

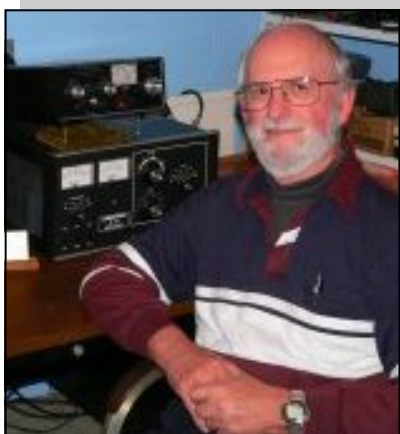
# The BEAM

ARMS Christian Fellowship Group



Fall 2010

## President's Desk:



Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ

## **A NEW ARMS NET:**

There is now a virtual CQ 100 ARMS net which meets on a virtual frequency of 14.307 on Mondays at 2300Z. ARMS members who check-into this computer net include Gerry, K4RBZ, Charlie, K7AQ, Ora KE7BF, Chuck, N7AAG, Gordon, VE7BQA, Stan, KD6WZA, and Dale, K4EQ. Anyone with CQ 100 is invited to join us on the net including those who are overseas.

## **ANOTHER ITEM:**

Plans are being made to place announcements concerning ARMS in the QST and CQ ham magazines as an effort to attract additional members to ARMS. Look for these in the future.

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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 3.900  
 Midwest.....Sat, 0830 3.905  
 South Central..... Sat, 0800 3.925  
 Rocky Mountain..Sat, 0700 3.805  
 Southwest.....Sat 0945 7.233  
 Northwest.....Thurs, 0720 3.965  
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 Friday.....Boyce, K5VSP, Cash, AR  
 Saturday..... Gerry, K4RBZ, Harrisonburg, VA

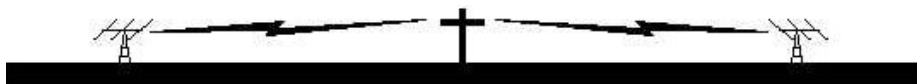
**Midwest Section Report:**

**Arnie Kopischke, WAØDFT**

The Midwest Section of Arms held their annual meeting on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Pizza Ranch in LeSueur, Minnesota and was hosted by Fran, KCØCSU and his XYL Marcy. In attendance were Keith, WA0JGT, Neale, KØLHJ and Arnie, WAØOFT and his XYL Vicky. When we went to the room that was reserved for us, we were joined by a large crew of work men. Unfortunately, none of us spoke Spanish to let them know that the room was reserved for our meeting.

Neale had attended an air show where Mission Aviation Fellowship was featured and he led our program discussing aircraft in the work of missions. We also discussed the use of radio on the mission field using the pre-tuned radios that are given to village leaders, so that the gospel can be presented to a large group. Our meeting ended with a discussion of antenna systems and with that we went to Francis' QTH to see how his system could be improved. Don, WØLSF is in a nursing home in Ames, Iowa, so his station was sold. Karl, WAØTFC is still in a nursing home in St. Peter, Minnesota.

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## South Central Section Report:

### **Boyce Guffey, K5VSP**

*"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord. And all the families of the nations shall worship before you."*

Psalm 22:27.



This is a great verse to remember as we continue to lift up Jesus over the airways. Thanks to the guys in this section for continuing on with the net while I was laid up and couldn't get to the Radio. We still try to operate on 3.925 KHz at 8:00 am (Central Time) on Saturday morning. Note the frequency has been changed.

We are happy to welcome back to the net Mike Rafferty, K7PTL after retiring as an airline pilot for many years. Mike, of course is the ARMS vice president. He is now living in western Montana where he has family. He is known to most of the ARMS hams and puts in a good signal. Stan, KD6WZA is currently on an overland trip to Alaska. He keeps in touch with several of us using the CQ100 program. Wayne, VA7GF keeps active in assisting missionaries in South America with their radio needs. We thank God for the good fellowship we share on the net.

## The Radio Amateur's Prayer:

### **Joe Lanier, KE5NYS**



Check out the frequency on this rig.

## Northwest Section Report:

### **George Wood, KA7HGE**



The Northwest Section of ARMS continues to be active each week with about 10 who check-in regularly including Ora, KE7BF, Chuck, N7AAG, Dave, W7PTL, Wayne, VA7GF, John, K7BXF, Bob, WA7BYD, Gene, K6YIS, Stan, KD6WZA, and I.

We are sorry to announce that Ron Gallop, K7RSS is now a silent key. He went to be with our Lord within the last month. Ron was very regular in checking into the net. Being a former pastor he always had a good message from scripture that blessed us all. His wife also recently passed on to her heavenly home. Ron is survived by several children in the area.

DEAR LORD AND FATHER, HEAR US NOW AS WE CALL TO YOU. RECEIVE THIS, OUR PRAYER. TEACH US TO LISTEN TO YOUR WORD. KEEP US IN TUNE WITH YOUR WILL. GRANT US THE CAPACITY TO OBEY YOUR COMMANDMENTS. HELP US TO RESIST EVIL AND THE SIGNALS OF SATAN. COMMUNICATE TO ALL, ON THE EARTHLY WORLD, THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. TRANSMIT TO THE HEARTS OF ALL THOSE WHO WOULD HEAR, THE COMFORT AND STRENGTH OF YOUR ALMIGHTY POWER. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON AND OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN.

[WWW.WACRAL.ORG](http://WWW.WACRAL.ORG)





## Central Section Report:

**Dr. Doug Schipull, KC9OMS**



space and a kitchen for volunteer groups. Please visit their web site: [www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org)

Dr. Doug with his new Dentron "hand warmer."



## Net Manager's Report:

**Boyce Guffey, K5VSP**

Since my last report in the spring 2010, the summer season has really flown by. Church involvement, Field Day, radio club activities, and all the other things that take over a retired person's schedule have kept me real active. But, I was able to get my HF station up and running. I have a functioning vertical (see photo). I have also added a Dentron 160-10L/572b power amplifier running at 500 watts (see photo). I have now confirmed contacts in 27 states, six countries, and three continents.



Kendall, K5DJU, Boyce, K5VSP, and Eldo, W5ADT

My wife and I have discovered a very effective overseas mission operation. It is *Love Packages* in Butler, IL. This organization sends 20 tons of Christian materials overseas each week. We personally visited them this summer and were given the grand tour of their operation. They take donations of Christian materials, small and large, and encourage volunteers to visit and help sort and package the various types of materials they receive. I am thinking of trying to organize an ARMS retreat and spend some time helping them in their warehouses. They have dormitory



First, I want to thank everybody for praying for me as I had rotator cuff surgery on my right shoulder. As most of you know, a one armed paraplegic doesn't have many options left.

Thanks to all the Net Control operators for being there to keep the net going. As we are still having a lack of propagation which makes it impossible to get to everyone without relays, we do appreciate everyone who helps. Thanks to Kendall, K5DJU, my son for running the net while I was unable to do anything.

*"This is another day that the Lord has made so let us rejoice and be glad in it", Psalm 124:18.*

We will just continue to put our trust in the Lord that all things work together for good for us.



## Treasurer's Report:

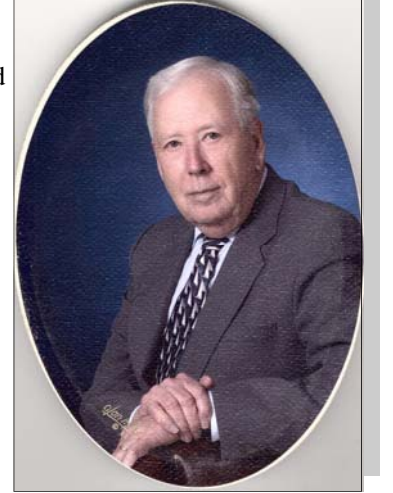
Ora Gifford, KE7BF

<b>Treasurer's Report FY 2010</b>	
<b>Balance as of 5/31/2009</b>	<b>\$3007.73</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues and Gifts Received	\$2569.00
Your Best Contact Tracts	29.00
Lapel Pins	34.00
Interest on Checking Acct.	0.36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2632.36</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5640.09</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
<b>PRINTING:</b>	
Fall 2009 "BEAM"	\$309.90
Spring 2010 "BEAM"	331.53
20,000 Your Best Contact Tracts	871.76
<b>Total Printing</b>	<b>\$1513.19</b>
<b>Postage:</b>	
Reimbursement for Postage:	
Michael Eagen KØRRP	\$970.41
Ora Gifford KE7BF	101.79
<b>Total Postage</b>	<b>\$1072.20</b>
Bank Returned Check Charge	\$14.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$2599.39</b>
<b>Balance as of 5/31/2010</b>	<b>\$3040.70</b>

## Silent Key Frank Barnes, WA5FB:

*Provided by son Russ*

On May 1, 2009 Russell Barnes went home to be with his Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Barnes was born in 1933 in Marion, IN and was 77 years old. He is survived by his wife Elsie, daughters Linda DiStasio and Sandi Winnett, and son, Russ. There is also Mitzi, the white poodle who also still misses him.



Master Sgt. Francis L. "Frank" Barnes was known to his family and friends as a gentle giant who loved the Lord, his family, and friends. He spent time volunteering at churches, hospitals, "and never met a stranger." "He was the most honest person I have ever known", said Wendell Fisher, a childhood friend since the second grade and they remained friends until Frank's death. "He never swore or drank. He lived a godly wholesome life." Fisher relocated to the Gulf coast in 1975.

It was in his high school years that Barnes developed a love for music with his friend Wendell. They were given an opportunity to play on the radio and his love for music stayed with him even after joining the air force and playing at churches around the country wherever he was stationed. At the time of his death he was music minister at Popp's Ferry Baptist Church.

He became a Ham radio operator and was given the call sign WA5FB. He worked in the civil defense office during hurricane Camille and when heart surgery in 2000 restricted his activities he worked from his patio in Biloxi, MS during hurricane Katrina.

Frank retired in 1977 in Biloxi and volunteered three days a week at the Keesler Medical Center and also taught special education at the Ocean Springs School District.

"He devoted his life to the service of the Lord and to his family," his wife of 57 years Elsie said. He believed in helping his neighbor and he was like someone you always knew. He was kindly and outgoing. Her husband always said he wanted a celebration at his funeral, and even though it was very difficult for his wife, children, grandchildren, and friends, they did their best to grant his wish. Four people gave eulogies and at the end Barnes' son and grandson used his instruments to play "I'll Fly Away."

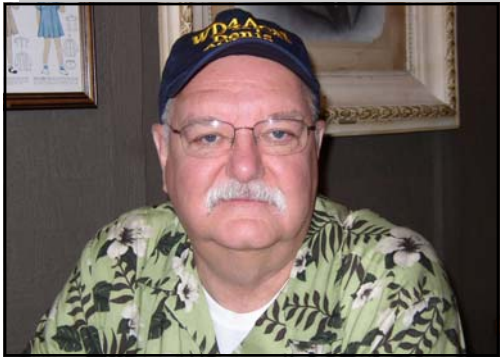




## Southeast Section Report:

### **Denis Parker, WD4ACH**

Greetings in the name that is above all others, the Lord Jesus Christ.



The Southeast Section had its annual get-together this year at the Huntsville, Alabama Hamfest on August 20-21. We met Friday night at the Hampton Inn and went to a Mexican Restaurant for dinner. There were 13 of us in attendance and we had a new couple join us that we met in the lobby of the motel, Mac and Barb McKinney from Panama City, Florida.

After dinner we went back to the motel lobby for a devotional around 8:00 pm Friday evening that was given by our "Section Pastor", Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR. He gave a wonderful Bible study on the end times comparing Noah's Ark to the Lord Jesus Christ as our Ark of safety today. It was as clear a presentation on the gospel of the Lord as I have ever heard. Lots of people in the lobby and passers-by heard the study. Fellowship was very sweet and we wished it could have been longer.

On Saturday we attended the Hamfest in downtown Huntsville at the Von Braun Center. It was one of the best I have ever been to. There were lots of tailgaters and new vendors also. The venue was indoors where the air conditioning made the experience very comfortable.

Raf, AI4RA bought a new ICOM HF rig and Dave, WA4LLR got a new handheld while the rest of us just got knickknacks.

At 12:00 noon we departed the hamfest and went to Chili's for lunch. Afterward, some said goodbye and headed for home while others stayed behind and visited the NASA Space and Rocket Center on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Next year Lord willing we are planning to meet at the Shelby, North Carolina Hamfest on Labor-Day weekend. This is one of the largest hamfests in the U.S. It was another great time together and we are looking forward to our next get-together.

Meanwhile, Mike, KØRRP finally passed his Amateur Extra Class license examination after 53 years in Ham radio.

Keep looking up, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming!

Pictured below are:

Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR, Ervina Gillespie, N4PFZ, Susie Cook, Gerry Cook K4CTN, Andra Parker, KD4CLF, Denis Parker WD4ACH, Mike Eagen, KØRRP, Sharon Eagen, Ed Bradley, W4VGI, Chris Ahmed, Raf Ahmed, AI4RA, Diane Howington, KD4PIG, Bobby Howington, KC4DOG, Mac McKinney, KI4ARJ, and Barb McKinney KI4ARI.



Do you see the rockets behind the crowd?

## ARMS Brochure 2010:

### **Mike Eagen, KØRRP**

I am delighted to announce the printing and distribution of our new AMRS brochure that was created and printed by Joe Lanier, KE5NYS. Joe suggests that we mail or hand deliver the brochure to prospective Christian hams that may be in your church or local radio club.

I have approximately 950 copies of the brochure and have included three copies to each of you. Since the cost for mailing individual copies is very high, we will need to limit the distribution along with the BEAM mailings. THANKS JOE!



Joe Lanier, KE5NHS



**Eastern Section Report:**

**Larry Hodge, W2PT**

The Eastern Section of the ARMS net continues to be very active. We meet three times a week. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 am local time and on Saturdays at 9:00 am local time. Each check-in does a transmission, then we have a portion of scripture read by the net control followed by any items for prayer. Then a second transmission is made by each one. We maintain a prayer list which is sent by e-mail periodically to all who wish to receive it. The list contains missionary requests as well as personal requests from the group. The first Monday of each month is "Missionary Monday." Each check-in brings the name of a missionary family that they support, or know, to the net. These are then included in the prayer letter.

On August 28 we had our annual picnic (see photo below) at the home of John, WB2SQX and XYL Sue Babbit in Canisteo, NY. Those present were Don, K3RYV and XYL Adele, Larry, W2PT and XYL Pat, Bill, N2LJN and XYL Shirley, Wally, VA3WIT and XYL Judy, John, WB2SQX and XYL Sue, Paul, K2QCG and XYL Jenny, and Corky, WA2KKF.

Net control duties are shared among the group and include Bob, W2CYO, Duane, AA2JI, John, WB2SQX, Wally, VA3WIT, Corky, WA2KKF, Don, K3RYV, Bill, WB1DQT, and Larry, W2PT.

If anyone has a prayer request that they would like added to the prayer list you may e-mail it to lhodge50@aol.com. May God bless each of you in the coming months.



*Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ... Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.*

Col. 4: 2-4, NLT

**Silent Key Ronald H. Gallop, K7RSS:**

Ronald H. Gallop, 86, of Forest Grove, OR, died November 17, 2009. He had moved from his home in Otis, OR in early 2009 in order to be close to his wife, Betty, who was in an assisted care facility in Forest Grove. While there he was diagnosed with cancer.

During his days in Otis he would check-in regularly on the 20m National Net as well as each week on the Northwest Section Net on 75m phone.

Ron was a retired pastor and often would share a "mini sermon" for his turn at the mic. He liked to remind us that his call sign meant "Radio's Sweetest Sound."

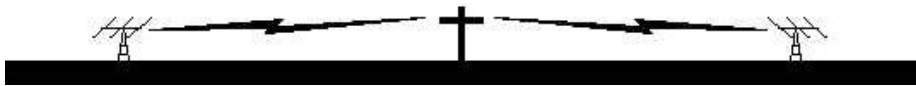
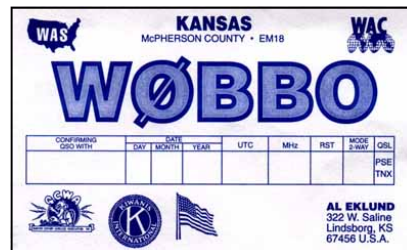
He is missed by all of his ham friends who are confident that we will indeed meet again.



Ron Gallop and XYL Betty

**Silent Key Alfred Eklund, WØBBO:**

We received a note from Marion Eklund regarding the home going of her husband, Al Eklund, WØBBO on August 2, 2010. He had been in a nursing home for 1-1/2 years and had been a Ham over 55 years. Marion's address is 322 Saline St., Lindsborg, KS 67456.



### Silent Key Kenneth Finch, W5TUM:

Kenneth G. Finch, W5TUM, 94 of Greenbrier, AR, passed away Friday, April 16, 2010. He was born in St. Paul, MN. Kenneth was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a Navy veteran of WWII and member of Crosspoint Baptist Church of Greenbrier. Kenneth had worked for the St. Paul Police Dept., Chicago Northwestern Railroad and Virco, but is probably best known as the owner/operator of "Last Stop Fix-It" in Damascus, AR, where he repaired CB radios. He was a former Fire Chief for the Damascus Fire Dept., a HAM radio operator and member of ARRL, and a member of the Model Railroad Club. A daughter, Barbara McCoy Dempsey, grandson Noah Cunningham and two sisters also preceded him in death.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife of 73 years Euna B. Hoagland Finch; sons: Terrance Finch and wife Judith of Rochester, MN and Gary Finch and wife Shawn of Greenbrier, AR; daughters: Sandra Conrad-McKim and husband Hurshel of Conway, AR, Donna Petroske and husband Leo of Big Lake, MN, Wanda Cunningham and husband Earl of Redvers, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Laura Finch-Moore and husband Bobby of Jacksonville, AR; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-nine great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren and a host extended family and friends.

Roger Stubbe, WØZMU who provided this information worked with Ken for a couple of years at the E.F. Johnson Co. of Waseca, MN. As we all know E.F. Johnson was a well-known manufacturer of Ham radio equipment until they exited the market. Ken had a small acreage a mile outside Waseca, a ham operator's dream with a windmill right next to the house. But, equally important to him was the barn, the ability to raise a few animals and basically "do what he wanted to do, without interference."

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Our Midwest Section net meets on Saturday at 8:30 am local time on 3.905 MHz or lower. Frank, AGØM is net manager, and has been the only net control for many months as I have been inactive. Frank tells me that we get maybe three or four check-ins. **I still would like to bow out of being the Midwest Section Director so if interested, contact me.**

In closing, tell others what Jesus has done for you. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



### Silent Key Rev. Kenneth Hardin, N8FHK:

Rev. Kenneth L. Hardin, age 94 of Farwell, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Friday, May 7, 2010. Kenneth was born on March 18, 1916 in Clinton, Illinois. He was united in marriage to Thelma Mae Hargis on March 31, 1937. Rev. Hardin was saved in 1931; he entered the ministry in 1936. Together he and Thelma ministered in Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, California, Washington, Idaho and Michigan; they had resided in Michigan since 1953. During the years in Michigan they pastored in White Cloud, Boyne City, Marshall, Clare, St. Helen, Mt. Pleasant, and Assistant Pastored in Harrison. Field work for Rev. Hardin consisted of Seminars and Special Services. Rev. Hardin also served as Dean of Michigan Extension for Ridgedale Theological Seminary of Chattanooga, TN, later serving as Vice President and President Pro Tem. Rev. Hardin had lived in the Clare and Farwell areas since 1965. He enjoyed Ham Radio, woodworking, and had authored 13 books. Rev. Hardin will be remembered for his Godly legacy and his family wishes to thank Mid Michigan Hospice for the wonderful care provided since January of this year.

Rev. Hardin is survived by his wife Thelma; his daughter Cheryl (Ron) Cook of Farwell; a brother David Hardin of Lynchburg, Virginia; two grandchildren Becky (Matt) Gillis and Jim (Jennifer) Cook; as well as six great grandchildren Halee, Jordyn, Makenna, Trent, Landon and Katie. Rev. Hardin was predeceased by his parents, as well as siblings Herschel and Ruth Childress.

### Canadian Section Report:

#### *Art Hiebert, VE5ARJ*

I'm coming to you from the N.E. of Saskatchewan, Canada. We do not have a very big group here as there are only four of us. We are all involved in the Christmas drama coming up Nov. 14th, 15th, & 16th called *Bethlehem Live* which our church is doing for the third year. It is a 20-minute live narration & walk through of the Christmas story with fully dressed actors, animals, etc. You start a tour in the church (as a family going to Bethlehem for the census) with the angel appearing to Mary & to Joseph and then continue on outside where you encounter Roman centurions (some mounted on horseback), the shepherds in the fields & other families traveling to Bethlehem. You arrive in the city at a very busy marketplace where you are encouraged to spend your money but you need to save it to pay your taxes. You visit the inn - "NO ROOM" and are suggested maybe you could stay in the stable. When you arrive there you meet Mary & Joseph and baby Jesus.

After the tour everyone is invited into the Christmas decorated gym for cake & hot chocolate & visiting. The event is an outreach into the community as there were close to 800 people who took the tour the first year and over 1000 last year.

