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From the President's Desk:

Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ

We have just received the sad news that Ora Gifford, KE7BF, has checked into the Glory Net. As we all know, Ora sacrificially served as secretary/treasurer for ARMS for many years, and did so faithfully and efficiently. I had just sent him an

email expressing my gratitude on behalf of ARMS the day he went to be with the Lord, but I doubt whether he had a chance to see it. Ora faithfully checked into the ARMS nets including the CQ

100 net, and served as net control on the twenty meter transcontinental net for many years. He was the one who drew up the preamble which those of us who are net control stations on the transcontinental net use. Ora had a quiet disposition, loved to talk about his garden, flowers and almond trees, and often shared photos of them on CQ 100. As a member of the executive committee of ARMS, he was easy to work with, and kept the gears moving in the organization. He will be sorely missed, and we all extend our deepest sympathies to Connie and the family. We thank God that Ora has no more pain, but that he is rejoicing with his Lord and Savior in heaven.



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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 3.9055

South Central.....Wed 0900 7.266

Rocky Mountain..Sun 1630 7.245

Southwest.....Sat 0945 7.233

Northwest.....Thurs, 0720 3.965

20-Meter.....Mon-Sat, 1000am Eastern 14.3075

Halo Net.....Daily, 1200 Eastern 21.390

20 Meter Net Control Managers

Monday.....Jay, KCØORJ, Bolivar, MO

Tuesday.....Jerry, K1GUP, Carmel, ME

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

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

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

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

Galatians 6:10

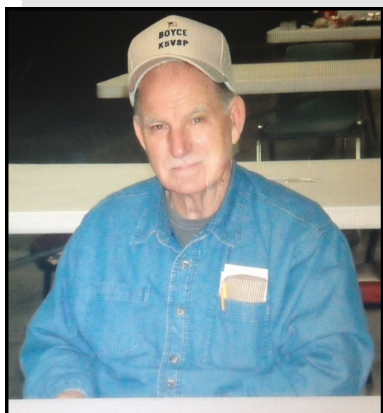
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



Net Manager Report:

Boyce Guffey, K5VSP

ONCE AGAIN,
THIS IS A DAY
THAT THE LORD
HAS MADE, I WILL
REJOICE AND
BE GLAD IN
IT..PSALM 118:24.
WE ARE SO
THANKFUL FOR
ALL OF YOU THAT



CHECK IN FROM DAY TO DAY...WHICH HAS
NOT BE AN EASY TASK LATELY....
AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE NET
CONTROLLERS WHO HAVE HAD TO
DEAL WITH IT....WE ALSO THANK FRANK
AG0M,AND JERRY K1 GUP FOR
DOING THE NET ON TUESDAY FOR
US.....ALSO A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO
HAVE BEEN SO GOOD TO HELP AS RE-
LAYS.....

WE, ALONG WITH AC5EH DWAIN, KENDALL
K4DJU. WAS ABLE TO DISPLAY A
ARMS BANNER AT THE WALNUT RIDGE AR.
WINTERFEST...HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
BOYCE GUFFEY NET MANAGER.....

RIGHT, BRINGING JOY TO THE HEART.
THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD ARE
CLEAR, GIVING INSIGHT TO LIFE.
REVERENCE FOR THE LORD IS PURE, LAST-
ING FOREVER...THE OF THE LORD ARE
TRUE, EACH ONE IS FAIR. THEY ARE MORE
DESIRABLE THAN GOLD. THEY ARE
SWEETER THAN HONEY, EVEN HONEY DRIP-
PING FROM THE COMB.....
WE ARE SO BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE
SCRIPTURES OVER THE AIR....
MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS ALL...

BOYCE GUFFEY K5VSP..... Winter Fesr



South Central Section Report

By Boyce Guffey , K5VSP

WE CONTINUE TO MEET ON 7266 MHZ. HAVE
CHANGED THE DAY FROM SATURDAY
TO WEDNESDAY AT 9:00. 1400Z. WE ARE
HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING US A
FREQUENCY THAT WE CAN HEAR EACH
OTHER....

PSALM 19:7 - 10 THE LAW OF THE LORD IS
PERFECT, REVIVING THE SOUL.
THE DECREES OF THE LORD ARE TRUST-
WORTHY. MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.
THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD ARE



Newly Started Net for NW and Rocky Mountain Regions

The NW ARMS 40M net meets Sunday afternoons at 2330Z (3:30 local pacific time) at 7245.

The Net has been in operation for a couple of months with varied success. Long skip, short skip and no skip have made it challenging, but we have had a dozen or more who have stopped by and some of them regulars. Relays have given us some distant contacts including K7PTL while he was in the Tucson area. I had a good QSO with Ken, AL7AX, from his station in Congress AZ. We have heard Dennis, WA7GVT and Rich, WD0AKV. NQ7L, James from Billings, has made himself known.

Regulars include Stan KD6WZA in Happy Camp, California; Peter, KG7MVH/AE, Harrah WA and who by the way just upgraded to Extra. We hear Wayne, VA7GF in B.C. and John, K7BXF near Yakima WA. Dave, W7PTL and Sharon, My N7AAG station's 100watts into an inverted Vee makes itself known.

ED Note:: ALL station from anywhere are invited to check into the net on Sunday

Canadian Section Report : **By Art Hiebert , VE5ARJ**

Hello Everyone:

We are in transition from Nipawin renting in Saskatoon and Lord willing moving back to Nipawin in the future, so that is where that is. Our home church is still Nipawin, but my employment has granted me a christian based school to work in which is really has a good atmosphere. Many good and growing things have happened at this school to numerous to mention, suffice it to say, the Lord comes from everywhere, even the impossible. The school has many families coming from many churches in Saskatoon, who support the school, so you get to know a cross section of church families in the school and find out what is happening in these churches. More news in the next report.

Central Section Report:

We need a Central Section Manager.

Eastern Section Report:

Larry Hodge, W2PT

The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to be very active. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 AM Eastern Time and Saturdays at 9:00 AM Eastern time at 3907 kHz. We average 8 checkins on Mondays, 6 on Thursdays and from 4 to 8 on Saturdays. We maintain a prayer list which is updated and e-mailed to those who want it. The list consists of both missionary and local requests. Anyone from any section is welcome to have a request put on the list or to receive the list. Please let me know. In either case my e-mail address is lhodge50@aol.com. Net control duties are shared by net members who have been very faithful in seeing all nets are covered. Net controllers include Wil, WA3OJN, Duane, AA2JI, Don, K3RYV, Bill, WB1DQT, John, WB2SQX, Corky, WA2KKF, Tom, N7GBH and Larry, W2PT. In addition, the first Monday of each month is "Missionary Monday." On that day net members are encouraged to bring before the group a specific missionary they pray for and support. The name of the missionary, their field, and a brief description of their work is shared. . Planning is in the initial stages for an ARMS 60th anniversary convention in the Philadelphia area in the summer of 2017. We continue to praise the Lord for his goodness and trust God's blessings will rest on each of you in the coming days.
Larry Hodge
W3PT

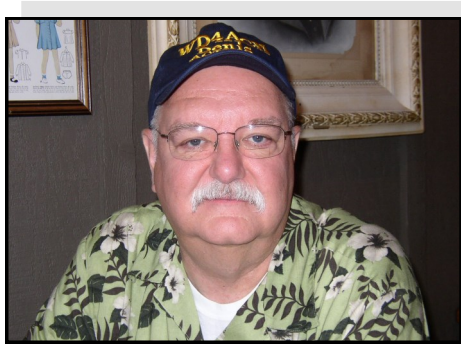


Southeast Section Report:

Denis Parker, WD4ACH.

Greetings from the Southeast Section.

We have had some trying times with propagation as of late. With relays we have got by. If you do not hear us on 7.193 MHZ try 3.889.5 MHZ back-up. Net time 9:00 AM Saturday morning



Our annual get-together this year will be Sept 2-3, 2016 @ the Shelby Hamfest located in the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Shelby, N.C. The Lord willing. We will have dinner on Friday night and attend the Hamfest on Saturday. Have lunch afterwards and head for home the Lord willing .

We have had several with physical problem since our last BEAM. Dave WA4LLR our S.E Section Chaplain had a hip replacement but is doing great now, PTL.

Dave WA4DUP who has had a long battle with a detached Retina has ended up losing his eye and has recently had a prosthetic eye placed. He is doing good, PTL

Dave and his wife Annagaye took a nasty fall on a treadmill and had several orthopedic injuries. They are slowing healing from that. Please pray for them both.

Bobby KC4DOG, our Net manager is still taking care of his Dad who has dementia. Please pray for his Dad.

Ed W4VGI is the busiest man I have ever known. Slow down Ed and smell the coffee!

Raf AI4RA keeps us updated on NASA as he is employed there.

Gerry K4RBZ comes by every Saturday on his way to check into numerous Nets.

Randy N4SX keeps us in suspense of where his linear is. S9+ most nets on 8 watts QRP on his Elecraft. Well that is it from the S.E. section. Keep looking toward the Eastern sky, He is coming John 14:1-3

Bro. Denis WD4ACH

Northwest Section Report:

By Chuck Winter N7AAG

In other Northwest ARMS Section news we were all saddened at our loss of Ora Gifford, KE7BF, Grandview WA, after a long and very courageous battle with bone and then liver cancer. His Lord lifted him safely Home on Easter Eve, April 26th, with his family gathered around his bed singing hymns. He was laid to rest in the Grandview (WA) Cemetery with full military honors recognizing his service in the USAF. The NW crew has pretty much reassembled in their several home QTHs after being away for Snow-birding in Arizona and vacation travel times. KA7HGE, George, Puyallup WA, has a brand spanking new Pacemaker ticking away, replacing the ten year old model. Pat, K7YIR, Bothell WA, is still awaiting a kidney transplant and on dialysis.

Long-time ARMS member and officer/net control Bob Hambly, WA7BYD, Grants Pass OR, stepped away from ham radio after many years and gave his retired equipment to a young aspiring ham in his church.

Chuck/N7AAG

Hebrews 13:3

Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.



Southwestern Section Report

By Sharon Shortess KA7DAC

In February the three ARMS Net PTL's were together again after many years. Mike (K7PTL) and Mary (K3PTL) Rafferty and Dave (W7PTL) Shortess were reunited at the home of Sharon (KA7DAC) Shortess in Catalina, Ariz., where they enjoyed a time of fellowship reminiscing about past ARMS events and "the good old days."

Other recent happenings in the Southwest Section include Mike's (K7PTL) participation in NPOTA (National Parks On The Air) by joining with other hams in activating NP #49, Saguaro National Park near Tucson in March. Ken (AL7AX, net control on Wednesdays) learned a lesson, "a gentle response subdues the beast," when he responded to someone intentionally interfering with the net. Ted (AA7HX) is dealing with some serious new heart issues. Phil (W6NJO) continues to volunteer as a care-giver for seven seniors and is now living in Show Low. Dave (W7PTL) and Sharon (KA7DAC) volunteered at the Wycliffe Center in Catalina, Ariz., during the winter months. Dave helped in the Archiving Department and Sharon was at the Reception Desk.

The SW Section is in need of a section net. If you are interested in getting that going and being net control, please contact me at sharonljensen@q.com or by cell phone 520-449-4659. I do not have 40/75 meter capability.

73 & 99s

Sharon Shortess, KA7DAC

K7PTL

K3PTL

W7PTL



W7PTL KA7DAC K3PTL K7PTL NICE BIKE



Ralph Ohling, WB7OOL (SK), used to serve as pastor to several small churches in Oregon. He told me he was a circuit riding preacher, but because the churches were only 15 miles apart, it was a "short circuit!"



Midwestern Section Report

By **Tom Hauskins , AAØLF**

Greetings to all ARMS members from the Midwest Section.

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” Titus 2:13

The Saturday morning net is growing in popularity on 3.9055 Mhz. We have had some of the nets start out with longer propagation and no one heard each other in the Midwest Section. Once conditions improved, the net started and became better as the morning went on.

We started out the year with our first hamfest located in Perry, Iowa. We had a great turn out at the National Guard Armory with 6 members present. Our next hamfest will be in Des Moines at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on April 16th. We have 6 additional hamfests scheduled throughout the year, and our annual get-together on July 30th at the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Pavekmuseum.org. The rest of the year will be busy.

And now the big one --The First Annual Greater Midwest Radio Show. Please note ARMS Midwest Section is a contributor and there is a link in the flyer to the ARMS web site:

Please mark your calendars early, and plan on joining us for what will become the largest antique radio/vintage electronics/amateur radio show in the Midwest.

The First Annual Greater Midwest Radio Show will be held in Hastings Nebraska on June 18th, 2016.

We are inviting all ham clubs, antique radio clubs, and hobby electronics groups in the Midwest to participate in this big event. Promote your club. Sell and Trade some gear. If your club plans to send a representative or two, let us know early, so we can list your organization on our website as a contributing club.

Please forward this to any organization or club that may be interested.

The public is welcome, and invited!

“Bring your great-grandfather’s old farm radio up from the basement, and we’ll tell you what it is worth”

“Bring in your old tube-type radio or audio gear. “ “Bring old telephone and telegraph equipment”

For more information, see our website at: <http://greatermidwestradio.org/> 73/99

Tom Hauskins, AAØLF

At Perry, IA Hamfest.

Tom Bill Barb
AAØLF , KEØDQQ , KDØNEZ , Pat Craig Bruce
KCØYHV , KCØYHU, KØGE



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2016

- ☐ **Regular** or **Associate** member (only one fee per household) \$ 10.00
- ☐ **Missionary** or **Associate** missionary (full time missionaries are fee exempted)
(**Associate** missionary members are not licensed amateurs) \$ 0
- ☐ ARMS tract, "**Your Best Contact**" (\$3.00 per one hundred for postage) \$____
- ☐ ARMS lapel pin (\$1.00 each) \$____
- ☐ Additional contribution to help with the work of ARMS \$____
- ☐ Please remove my name from the ARMS membership

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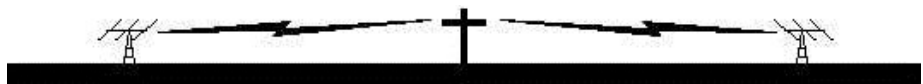
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Webmaster Report By Lew Orcutt NØCX

Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Greetings and Blessings from the beautiful heartland. Band conditions here in the Heartland have not been the best for some time now so hope the pendulum starts swinging back to good conditions soon. Another year has passed and it has been a really busy one for me. Our web site saw many changes this year with new members, silent keys, prayer requests, Ham fest presentations, and much more. It has been a challenge to keep our net control stations current and still not sure I have them correct but it is a privilege and an honor to be your webmaster. I am old fashioned and slow so please keep me informed of things that need changing or I have missed. I miss WB7EIF Wayne and pray all is well with him. Has he left the net completely or just not a net control anymore as I never hear him on the air. Give thanks to the Lord for Frank AGØM and Jerry K1GUP stepping up to fill the open net control position. Our southwest and Canada sections are missing a director so is anyone able to do them. My html program for the web is getting outdated but will keep it going as long as possible since you have to update so much if you try and change. I am still running Microsoft Front Page that stopped support years ago so I guess you can tell I am still old school as even my station is all tube radios. My Swan 350D is all tube but does come with a digital dial so I am moving into the new technology era. If it doesn't glow it is not a radio. Hi Hi. I have been trying very hard to do some evangelism mission projects right here at home but it is hard with the worldview the way we have made it today. We are doing well with mission outreach things in the overseas areas but much is needed right around our churches, local communities, towns and states. We received a visit from James NQ7L and Rhonda Fisher this year and that was a great pleasure to put some faces with a name. And Now: "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand."

Blessings Lew & Mickey Orcutt



1944 Me on the sled



Born at home in 1942 on my dad's farm by Wheaton Minnesota. The Doctor wrote all my vitals on a matchbook he had and this will be a story for me later in life. My first memories of life were on the farm and the chores we had to feed the ducks, gather the eggs, help in the garden and the unending chores needed doing throughout the day.

Many of the chores were with grandpa and the chickens or mixing mash for the ducks and that was fun. It was a very different time then and life was very good. By age 6 I started school in a one room school up the road about 1 mile and it included all eight grades. Dad was still farming with horses and they were a joy to watch work. By the age of eight or nine we moved to a farm in Montour Iowa and I started school in a school in town and rode a school bus. At about age ten I got a

paper route there and had 13 customers in town so would have to walk home after the route and yes here it comes it was about 3 miles. By 12 I was helping the farmer down the road with some hay crops, slopping the pigs and just general farm chores. From there we moved around every few years to Dunbar, Toledo, Texas, back to Garwin and finally to Marion where I met my wife Carol. By then I was turning 17 and she was 13 turning 14 and we met at a sock hop at Armar Ballroom.



1959 Armar Ballroom where we met
I knew at that moment that she was the one for me with that red hair, yellow sweater and

black skirt. I actually did not meet her the first night I saw her and it was some months before we really met there at Armar. I was the country bumpkin and she was the city girl with very little in common. I guess I chased her till she caught me. Hi Hi! No she caught me before she was even aware I was there.



We dated on and off thru high school and I was sure she was for me but she was not sure and we broke up several times. At the last breakup she had promised me to be my prom date and she went to that even though we were not dating anymore. I did some small work through the summer and in the fall of 1962 I joined the Air Force to learn Electronics and went into Early warning Radar. We communicated throughout the next year during basic and tech school and Carol finally decided she liked me and on 10 November 1962 we got married after tech school and headed to Burns Oregon for my first assignment. Getting married back then was much different than today as we had to have blood tests, waiting periods, and since Carol was of a different faith than I we had to take classes from the minister before he would marry us and since I was only 20 and she was 17 we needed permission from both parents plus I needed it from my Base commander because of the age. We had \$150.00 from savings and wedding gifts and we spent \$75.00 of that on a 1953 ford station wagon and loaded with everything we had in the back took off on the adventure of a lifetime with \$75.00 in our pocket. What an amazing \$75.00 ride it has been.

Our first, of three children was born in Burns Oregon on 4 November 1963 and we joined the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and still are of that faith today. The first services there were held in a two car garage till we finally had enough money to build a church building and we, the congregation members, by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit built it through time and talents with our own hands.

During our time in Burns I got my ham ticket and my first used commercial ham radio a Swan 240 in 1965 that was built in 1964. I still have that today among many other Swan radios and accessories. Over the years I handled missionary traffic, emergency traffic, Mars station AK1KB in Alaska and many other activities. As we grew through the years we traveled to many places in the world and saw the unending beauty and wonders of our Gods creation. Some years back I found the ARMS net and really enjoy the Christian fellowship with all our brothers' and sisters in Christ. I am active in some Swan and vintage nets as much as possible and still prefer the glow in the dark radios. Our Lord and savior has blessed us with 3 children, Tammra, Matthew, Bradley, and 10 grandchildren and 3 Great grandchildren. This year will be 53 glorious years with the love of my life and the best friend and companion anyone could pray for so I am truly blessed in my life and with my family here on ARMS and in all that I have and do. Praise God for all the gifts and blessings I have. Amen!



Impromptu Editors Report:

By James Fisher , NQ7L

In the morning I have been in water aerobics so have been unable to check into the net with any regularity. It has been hit and miss for making the Sun afternoon 40 meter net. I am not sure if I will make it to Glacier Hamfest this Summer [<http://www.gwhamfest.org/>]. I hope many of you can make whether I make it or not. Mike Rafferty and others will be there. Have a great summer and God's best.



AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

Financial report for the period

June 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016

Opening Balance June 1, 2015 \$1,946.52

Income

Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 630.00
Gifts	\$ 205.62
Tracts & Pins	\$ 19.22
TOTAL INCOME Year to Date	<u>\$ 854.84</u>

Expenses

Office Supplies	\$ 53.74
Postage & Delivery	\$ 71.23
Printing & Reproduction	\$ 17.56
TOTAL EXPENSES Year to Date	<u>\$ 142.53</u>

Closing Balance March 31, 2016 \$2,658.83

Roger Stubbe – WØZMU

Treasurer

