

The BEAM

ARMS Christian
Fellowship Group



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From The President's Desk

We now find ourselves in the final quarter of 2022 and enjoying more days of favorable propagation on HF. We still have the familiar challenges but overall our nets continue successfully.

It is encouraging to have visitors check into a net and especially when they return on the following days to join in the fellowship. I find it so interesting to get to know the new folks and hear of their encounters with the Lord as well as their participation in sharing the gospel.

We have had a number of cases in the last few months of physical trouble experienced by some in our ARMS fellowship family. We have embraced them all in prayer, trusting our Lord for His healing touch and encouragement also for those who are most intimately affected. That has been the M.O. for our group for over 65 years and will continue as long as the ARMS group exists. May the Lord God give them comfort and healing and may He be glorified in all that is done.

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ARMS Christian Fellowship Section Nets

(Local time: Frequency in MHz)

Eastern.....	Mon 0715	3.907
	Sat, 0900	3.907
Southeast.....	Sat, 0900	3.902
Midwest.....	Sat, 0700	3.905.5
South Central	No net at the present	
Central.....	Thu, 2000	Not fixed
Rocky Mountain..	No net at the present	
Southwest.....	Sat 0945	7.233
Northwest.....	Thurs, 0730	3.965
20-Meter.....	Mon-Sat, 1000 ET	14.3075
	0900 CT	
	0800 MT	
	0700 PT	

20 Meter Net Control Stations

Monday.....Mike, K7PTL, Stevensville, MT

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

Wednesday.....Frank, AG0M, Cherokee, IA

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

Friday.....Lew N0CXY, Carroll, IA

Saturday.....Frank, AG0M, Cherokee, IA &
Dean, K0TVJ, Mesa, AZ

RELAYS ARE NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED



*Left; Jay—K7ETB and right Roger—W0ZMU
In Central Park, Pella, IA*

Face to Face Fellowship

I had the unexpected blessing of having one of our west coast ARMS members stop by for a visit not many days ago.

Jay—K7ETB and his wife Sandra were on his way to Wisconsin for a conference and other business and arranged for an overnight here in Pella (about 45 miles southeast of Des Moines. My wife, Joyce and I were able to join them for breakfast the next morning at the Windmill Café.

Besides some good old bacon and eggs, we enjoyed some good fellowship and sharing together. I encourage others, as you have opportunity, to do the same.

Roger—W0ZMU



Southeast Section Report



Bro Denis Parker WD4ACH

The Southeast Section of ARMS is still meeting at 3.902 MHz every Saturday morning @ 9:00 AM. EDT/EST.

We have had a lot of problems with propagation and poor signals, but the Lord has made it possible for us to continue meeting. We have tried earlier morning hours at numerous times, to see if propagation improved, but we still received mixed reports.

Those faithful to check in include:

WA4LLR Dave, North Carolina.

AI4RA Raf, Alabama

W4VGI Ed, Tennessee

KM4THH Richard, Tennessee

KC4DOG Bobby, Net Control, Georgia

WD4ACH Denis, Tennessee

WD4DNE Cecil, Virginia

K4RBZ Gerry, Virginia

WA4ZIZ Dick, Virginia

N4AOW John, Tennessee

K4LWJ Ray, North Carolina

WB4OOA Ron, North Carolina, has relocated to Missouri. We look forward to hearing him check in, when he gets settled.

The weather has turned cooler here in the Southeast and we're looking forward to the beautiful Fall foliage.

Again, let me encourage all in the Southeast group to join us every Saturday morning.

The Bible is being fulfilled at a rate faster than we ever imagined. We, the SE group, believe that we are in the end times and that Jesus Christ is coming soon. I Thessalonians 5: 1

73 & 99 Brother Denis Parker—WD4ACH

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Here is a line from my article in The Beam about 2 ½ years ago.

"We are still looking for someone (or 2) to step up to the Friday 20 meters Net Control position and the Net Manager role."

We are in the same position now as we were then. Is there no one who will stand up and help us in this ministry? We currently have 3 stations who are serving as NCS twice a week.

In the book of *The Acts of the Apostles* we read of the establishment of the church and spread of Christianity. Peter and John were preaching to the crowds of Jesus' resurrection that resulted in thousands who received His Word and were baptized. There is salvation in no one else – Jesus only. We see in chapter 4 the hearers were "amazed and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus."

It caused me to ponder our ARMS net activity. Is it an encouraging message that draws people to Christ? Do the listeners recognize they have been listening to The Gospel from people who have been with Jesus?

As always, I am trusting the life of Christ is being manifested in our mortal bodies as our ARMS nets meet throughout the week.

May the Lord richly bless you all.

73 / 99

Mike - K7PTL



Missionary Update

After serving 21 years with Trans World Radio (TWR), Anna Gay and I moved to Madison, Georgia in 1987 to continue our missionary service with Source of Light Ministries (SLM). In 2005, we were seconded to Neighborhood Gospel Missions (NGM) and moved to Lexington, Georgia.

Our task was to coordinate the development and construction of the NGM Camp and Conference Center. This included the renovating of the former Bethesda Methodist Church to be used for the Home Office, clearing the pine forest on adjoining 30 acres of land for the camp, and constructing new buildings..

June 24, 2022, marked the very first day of the very first week of summer camp at Camp Bethesda! There were nine decisions for salvation, and twenty other life-changing decisions were made.

On a more personal note, in 2013, we moved back to Madison and on May 31, 2016, after 50 years of missionary service, the status of Anna Gay and I shifted to “retire” mode, but in reality, it is “semi-retire” or “retread” mode. We continue to help in the ministries of both SLM and NGM. Anna Gay assists in the SLM Discipleship School working with Spanish Bible correspondence students, and I am adding Scripture references to English lesson grading keys. I am also helping with various Camp Bethesda projects from our NGM Field Office in our home. We make it a point to hand out Bibles, New Testaments, and tracts to those who God brings across our path.

On October 3, the results of a needle biopsy showed that Anna Gay has the early stages of CD10-Positive B-Cell Lymphoma (blood type cancer). On October 6, she had an appointment at University Cancer and Blood Center, Athens, Georgia to learn what test/treatments are recommended. Your prayers are needed and appreciated as we go through this new experience. The promise in Romans 8: 28 is a great encouragement to us, especially at this time.

73 and 99 to all,

David—WA4DUP

Some Food For Thought

“They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green (one translation has it ‘fresh and flourishing’)” Psalm 92:14 NIV

By His grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit, I want to continue to be fruitful and flourishing like an older tree with great fruit on its aging limbs.

“Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the Lord said to him, ‘you are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess.’ ” Joshua 13:1 ESV

Even though I am older, there is much to do for the Kingdom and, like Caleb when he was 80, I want to continue to try impossible things, climb difficult mountains, do what I've never done; all for Jesus.

“So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.” Psalm 71:18 ESV

Lord, you know better than I do that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's life. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it does seem a pity not to use it all, but I do want a few friends at the end. Seal my lips on my aches and pains; they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I don't ask for improved memory, but for growing humility, and a lessened arrogance when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with. A bitter old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see the good things in unexpected places and gifting in ordinary people, and give me the grace to tell them so.

Chuck—N7AAG



Canadian Section Report

With the lapsing of COVID restrictions, life is slowing getting back to SOP, standard operational procedures.

On a personal note, Roylene's health has greatly improved, to God be the glory. Truly a miracle recovery with regard to her blood count, daily under 10 now. The power of prayer! This coupled with a 10 lb. loss of fluid made it possible for her to attend the wedding of our eldest grand daughter on August 13th, at which I was honoured to officiate.



Recently, Stu **K7ALM**, has provided a weekly ZOOM connection. This is a great way to put a face to the voice we are so used to hearing, thanks also to Gerry (with a G), for acting as Host. As we continue to pray for Shirley's recovery from her multiple fractures.

Great to hear Joe **VY2JC**, back on the air with his new Nova Scotia call **VE1JCC**. Speaking of the Maritimes, the east coast has recently been hit with Hurricane 'Fiona' and we are praying for our friends & family for a safe recovery. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the passing of our dear Queen Elizabeth II on September 8. at age 96. Having reigned for 70 years. Now Canada, as a Constitutional Monarchy has her eldest son Charles as head of state, King Charles III. Long live the King!

In closing, the 'long hot summer' has given way to cooler fall mornings, now we pray for lots of rain.

73/99—Roland Corkum VA7RA

Eastern Section Report

The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to meet on 3.907 on Mondays at 0715 and on Saturdays at 0900 local time. The first Monday of the month is Missionary Monday when we share updates on the Missionaries we support and pray for. Our weekly nets are a good time of fellowship and a time of sharing.

Our faithful check-ins are: Paul **KC2VEP**, Bob **KB2EAH**, Bill **WB1DQT**, Jerry **K1GUP**, Duane **AA2JI**, Bill **N2LJN**, John **K2GQG**, Don **WA3CMT**, Dave **N3DS**, Roy **W3ZIF**, Gerry **W3RBZ**, and Tom **N7GBH**. A Good time of fellowship is had by all.

John S Babbitt, K2GQG

From Ray, K4LWJ

Dear Partners in our work,

I leave today (Oct. 5th) for Arizona and on to Santa Ana Sonora, Mexico. I am invited by the Mexican director (Humberto) of the Spirit of Martyrdom to attend a conference by leaders from all over Mexico.

Humberto and Ceci have a vision to reach all the indigenous people in Mexico with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Humberto wants me to look at ways to improve some low-power FM stations. The plan is to return home October 14th.

My next trip after this one will be to Colombia November 1 -17 to visit some families and reestablish a short wave broadcast station where we lived for 20 years.

I am grateful to the Lord for open doors to use my radio skills to make it possible for isolated people groups to hear by radio God's Word in their language.

Thank you to each one of you for your partnership with us by your prayers and financial help.

God bless,

Ray and Doris Rising
Ethnic Radio



From the Secretary/Treasurer

A few notes from this side. Membership has grown a little since the last report, although there are a number of members that have reached the three year limit on dues. Our By-Laws say that if a member is three years in arrears, they are moved to a "inactive" category:

Current membership with the date to which they are paid:

Number	Paid to
8	Missionary
23	31-May-19
12	31-May-20
18	31-May-21
20	31-May-22
27	31-May-23
12	31-May-24
2	31-May-25
4	Beyond 2025
126	TOTAL

We would really not like to move a member to "inactive". If you want to know how you stand, please contact me: w0zmu@outlook.com.

As for finances, we are in pretty good shape. Here is where we stand as of the end of September.

AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

Financial Report

June 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022

Opening Balance June 1, 2022 \$ 7,196.14

Income

Dues	\$	170.00
Gifts	\$	24.00
Tracts and Pins	\$	6.00
Total Income \$		200.00

Expenses

Office Expenses	\$27.72
Postage	\$39.34
Printing & Copies	\$7.10
Expenses \$	74.16

Closing Balance Sept. 30, 2022 \$ 7,321.98

Of this balance, \$1,006.40 is in a fund in memory of WØQCB, a long time leader in the Midwest Section

Rocky Mountain Section Report

Someone please slow down time. Where did summer go. It's like it burned up. We went through it so fast!

This summer I had to do several large house projects. Four doors were replaced. Two fence posts were rotted and replaced. I have new kitchen and bathroom faucets. Some painting was done on my chimney. Railings were installed on the front steps and a gutter was installed over the steps and many other projects. For much of this work I had to have some help as I cannot lift a door and carry it around like I used to do. The help cost but it was worth it. This took about 6 weeks working several days per week and about 4-6 hours a day. Between Lowe's and Amazon I am broke.

In July we went up north to the Glacier Ham Fest (<https://www.gwhamfest.org/>). There were about a hundred attendees. The number was down from before Covid. I meet a lot of people I hear on the air but only see in person once a year. Mike—**K7PTL** and Mary—**K3PTL** were two of them. We had a great time swapping ham radio war stories and ARMS remembrances like Charlee Cox. Always good to see those two and many others. There was a lot of ham gear for sale and some good prices. I did pick up a Heathkit Power Supply and a trinket or two of other things. I am still looking for a project radio for the winter like a Heathkit or Hallicrafters. Well there is always Ebay.

In early Sept we went to the Archeological Site Ham Gathering near Hyattville, WY. About 30 people were there and another good time of fellowship and swapping stories. Pickings were poor here so no purchases.

Along with my ministries I mentioned in my last report I am now doing the Tides for KYKD for the last part of the month. This amounts to about 12 to 15 tide reports I need to record and transfer to the station in Alaska. This helps the Station Manager.

I am still water exercising at The Y in the morning so miss the net. I do try to pick the net up mobile if possible on the way to or from The Y.

God's best to all and thanks to all who exalt Christ through ARMS.

73 & 99, James Fisher NQ7L



The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

“Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38. Amen, the laborers are few today and the harvest is overpowering so lets go to:

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28. So God makes the work easy and fun as we move unto his work with:

“For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.” Matthew 18:11. It is not with the 99 inside the church building where we hold our services, but is with the one that is lost outside that building.

2022 has been a season of many changes for me and one of them is in April I celebrated the 41st anniversary of my 39th Birthday. My actions have seemed to slow down a bit so I have had to drop a few activities from my agenda while adding more amount of family time to them.



The big change is my wife requires more of my time as a caregiver so had to step away from some other things. . She took a serious fall this summer and was black and blue everywhere but is recovering from that fine so far

I dropped my Friday Net Control task. I surely miss the fellowship and comradery there but check in as often as I can. I did make it to the ARMS table at the Perry, Iowa Ham fest this year and made a connection with Tom AAØLF and with Roger WØZMU I also managed to buy another old Swan Cygnet 260 Transceiver.

The parts for my Cushcraft vertical finally arrived so was able to rebuild that and put it back on the pole. Also dug the Swan 400 out from the dust under the desk and cleaned and repaired and aligned it and it is going 100%. And thanks to my brother, 60 miles north of me in Cherokee, Frank AG0M, with a tube tester he gave me and some 6LQ6 sweep tube finals my Swan Cygnet 1200 W is back on the air.

My wife took a serious fall this summer and was black and blue everywhere but is recovering from that fine so far, then had an episode of low blood count. Praise the Lord for taking excellent care of her and us! It has been a very good year and we got back on track somewhat and this month we went on a camping trip to Springbrook Lake as we had not had the camper out in about 3 years.

I made the usual walk around the lake several times but Mickey was not able to even go with her scooter. That walk is a great time with God in all the peace and quiet and the beauty he provides.



The walking stick I used is the one my wife made me many years ago for that very walk for my Walks with God, ***“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.” Ephesians 5:2:***

That is my year in a nutshell, guys and it has been a very good year, Praise the Lord!!

Lew Orcutt/N0CXY - Webmaster



Northwest Section Report

Our oldest ARMS member here is Bob, **WA7BYD** in Grants Pass Oregon. He turned 99 in April. I hear from him by way of text messages and a written note once in a while. It does him and Mae so much good to know they are not forgotten and he invariably asks me to pass on his greetings to the ARMS Gang. They still live in their own home under the watchful eyes of their son Tom and daughter, Libby.

The QTH for Stan, **KD6WZA**, is Happy Camp, California where Stan still pastors the Happy Camp Bible Church, where he has ministered for some 40 years.

Thanks to Stu, **K7ALM**, our ARMS ZOOM NET has been active for several months now and provides a new means for our ham family to stay in touch. If you would like to join in this every Monday afternoon at 4PM -Pacific Time – call or email Stu. (uggenstu@msn.com). Stu and wife, Susan, make their home in Bremerton, Washington. Stu has recently assumed the chaplaincy in a large care facility there.

Long time ARMS members, David, **W7PTL** and wife, Sharon, **KA7DAC** will soon be relocating from their home in Port Angeles, Washington, back to



Tucson, Arizona. We look forward to keeping touch on 20 meters.

Roland, **VA7RA**, and wife Roylane, anchor the far north reaches of our Northwest Net in Burnby, BC. Roland takes a morning walk around a nearby lake, watching out for the rumor that it is “home to a whale.”

Mike, **K7PTL**, and Mary, **K3PTL**, make their home in Montana’s Bitterroot Valley which is their spring-summer home. Mike is our ARMS President. He loves to RV, fish, hike and take his morning daily run (WHEW!!) They will soon be heading south to their winter home in Tucson, Arizona.

Jason, **K7ETB**, Bandon, Oregon, has been having antenna issues, but hope to soon be able to check in.

Gene Knight, **K6YIS**, Leaburg, Oregon, has been able to check in several times and hope to soon do so on a basis. Don’t give up Gene!

Dave, **KE4EW**, and his wife Patsy, live in Sandpoint, northern Idaho. He checks in regularly. Patsy is in a care facility nearby, where he and family can visit her. Please pray for her physical/medical needs.

Ken, **AL7AX**, and Darlene, make their home in Spokane, Washington, where transmission lines and location make it impossible for him to have a station. We keep in touch via email and he continues an interest in the doings of the Net and his many ham friends.

Peter, **KG7MVH**, and his wife, Diane, live on the Yakima Reservation in a town called Harrah in Washington state. He pastors the Harrah Grace Brethren Church.

Gordon, **VE7BQA**. In Kamloops BC, is no longer radio active. He has been unable to respond to my emails and we pray he is OK.

N7AAG, Chuck. I make my home in Central Washington in the community of Sunnyside. I serve on staff at the Sunnyside Grace Brethren Church as pastor to seniors. My ham time reaches back many years to when we would carry traffic for foreign missionaries. I just learned recently that one of those contacts between a now Doctor and young lady in Harrah resulted in their marriage.

Chuck Winter/N7AAG Sunnyside WA



Midwest Section Report

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

The Midwest Section of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service continues to be very active. Our net meets Saturday 7:00 AM central time at 3905.5 kHz. We average 10 to 15 check-ins each week.

Band conditions have improved since the last report. Midwest Section members who have Digital Mobile Radio, DMR, contact each other on the TGIF network, Talk Group 7399. Some of the Midwest Members monitor the TG off and on during the week. Give a call. We start at 6:00 AM Central time until the HF net at 7:00 AM Central time. We also log into the ARMS chat room to connect with members who do not have DMR. We get 6 or more on each mode. Anyone who would like to join us on DMR or the chat room, you are very welcome. If you have not checked into the ARMS Chat room, please see the instructions on the ARMS website about how to check in. The Midwest Section now have its own web site thanks to Craig, **KCØYHU**. Check it out at <https://qsl.net/ka0rms/>

Hamfests are back! The Midwest Section have been to 3 hamfests so far this reporting period; Central City, IA; Columbus Junction, IA and Davenport, IA.. We passed out many brochures and tracts and visited with attendees about ARMS and Jesus.

The Midwest Section held a get-together in Woodbury MN on September 10th 2022. This year it was hosted by Bruce Wahlin, **KØGE**. A good time was enjoyed by everyone attending.

73 & 99—Tom, AAØLF

From the Shortess Family

We've been **really** busy this past week working with our realtor to get the house listed, which I wanted to have happened a month ago. But, I'm sure this is in God's timing. She's taken all the pictures now and we will meet with her on Friday to sign the papers. We know God has a buyer in mind and we're trusting Him to work it all out.

We get the U-Haul truck on Nov. 14 and hope to get it loaded that day. A "moving crew" from church will come to help. We will leave on the 15. Dave's daughter, driving his car, will drop us off at a hotel near SeaTac airport, where we'll spend the night and fly out on the 16th to Tucson, our new home.. His son will be driving the U-Haul and his daughter will catch up with him after dropping us off. My daughter will pick us up in Tucson and take us to my house. My car is already in Tucson, so we will have a way to get around until his kids arrive a couple of days later. Of course, these are our plans, but we know God is the one who will direct our paths.

Blessings!

David—W7PTL & Sharon—KA7DAC



At the Des Moines Amateur Radio Association Hamfest. Left to Right: Craig—**KCØYHU**, Dennis—**KKØDJ**, Tom—**AAØLF**, Barb—**KDØNEZ**, Roger—**WØZMU**, “Doc”—**KØHTS** and **KFØDNY**—Dan (son of **KKØDJ**)



Membership renewal

(Membership runs from June 1 to May 31 of the following year)

☐ Regular or Associate member (only one fee per household) \$10.00

☐ Missionary or Associate missionary (full time missionaries are fee exempted).....\$0.00

(Associate missionary members are not licensed amateurs)

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☐ ARMS lapel pin (\$3.00 each) \$ _____

☐ Additional contribution to help with the work of ARMS..... \$ _____

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