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Fall 2026

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From The President's Desk

"This is the day the LORD has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

Greetings from Marion, Iowa

In this edition, I am pleased to welcome new members, share an update on the ARMS Christian Fellowship Net, and offer a few highlights from our recent travels.

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	Local Time: Fequency in MHz	
Eastern	Monday 0700	3.907
	Saturday 0900	3.907
Southeast	Saturday 0900	7.185
Midwest	Saturday 0700	3.9055
South Central		
Central	Thursday 2030	7.233
Rocky Mountain		
Southwest	Saturday 0945	7.233
Northwest	Thursday 0730	3.965
20 Meter Net	Mon-Sat 9-11 Central	14.307

20 Meter Net Control Stations

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

Tuesday……... Jerry, K1GUP, Carmel, ME

Wednesday…….. Roland Corkum, VA7RA, Vancouver BC

Thursday……. Lew NØCXY, Willey, IA

Friday…….. Ron Kassen, W0RVK, Harrisonville, MO

Saturday…….. Tom Hauskins, AA0LF, Marion, IA &
Dean, KØTVJ, Mesa, AZ

RELAYS ARE NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED

ARMS Section Map



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Continued from the President

Please join me in welcoming David Lopez, KB6WHV, and his wife, Magdalena, W7FSH, of Northridge, California.

We continue to have a great 20-meter ARMS Christian Fellowship Net Monday through Saturday on 14.307 MHz from 1400 Zulu until 1600 Zulu. Please note we have reduced the Saturday net to 1 hour since we have been getting very few check-ins after the first hour. If we start getting more check-ins, we will resume the two-hour net.

Since the last edition of the Beam, Deb and I have been busy, including a trip to the New England states in the middle of September. We spent 12 days visiting historic sites, including: Saratoga Battlefield, Fort Ticonderoga, and Lexington and Concord. We spent time traveling down the coast seeing the beautiful wonders of God's creation. We finished off with a visit to Gettysburg and the National Museum of the Air Force. Also included was a stop at the Star Trek Museum where Captain Tom sat in the big chair of the USS Enterprise.

The 70th ARMS Convention for 2027 is coming together. More information will be sent out as soon as it becomes available.

73 and God bless,
Tom, AAØLF





70th ARMS Convention -- 2027

Convention Date and Format

The 70th Amateur Radio Convention will be held May 15, 2027. Everyone is welcome to attend in person. In-person attendance is expected to be low, so a Zoom option will also be available for anyone who wishes to participate remotely.

Zoom Access and Practice Session

To try Zoom before the convention, join a session on Mondays at 23:00 UTC using the link below:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82407071751?pwd=4H5WPk29DTTkv72Te3AhEdf7accQTW.1
The link on May 15, 2027, will begin at 1600 UTC

Venue

The convention will be held at Hotel Renovo, 11167 Hickman Road, Urbandale, Iowa. I have reserved a meeting room that will accommodate both in-person and remote participation. For overnight accommodations, the hotel will send me a reservation link for a block of rooms at a discounted rate.

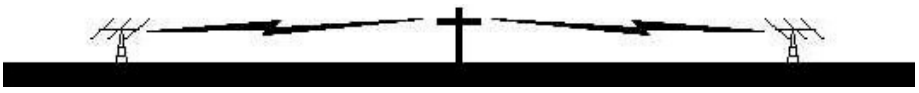
Participation

I encourage as many as possible to attend in person. Those who are unable to travel may participate by Zoom.

Airport Transportation

Hotel Renovo provides shuttle service between Des Moines International Airport and the hotel for attendees flying to the convention. Attendees are not required to stay at this hotel, but I would recommend you make reservations early. There are many other hotels in the area.

73/99
Tom, AAØLF



From Lew Orcutt Webmaster



Greetings brothers in ARMS. It has been a rough time for me since the last beam writing. Early on I caught Pneumonia and was in the hospital 4 days. This left me with very little strength and with muscle lose. Then my Granddaughter got out of prison, PTL, and moved in with me to help out. Then my youngest son had a relapse on alcohol and was evicted from home so I had him here also. Being no help there we sent him off to Redemption house in Minnesota for recovery. Finally feeling some better health wise and got most of my Vamper van finished and took it out to Springbrook for a week with my sister. Great fishing and a great fish fry from it all. My daughter and husband came camping also so a good time was had. Now lets all get wound up and ready for our 70th ARMS convention. Spread the word and encourage all. I am excited for that as I am feeling pretty well again. I keep looking for info to post on our web but not much comes. I can post member bios, prayer requests, area info, ARMS info, Buy sell or trade info ... and all kinds of stuff keep me up to date. Let me know if the sections and net times are right as they seem to change a lot. This is not good for our output, web listings for people to find us on a regular basis. Lets try and keep Saturdays at the full two hours time as then we are needed I would think. Let me know if your web site needs to be different or reorganized in some way or if there is two much there. Lean and mean is always better so to speak.

Your webmaster Lew Orcutt N0CXY

Acts 20:24 KJV But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Membership Report

Number	Paid To
9	Missionary
2	Associate
0	5/31/2023
6	5/31/2024
7	5/31/2025
25	5/31/2026
48	Beyond 2026
97	TOTAL

From the Secretary / Treasurer



Greetings from South Dakota!...Where did summer go? Our Summer and Fall have not been the typical South Dakota seasons. I am sure that your weather has probably been a little different this year as well.

Our plans were to go to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota so Darlene could receive a new Car-T treatment for her cancer. How often do we think that our plans are the Lord's plans. When we arrived at the clinic in late August, we were told that Darlene's cancer numbers were too high and her blood counts were to low for her to receive the treatment. She then was given 4 days of continuous drip chemo treatment. We had to step back and say Lord you are in control. We will follow your will. Did we get down hearted? I would love to say no but we did. We realized this was another lesson to learn.

When you receive this edition of the Beam, we will be at the Mayo Clinic hopefully receiving the treatment she was to get in August. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers for Darlene. She tells me..."Make sure you tell everyone Thank You!"

I have not been able to be on the radio and the 20 meter net as much as I would have liked to be. But you have priorities that must come first. The Lord then family then church then "the other things". I am still working on that one.

If when you receive the Directory, please make sure that your information is up to date. Please let us know if your email is up to date as well if you view the Directory on the website. If you would like to receive a "physical" copy of the BEAM, please let me know.

Also if you are not sure if your dues are up to date, let me know and I can give you the information. My email is N0LRB605SD@gmail.com and my cell phone is listed on the ARMS website.

Thank you for letting me serve the ARMS group!

Larry Brock
N0LRB

Southeast Section Report



Greetings from the South East Section.

Greetings from the Southeast Section. With the coming of Fall, conditions on 40 meters have been improving. During the summer, band conditions have been challenging to say the least. Even with the adverse conditions, we have had 8 - 10 stations who faithfully made every effort to check in. Bobby, KC4DOG our net control station continues to serve the Lord with the Gideons. He has also operated portable from several camping locations this summer. Denis, WD4ACH, our alternate net control station, has been dealing with high SWR and medical issues, but he continues to participate in street ministry among other things. Dave, WA4DUP, and Anna Gay have been dealing with medical issues but the Lord has brought them through and they have received good reports. They both continue to serve the Lord is various ways. Raf, AI4RA, is participating in an online ministry to believers in India, and praying about a mission trip to do so in person this coming February. He would appreciate your prayers. Dick, WA4ZIZ, is very active in his church and in sharing the gospel at every opportunity. Buffalo, KB4DQG, has been camping quite frequently this summer and operating portable. He is always ready to share the good news of Christ's salvation.Cecil, WD4DNE, and Janet have a prayer ministry and Cecil is always an inspiration to all of us on the southeast section net. Ray, K4LWJ, is still very active in keeping radio stations on the air, spreading the gospel in several countries south of the border. Gerry, K4RBZ, faithfully checks in via the chat room, and always blesses us with great scripture selections. I am blessed to continue serving as pastor of Faith Fellowship Church, and to participate in nursing home and jail ministry. Our ARMS Net family is a continuing source of inspiration and comfort to me and it is a privilege to be a part of this body of believers. May God continue to use all of us to spread His Word until His return.

73 and 99,
Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR
Director, Southeast Section ARMS

Midwest Section Report







The 3900 Club Hamboree in Boone Iowa was attended by Tom AAØLF and Woody KAØMHJ. Passed out many brochures and talked about the ARMS group. We had a great time.

We continue to have weekly meetings on 3905.50 MHz Saturday mornings at 0700 local with Tom AA0LF, Craig KC0YHU and myself Bruce K0GE (Midwest Director) holding down the Fort as Net Control Operators!

We have yet to have a midwest get-together, but things are looking good for a Zoom meeting around Thanksgiving! Also Neil K0LHJ Northfield,Mn. Reports that his aviation group Hams for Christ has invited us again this year at their annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner at Lakeaire the airport serving Northfield and Lakeville,Mn! We always look forward to meeting with this group and encouraging them to get their Ham Tickets and go aironautical Mobil.

Bruce Wahlin

K0GE

Central Section Report



As we approach the end of another year, I find myself increasingly grateful for the fellowship we share through amateur radio. One of the remarkable things about this hobby is how it can bring people together who might otherwise never cross paths. For those of us in ARMS, that fellowship is especially meaningful because we share something far greater than an interest in radios. We share a common faith in Jesus Christ.

I want to share something I've recently become excited about. There is an application called QSO One that makes it easier than ever to connect with other amateur radio operators through digital voice networks. It is currently available for Windows and Android, with additional platforms in development. Best of all, it allows us to connect to the TGIF network and the ARMS talkgroup without needing a digital radio or hotspot. I would encourage you to give it a try. Perhaps this will provide another opportunity for us to enjoy some Christian fellowship, even when we are away from our radios.

On a personal note, I am also excited that my DX Commander antenna project may finally be coming together! If everything goes according to plan, I will have a trencher coming in shortly after Thanksgiving so I can finally get the antenna up and operational.

It has been a long time coming, and I am looking forward to getting back on HF more regularly and joining many of you on the national nets.

I have also been thinking about the importance of amateur radio in the uncertain times in which we live. We have become remarkably dependent upon cell phones, the internet, and other communication systems that we often take for granted. Yet we know how quickly those systems can become unavailable. Amateur radio remains a valuable means of communication, especially noticed when other systems fail, and the skills we develop today may someday provide an opportunity to serve our neighbors in a time of real need.

But there is something even more important that I want to leave with you. While the world around us may seem increasingly uncertain, our confidence as Christians does not rest in the stability of governments, economies, or communication systems. It rests in our sovereign King, Jesus Christ. The same Lord who holds all things together is the One who has promised never to leave or forsake His people. We need not live in fear of tomorrow, because tomorrow is already in His hands.

May we continue to encourage one another, grow in our skills, and look for opportunities to serve others. Above all, may we remain faithful to Christ, whatever circumstances the Lord places before us.

73-99!
Doug Campbell, KW9Q

Rocky Mountain Section Report

May Jesus Christ be Praised. I have never had a summer go by so fast.
I turned 78 in July and now snow is coming.
We have done less traveling this summer.
The wife and I went to a ham gathering in northern Wyoming in August.
We had a great time. Not much tailgate stuff but great time with the boys.

In Sept the wife, our Daughter, and I went to Yellowstone Park to watch the elk rut and hear them bugle.

They are such a massive animal, so majestic. It was a great show. We also had
run-ins with a few buffalo herds. On the way home we went down the Beartooth Hwy which is very spectacular.

A few days later we went to Great Falls to visit a grandson. We spend several hours at the Charlie Russell Museum.
We have another grandson who is now working as a pharmacist in Billings.

I get on the Montana Traffic Net and the Cowboy Traffic Net most evenings. I have been a bit slack with ARMS check-ins.
We are at the Y in the pool most mornings. We have a 2 meter Tech Net once a week which I often make.

I keep trying to downsize with some results. I will send off a Transceiver this week.

I still obtain the Daily Dose of Greek and Hebrew . Anyone want to study Greek or Hebrew by Zoom ?

I still write persecuted Christians. Last week we met with a Ham and Christian for lunch and the previous week.

I met with another Christian for lunch. About once a month the wife and I go to the Senior Center for lunch.

We meet our son at Church so get a double blessing.

We have been to three music events this Fall. I also run a Jam Session once a week.

About 7 people show up. We play many different styles of music and instruments. I have no project radio for winter yet.

Thanks to all who work for ARMS and for Christ Jesus - to exalt His name. May Jesus be Praised.

James Fisher
NQ7L

North West Section Report



Three things I want to share with you.
On October 12, 2026, we had a wonderful time on the ARMS Zoom meeting which meets every Monday at 23.00 Zulu on https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82407071751?pwd=4H5WPk29DTTkv72Te3AhEdf7accQTW.1. Even our ARMS President, Tom Hauskins AA0LE, made the meeting and filled us in about our upcoming National Convention.

The next day, Tuesday, started as a normal day. The sun was out; the temperature was in the low seventies. Early in the morning, my wife asked me to make a hair appointment for her, which I did. Soon after lunch, my son and I put her in the wheelchair and wheeled her the three blocks to the hairdresser. The building was what they call a snail, built like a snail shell, where you walk around and around to get up the six floors, with little shops all the way up. The beauty shop was on the third floor. After about one hour and fifteen minutes, we began to hear ... something hitting the roof. It was hailing, and the hailstones were about the size of marbles. Then it started to rain cats and dogs. We were wearing only sweaters and had no umbrella; in fact, why would we need a raincoat and umbrella before we left, since it was such a nice day? The hairdresser gave us plastic bags to protect us from the rain, and we cut holes for our arms and put them over our heads.

Leaving the building, we needed to cross a four-lane street to get to our house. The street ran east to west, that is, from the mountains to the ocean. The street had a 30º decline, and water rushed down from the mountains along the three-mile street. The water rose to our knees, making it very hard to cross the street, which we needed to do. In just 30 minutes of rain, this much water came rushing down the street. While I was crossing, the current made me lose my balance, and if I fell, it would have carried me blocks. As I lost my balance, two young ladies came to my rescue and helped me before I fell. We did make it home soaking wet. Why do I tell what happened? Because nothing like this has ever happened in our section of town. In only one hour, we had a tornado, hail, and 12” of rain. Chile's climate is getting worse every year, which shows things are changing.

When you look at what is happening around the world with some of the more important earthquakes since January 2026: ...

North West Section Report

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Philippines 7.8, Indonesia 7.8, Panama 7.7, Venezuela 7.5, Colombia 7.4, Japan 7.4, Mexico 7.3, Chile 6.9, Russia 6.2, Peru 6.0, USA 6.0, you begin to wonder.

The largest earthquake I have been in was an 8.8 on February 10, 2010. NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory geophysicist Richard Gross calculated that the magnitude 8.8 Chile earthquake shifted Earth's figure axis (the axis about which its mass is balanced) by about 3 inches, and slightly sped up the planet's rotation. This may be part of why climate change is happening.

According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, approximately 130 active armed conflicts are occurring globally, involving around 60 different countries. Global satellite and incident trackers report approximately 175 active wildfires worldwide.

The Bible says some interesting things. In Matthew, Jesus was asked, “What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” He said, “...wars and rumors of wars...famines and earthquakes”
Regardless of your view on the end times, the point is clear: things have changed over the last few years.

Now what does this have to do with our ARMS organization and our section?

Since it looks like the world is not getting better, and as radio amateurs, we need to be prepared for any emergency, just like the Boy Scouts: earthquakes, floods, fires, snow, or other disasters. Most of our ARMS members are senior citizens, and help is often needed, but communications can be cut. We don’t need to be out on the front lines, but we do need to set up our equipment so we can communicate with others. Cell phones often don’t work, or the batteries are exhausted. The other day our electricity was cut off for three days. After about 6 hours, frozen food begins to thaw. Fortunately, I have a 5 K generator with an ample supply of diesel, which we started and saved the day. It is also connected to my radios, computers, TV, and internet. With the amount of diesel I keep on hand, I can run it continually for three days. I also have a Kenwood 430S in my car using a Hustler antenna for 40-10 and a Yaesu 2900 that will output 75 watts fed into a 5/8 antenna on the roof. For some of you, this may be an overkill, but for me it is necessary.
I suggest you prepare an emergency kit with a two-meter handheld radio and a couple of extra batteries so you can reach your local repeater. Usually, repeaters run on

North West Section Report

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batteries and don't give out when the electricity is cut. Handhelds are very cheap to get. In the past, I have used a car battery that I can connect my radios to in the shack.
After you prepare your kit, try everything out to see if you can reach your local repeater. If not, you may need to hook it up to a 5/8 antenna. (See picture of one I built; it is very cheap) If you have a little more money, you may build a small solar panel to charge your batteries. Please let me know if you take my suggestion on setting up an Emergency Kit.
If anyone from the NW section has any news, please send it to me so I can include it in the next BEAM

That's about it for this BEAM.
73,

James Thurston XQ3PC
North West Section Director
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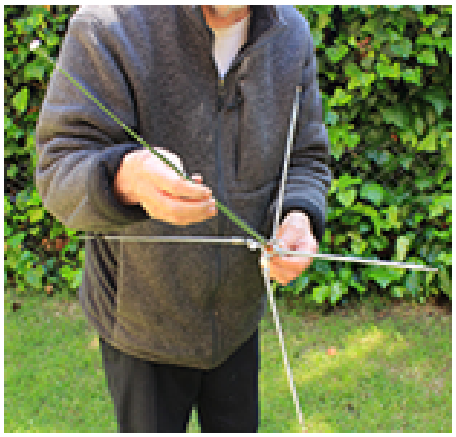







Canada Section Report



November 11th is Remembrance Day in Canada & Veterans Day in the USA; We will Remember them!

Whereas I'm not alone as a Veteran member of ARMS, and I'm honoured to serve the Royal Canadian Legion as Chaplain to Br.119 Port Moody BC, and as Canadian Director I dedicate this report to the fallen & those serving our free countries at this time.

My summer has been busy with a few personal health issue, namely New Lasik eye operations (both) & some dental work.
It has been said: "A friend in need, is a friend indeed". Recently I've befriended an 80 yr. old lady with dementia. It's become a major challenge! Please pray that the Government Health is able to provide assistance.

My son is planning a two week road trip to Colorado to visit friends, I'll be riding 'shot gun'. Pray for journey mercy.

With improved band conditions we've seen a regular inflow of new checkins, some from Canada. It's so encouraging to hear one chap from his mobile on the way home from a bible study mention he "had no idea that there was a net on 20m talking about Jesus & His word". Let this be a confirmation that our witness is very effective.

In closing; it's Thanksgiving, well we've already devoured the turkey dinner, & you folk south of the 49th are about to, so lets not grow weary in well doing, no matter the number of checkins on our nets, lets claim the following:

Php 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. MKJV

73/99
Roland Corkum VA7RA
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Membership renewal

( ) **Regular** or **Associate** member (only one fee per household)...…….$10.00

( ) **Missionary** or **Associate** Missionary (full time missionaries are fee exempted)…..$0
(Associate members are not licensed amateurs)

( ) ARMS tract, "**Your Best Contact**" Go to qsl.net/arms Handouts……. Download

( ) ARMS lapel pin ($5.00 each) …… $ _____

( ) Additional contribution to help with the work of ARMS……...…… $ _____

( ) Please remove my name from the ARMS membership Total $_____

Name(s) _____Call(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____

Postal zip _____Country (non-US) _____

E-mail _____ Telephone (__) _____

( ) This is a new call sign
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( ) This is a new postal mailing address
( ) This is a new telephone number

Please mail check made out to ARMS, with form to:
Larry Brock N0LRB
615 Farlow Ave
Rapid City SD 57701

Application for Membership

Amateur Radio Missionary Service

ARMS

The Amateur Radio Missionary Service (ARMS) was organized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 2, 1957, by a group of Christian amateur radio operators, interested in Christian fellowship on and off the air, and in facilitating the spreading of the Gospel and the teaching of God's Word, by assisting missionaries and Christian workers with their communications and with other services growing there from.

Name _____ Call _____ Class _____

Address _____ Handle _____

_____ When first licensed _____

_____ Previously held calls _____

Telephone _____ Home church _____

E-mail address _____ Pastor's name _____

Check the class of membership desired: Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs who are interested in the activities of ARMS. Associate membership is open to interested persons who are not licensed amateurs. Annual dues for regular and associate members is $10.00. Missionary membership is open to full time missionaries who are licensed amateurs, and associate missionary membership is open to non-licensed missionaries. Full time missionaries pay no dues.

O Regular O Associate O Missionary O Associate Missionary

If you are a full time missionary, name the mission board or organization under which you serve:

_____

ARMS Doctrinal Statement

- We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal and visible return in power and glory.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he was tempted by Satan and fell, and that, because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and by whom the Church is empowered to carry out Christ's great commission.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost—those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. I have read the above doctrinal statement and subscribe to it without reservation. I have accepted the Lord Jesus

Christ as my own personal savior from sin, and hereby apply for membership in ARMS. I purpose to serve as I have opportunity, and to bear true witness for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, both on and off the air.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please send this application, with $10.00 dues, (if applicable), made out to ARMS, and **a self addressed, stamped envelope** to:

Larry Brock N0LRB
615 Farlow Ave
Rapid City SD 57701

NOTE: Please give a brief testimony of your Christian experience in the other side of this application.