

# The BEAM

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The second is the new format of the BEAM. Due to the cost and low level of cash in the treasury, we have decided to provide the beam electronically on the internet. This means that those without computers will continue to receive hard copies by mail, but the editor will need to know who they are.

My thanks to all the section managers who send in reports to the BEAM, and to all those who contribute so significantly to our fine organization.

My warm welcome also to all the new members who have signed up with ARMS. We trust you will find real satisfaction and blessing in being a part of this mission.

Gerry Brunk/K4RBZ

President

## From the President's Desk:

**Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ**

With this issue of the BEAM, we make two significant transitions. The first is the new editor, James Fisher, NQ7L, who is picking up the responsibility from Mike, K0RRP, who did such a splendid job as editor. All of us are deeply indebted to him for the fine work he did with the BEAM while carrying a heavy work schedule.

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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, 0700      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

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

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

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

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## **Net Manager Report:**

**Boyce**

**THE RAIN AND  
SNOW COME  
DOWN FROM THE  
HEAVENS AND  
STAY**

**ON THE GROUND  
TO WATER THE  
EARTH. THEY  
CAUSE THE GRAIN**

**TO GROW, PRODUCING SEED FOR THE  
FARMER AND BREAD FOR**

**THE HUNGRY. IT IS THE SAME WITH MY WORD.  
I SEND IT OUT, AND**

**IT ALWAYS PRODUCES FRUIT. IT WILL ACCOM-  
PLISH ALL I WANT IT TO,**

**AND IT WILL PROSPER EVERYWHERE I SEND  
IT.....ISA 55;10,11...**

**ON THIS MOUNTAIN, THE LORD ALMIGHTY  
WILL SPREAD A WONDERFUL FEAST FOR EVE-  
RYONE AROUND THE WORLD. IT WILL BE  
A DELICIOUS**

**FEAST OF GOOD FOOD, WITH CLEAR, WELL  
AGED WINNE AND CHOICE**



## **Midwest Section Report:**

**Tom Hauskins AAØLF**

The Midwest Section is still attending local hamfests, setting up a display, and passing out information. 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 AAØLF, Tom Hauskins. The next display is scheduled at the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014.

Five members of the Midwest Section attended the Des Moines Radio Amateurs' Association hamfest on April 19<sup>th</sup>. They were Roger WØZMU, Tom AAØLF, Pat KCØYHV, Barb KDØNEZ, and Craig KCØYHU.

The ARMS Midwest Section Saturday Net typically has 8 - 10 check-ins / week. We start at 7 AM CT on 3903.5 Mhz. All sections are welcome to check in.

The Midwest Section Get-Together will be held at the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend Iowa on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2014. Please RSVP to Tom, aa0lf@msn.com by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, if you plan to attend. Additional information will be sent prior to the RSVP date.

Tom Hauskins, AAØLF  
ARMS Midwest Section Director

SOUTH CENTRAL REPORT...

WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL  
WHO CHECK IN AND

HELP TO MAKE THE NET GO.....IT SEEMS LIKE IT  
GOES GREAT, THEN

SLACKS OFF, BUT WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE  
ONES WHO CHECK

IN, PLUS THE GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND GREAT  
SCRIPTURES.....

MAY GOD BLESS ALL..

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## Chuck Winter Special Report

I sent the following article to our FGBC World webmaster and she posted it. That's the website for our International Fellowship. I thought that if others from our ARMS group saw it they might be challenged to do the same with their denominational website.

If you're interested in Ham Radio we would like to invite you to tune in to several Nets operated by the Amateur Radio Missionary Service. Originally launched in the 1950s to serve overseas missionaries with their communication needs, ARMS has become a national and international Christian fellowship group. It meets Monday-Saturday mornings on 14.3075 on the 20M band at 1500Z (ST); 1400Z (DT). Net Control will assign numbers to those who check-in and give them opportunity to share a Scripture verse, prayer requests and personal happenings. Other regional ARMS Nets also take place. This listing can be found at [www.qsl.net/arms/](http://www.qsl.net/arms/)

There is also an ARMS virtual net on CQ-100. This virtual computer net meets on Mondays at 2300Z on 14.307MHz on the virtual dial. A round-table format is used and may include overseas Christian ham check-ins as well as those stateside. You are invited to participate.

## Central Section Report:

**Doug Schipull, KC9OMS**



## 2014 Spring Report for the Central Section

We have had little news from the Central Section. All has been quiet on the Central Front. As for me, we have been busy with a new ministry for our Lutheran Denomination. In our district, my wife and I are the District Disaster Response Coordinators. We are travelling around hold training sessions preparing pastors and lay people to be ready for disasters (both natural and man-made) that might happen in their locations. Ham radio is a very important part of the preparation process. We are trying to get our hams to link up with the Lutheran Amateur Radio Service Network (LARSN). This net meets on Tuesday evenings with HF nets and an EchoLink net. I have also been recommending the ARMS nets and frequencies for our hams to stay tuned in.

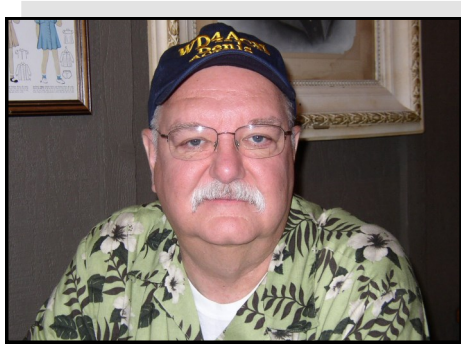
Believe it or not, I am still working on a Central Section net. Time is the limiting factor. I am researching the idea of utilizing EchoLink for the net. I hope to get this net off the ground soon. It seems I am busier after retiring than before—so stay tuned.





## **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

The S.E Section of ARMS met @ Quality INN Sevierville, Tennessee on May 30,31 2014.  
We had dinner at the Applewood Barn in Pigeon Forge, Tn and later that evening we met back at the Motel for fellowship and slides from Dave Newell WA4DUP and Raf Ahmed AI4RA.

Dave showed a slides of his mission work with Trans World Radio on the island of Bonaire and his work with Source of Light Ministries along with Neighborhood Gospel Missions.

Raf took a trip to India to visit his family and he shared pictures that we enjoyed very much.

On Saturday morning we had breakfast and fellowship in the Motel and later we went to a Park on the Little Pigeon 'River and fellowshiped for a couple of hours before we broke up and went our different ways.

Another great S.E Section Fellowship except we had a light turnout this year but God blessed and we had a good time. If you have never attended one we will look for you next year.

Even so come Lord Jesus,

Bro Denis Parker WD4ACH

## **Rocky Mountain Section Report**

James Fisher , NQ7L

This is an impromptu report.

We have 15 members in the Rocky Mountain Section. One member just moved out East and another goes South for the winter. I stay here, more or less, for the entire time. Occasionally I go to Alaska for a month, or back East for a week, or South for a couple of weeks.

Our Section Net has not run for several years. There is just not enough activity to keep it going. I am, on occasion, able to check into the Midwest Net or the Northwest Net.

I would like to get a Net going in the evening on 75 meters or 40 meters SSB. This would be, not only for the Rocky Mountain Section, but something that ALL ARMS members could check into. Perhaps an idea that should be kicked around over the summer. Perhaps this could act as an evening calling frequency. Let me know if this is practical or a bit of wishful thinking.

God's best to ALL

James Fisher

Those pictured in the group Photo: L to R  
Ed Bradley W4VGI Bobby Howington  
KC4DOG Diane Howington KD4PIG  
Andra Parker KD4CLF Denis Parker  
WD4ACH Raf Ahmed AI4RA Annagay Newell  
Dave Newell WA4DUP



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### **Northwest Section Report:**

Chuck Winter / N7AAG

#### **ARMS Northwest Section Report**

We have an even dozen members who check in from time to time on our Thursday morning net on 80M. We recently moved to a rotating schedule for Net Control and that spreads the responsibility out over a couple of states as well as B.C. George Wood, KA7HGE and a retired CMA missionary, has served as Section Director/Net Control for some years and recently felt a need to step away from that arrangement.

Check-ins call in from their QTHs in Oregon, Washington, Montana and B.C. Members represent a wide variety of professions which only adds to the value of their weekly participation.

Dave, W7PTL and Wayne, VA7GF, this morning told of the enjoyment they had in their first meet-

ing at Wayne's QTH in Grand Forks, B.C. KE7BF, ORA, and Chuck, N7AAG, checked in from the Yakima Valley. George, KA7HGE, and his XYL Elsie just got home from her 60<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Walla Walla.

We missed hearing Bob, WA7BYD and Wayne, WB7EIF this morning; also Mike, K7PTL in Western Montana. Stan, KD6WZA and his XYL, Virginia, have been struggling with some very serious health issues. So, too is Pat, K7YIR who is in prayerful hope to be placed on a kidney transplant list.

Our member list is rounded out with John, K7BXF. George, KA7HGE gives John a bad time on occasion because his QTH is located in the very, very small community of Glead, west of Yakima.

This mix that includes a retired college professor, meteorologist, airline pilot, pastors – active and otherwise – missionaries, school administrator, machinist plus other professions makes for a pleasant Thursday morning get together on 80 meters. Come join us – and “God bless us, each one.”

### **Canadian Section Report**

#### **Art Hiebert, VE5ARJ**

Hello from the Northeast of Sk.

Spring came late as well as summer. Our first upper 70s day was today, hopefully we have a longer fall. We have a new pastor now and he is getting used to all the in and out of our church, it sure is nice to have someone at our churches helm again. We are again setting up for our churches drama of Bethlehem live, this time the drama will center around the three wise men and their trip to Bethlehem, so we will see what this different angle will do in the community. One other thing to mention about Bethlehem live it does involve the whole church which is good. 73 for this time



## **Missionary Report:**

**by J. L. Fisher**

There are several organizations that do Radio broadcasting for the name of Christ.

I would like to highlight one of them.

Voice For Christ Ministries [VFCM]

<http://www.vfc.org/>

Bob & Dolores Eldridge came to Alaska in 1964 and began their ministry serving with Victory Bible Camp in Sutton. They then began an itinerant flying ministry to interior Alaska villages with Arctic Missions (now [InterAct Ministries](#)). Weather often prevented flying into villages to share the Good News of Christ. Bob felt led of the Lord to consider radio as a more consistent way to send the Gospel message to the interior Alaska villages and homesteaders.

The Eldridges began the development of a Christian radio station in 1980, and thus, the I AM Radio Network was born. Voice For Christ Ministries was incorporated on September 7, 1983 in Nenana, Alaska as the non profit entity. The Lord showed His involvement by the immediate receipt of the building permit - a process that often takes two years.

[KIAM](#) Nenana, went on the air on June 28, 1985 at 1270 AM kHz - the last day allowed by the construction permit. During November 1986, KIAM changed frequencies to 630 AM kHz and raised the transmission tower to 250 feet to increase the listening area. Another 50 feet was added in August 1990, raising the tower to 300 feet. On May 1, 1995 KIAM raised the power to 10 kW during the day and 3.1 kW at night, again increasing the listening area.

[KYKD](#) in Bethel, Alaska, was purchased by VFCM in November 1996. KYKD went on the air at 3 KWs of power. In July 2006 VFCM was able to increase the power to 12 KW with a new transmitter.

[KAGV](#) is the newest radio station owned by VFCM. Built by numerous volunteers, KAGV went on the air in Houston/Big Lake, Alaska during December 2004. KAGV provides Christian radio to the Matanuska and Susitna valleys with a 10KW AM transmitter.

Voice For Christ Ministries is always looking for a few good announcers.

Take a look at all the Translator Sites they broadcast to::

<http://www.vfc.org/village-translator-sites/>

Give Art, Brian, or Rick a call if you are interested in volunteering for 6 weeks or longer.

Lets hear your golden voice on the AM/FM airwaves.



Do you like Bluegrass Music ?

If so, listen to KIAM at 6 PM Saturday night ALASKA TIME. Adam White Hosts the Bluegrass Gospel Hour. You can stream the show by going to:

<http://www.vfc.org/listen-online/>





## SOUTHWEST ARMS Spring 2014

On March 14, several members and XYL's of the ARMS fellowship met together in the Tucson (Catalina) AZ area for a tour of the Wycliffe Summer Institute of Linguistics Mexico Branch translation center., and learned about some of the difficulties of Bible translation. After the tour, we all joined for lunch and later for fellowship at Sharon Jensen's (KA7DAC) lovely home for the afternoon. Mike, K7PTL, brought a short devotional message. Pictures attached.

April 9 brought a beautiful clear day to Wickenburg AZ, and the dedication of a new Kodiak airplane for Missionary Air Fellowship. This Kodiak is airframe number 95 and the tenth Kodiak airplane to go into service with MAF. This airplane is scheduled to be assigned into the Indonesian area in the near future. Approximately 500 people attended the service and a number of short sightseeing rides were given in the Kodiak.

Of interest to the ARMS hams, there was also the dedication of a GATR ball (see [www.GATR.com](http://www.GATR.com) for detailed information). The GATR ball is a portable satellite communication system that can be packed into two small suitcases, weighing approximately 65 pounds and 95 pounds, for easy transport in small airplanes. The system can be set up and operational is less than 30 minutes, and was operational on the Internet at the dedication for those that wanted to use their personal WiFi equipment for Skype or text. MAF was able to borrow a GATR during the recent Philippine disaster , and provided much needed communication in the remote areas of the Islands.

The Lord provided a remarkable fund raising through the local Wickenburg Bible Fellowship to purchase this VERY expensive tool for MAF to use in their ministry, and will be ready for rapid deployment when the need arises. We give HIM the praise for HIS bountiful provision.

Ken - AL7AX



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