This list is not complete but is presented here to get you thinking. Your local governments, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other local entities do offer programs and presentations on local disaster preparedness that you can attend for free. I would encourage everyone to check them out.

My wife attended her conference as a caregiver for the Comfort Dogs based out of Addison, Illinois. These golden retrievers are specially trained to be attentive to people and their emotional needs. They have been to the majority of the disasters reported in the news this year. A local LCMS Lutheran congregation can request the Comfort Dogs through our national church's offices and the dogs can be on their way within hours of the request.



## **Southeast Section Report:**

**Denis Parker, WD4ACH.**



The Southeast Section of the A.R.M.S. Group is meeting on 7.193.0 MHZ on Saturday morning @9:00 AM Eastern. 7.215.0 MHZ was just too busy.

Plans for the 2014 Annual get-together are incomplete at this time and I will update you later.

Keep looking up. Psalm 121:1-8

Bro. Denis WD4ACH

## **Northwest Section Report:**

**Wayne Wood, KA7HGE**

The Northwest section of ARMS continues to be active with about 8 members checking in each week. Those checking in regularly are: Chuck N7AAG, Ora KE7BF, W7PTL Dave, KD6WZA Stan, VA7GF Wayne, K7BXF John, K7PTL Mike, WA7BYD Bob, KA7HGE George, and several others who check in occasionally. Stan has recently made some mods on his antenna so we are receiving him much better. Mike has also recently upgraded to a new G5RV antenna which brings him in nicely now all the way from W. Montana. We need to pray for Marilyn, Chuck's wife, who is dealing with some serious health issues.

I'm sure many will be interested in the reports I've asked Wayne to send on his recent activities in connection with missionary radio in South America. I'm including those reports. Please let me know if you receive all this.

George, not sure how far back but will start in January of 2013. In January ARMS members Wayne Borthwick (VA7GF) and Paul Wyse (W4PFM) met in Lima, Peru with components for repairing SW radio station Radio

Logos in Chazuta, Peru and installing an antenna matching network for a medium wave radio station in Huanacayo, Peru. Both stations are projects of Ethnic Radio (see [www.ethnicradio.org](http://www.ethnicradio.org)) and broadcast Christian programming in native languages. Praise the Lord both stations were put on the air despite loss by the airline on the way down of the R. Logos transmitter modulator modules from HCJB engineering. Wayne's XYL Dianna and a couple from their church joined him later in Chazuta to work on a construction project for the Central Evangelical Church of Chazuta, that church that administers R. Logos. In August, Wayne was privileged to be at the dedication of R. Logos along with Ray Rising (K4LWJ) and other dignitaries. What a blessing to meet and fellowship with many of the leaders in ministry from the native language groups across the Peruvian Amazon basin who were there for an audio production course plus the dedication. It was agreed by the leaders that the radio station was the most effective project to date for the native people in the Peruvian Amazon and signals were even strong down in the south where a minor antenna lobe occurs.

A side project was teaching several local young men how to install a loop antenna amplifier in the Galcom fixed tuned radios to improve sensitivity. Thank you all who that prayed for us and the ministries here.

Here is a brief summary of my next trip and Radio Mosoj Chaski. On Nov. 18 to 28, VA7GF, Wayne Borthwick, will be travelling to Cochabamba, Bolivia to install a new 950MHz STL, check out the 14 year old transmitter/antenna plant and help local engineer Irineo with maintenance. Radio Mosoj Chaski

(see [www.mosojchaski.com](http://www.mosojchaski.com) for more info) that is a Quechua language tropical band SW station that has been broadcasting the Good News on 3310KHz since April 1999. For the technically inclined, their 10Kw all solid state Omnitronix transmitter feeds a 50 to 200 ohm transmission line BALUN, followed by a balanced 200 to 600 ohm matching network, to a 600 ohm open wire transmission line, feeding the center of a 1.2 by 0.6 wave length lazy H antenna at 40 feet high. This NVIS system with a vertical gain of about 12db over isotropic, covers all of Bolivia as well as being heard by short wave listeners all over the world. The STL carries the audio 12km from the studio to the remote transmitter site.

Pray for all necessary equipment to arrive in time as well as wisdom in recommendations for replacing or backing up older equipment. A recent failure in the STL put the station off the air for several weeks.



Balance as of 5/31/2012	\$204.87
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues and Gifts, Pins & Tracts	\$1189.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1189.00</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1393.87</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
<b>PRINTING:</b>	
Fall 2012 "BEAM" & Envelopes	\$669.79
Bank Charges	65.00
Postage Mailing Pins & Tracts etc.	41.76
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$776.55</b>
Reimbursement for Postage:	
Michael Eagen KØRRP	\$363.80
Ora Gifford KE7BF	7.29
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1147.64</b>
Bank Returned Check Charge	\$42.00
Bank Adj. For Canadian Funds	\$0.53
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1105.64</b>
Balance as of 5/31/2013	\$287.70

**Ray Rising, K4LWJ**



Inside the recording studio



## JENSENS' JOURNEY

October 2013

*"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6.*

Many times on a journey, the traveler will keep a journal along the way. Travel along with us through this journal during **2013**:

**January:** We completed and turned in the final paperwork for our retirement on February 1. Don started preparing income taxes. Sharon wound down her responsibilities in the Mailroom. Don resigned his position as branch Treasurer.

**February:** On February 1, we retired from Wycliffe. Don had 42 years of service and Sharon had 10. Don did income tax preparation under his own business name. Sharon enjoyed being at home full time. After a required 2 months off, we planned to return to SIL as volunteers.

**March:** God sent a volunteer from OR, John, to train with Don and help him with income tax preparation. Sharon tackled projects around the house that she never seemed to have time to do before. On Saturday, March 30, after a normal morning, Don suddenly became unresponsive. A MRI in the ER revealed a massive brain hemorrhage. He would not survive. I called David (son) in New York and he said goodbye to his dad over the phone. Johanna (daughter) and her family came to the ER, along with our pastors. We sang songs, read scripture and prayed. We said our goodbyes. It was a peaceful time as Don entered Heaven on Easter Saturday. Easter was his favorite holy day and how he must have rejoiced spending it with Jesus this year! The path I was walking changed forever.

**April:** Don's memorial service was held at the church on Sunday afternoon, April 7. The family and many friends came to honor and remember his life spent in service for the Lord. As part of the service, Don's grandson Hunter (2) was baptized. It was a very special time, spiritual life from physical death. Praise the Lord, John was able to return to finished all the income tax returns. I went to my granddaughter Hanna's senior family softball weekend for 4 days at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She had been there on a four-year softball scholarship. I enjoyed seeing Hanna honored and play softball. I went on to Silver Springs, MD, to spend 3 days with my younger brother, Eric, and his family. A visit to the National Cathedral was one of the highlights of that trip. Several unexpected financial and legal issues came up, which took a lot of my time and energy. I am thankful for many understanding people and to the Lord for helping all of them to be resolved.

**May:** I organized all the income tax files to be ready for John for the 2013 tax year. I began clearing out Don's office at the Center. After many years in that office, this was not an easy task. Everything had to go. May 15 would have been our 9th anniversary. I praise the Lord daily for the honor and privilege of being Don's wife. He was such a blessing to me! I attended my granddaughter Heather's high school graduation. Don donated his body to Science Care for medical research. The family received a letter detailing 5 ways Don's donation had benefited medical research. Don was also an Arizona Network organ donor. His corneas were transplanted into two men in Arizona. Even in death, Don was caring and giving.

**June:** Helping at VBS with the 4's & 5's was fun. Granddaughter Lily asked Jesus to come into her heart at VBS. Granddaughter Tayler went to church teen camp for the first time and there she also accepted Jesus as her Savior. Hanna graduated from Drexel University with a degree in Criminal Justice. I finished clearing out Don's office. I filled in at the Reception Desk, in the Mailroom, and attended Catalina Center staff meetings. I read several books.



**July:** I continued filling in at the Reception Desk and attending Catalina Center staff meetings. The end of the month I went to Vallejo, CA, and on Friday, July 26, Don's remains were buried there with his parents as he had requested. A small group of family and friends gathered for the graveside service. Don's sister and husband in Orangevale, CA, graciously hosted the family during this time.

**August:** I began volunteering at the Center on a permanent basis at the Reception Desk on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It's good to be back! Attending a grief group twice a month has been very helpful. Grandson Garrett, a junior, plays varsity football at his high school. Granddaughter Coryn, a freshman, is a cheerleader on the junior varsity squad at her high school. Between Thursday night cheer for Coryn and Friday night football for Garrett, I've had a busy fall sport's season. Great-granddaughter Pixie started kindergarten. Kids grow up too quickly!

**September:** A trip to visit David and his family in Hampton, NY, for 6 days was fantastic! Drives to see the changing leaves wound through the Green Mountains in Vermont and the Adirondack Mountains in New York. David and Sarah were gracious hosts. I enjoyed babysitting for Hunter (3 in Dec.) Logan plays flag football and it was exciting to go to a game and a practice. He had his 6th birthday while I was there. David is the operations manager for two large sheep farms. He is an elected town council member. (Just like his dad! Don was always on a board of some kind.) Sarah is a large animal veterinarian and a partner in the vet clinic. I praise the Lord for a loving, caring couple He used to provide the money for this trip. The Lord does more than we can ask or think!

**October:** I continue to volunteer at the Center, workout at Curves, attend the grief group, teach Children's Church during the Sunday morning worship service, read, journal, and spend time with family and friends. There is never a lack of things to do at home. Sometimes I just need to be still in God's presence.

**Bible Translation (Mexico):** Three New Testaments have been dedicated and are being distributed. Seven more are in some stage of the publication process. Another seven will be ready for publication in the next two years. Nine new language programs have been started in Mexico. Forty languages are in the main phases of translation. Bible translation takes a whole team of people with different skills. You are part of the team. Thank you.

**Storms:** Sometimes God **calms the storm**. Sometimes God lets the storm rage and **calms His child**. That's where I am. The storm of Don's death rages on the outside, but inside I am calm. I miss Don so very much, not only his physical presence but also his spiritual presence. I have many tears because I have lost my most precious husband, and I'm sad. God gave us a very special love and I am so very thankful for the almost 9 years we had together. I don't know what the Lord has planned for my life. I do know His Word promises that He does have plans for me, and I am excited to see what they will be. Thank You: I appreciate your partnership in prayers and financial gifts. Please keep in touch.

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