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ARMS 50th Anniversary National Convention

The 50th Anniversary Convention is coming in 2007 to a location to be determined and to be announced by the ARMS Executive Committee. The dates are May 11-13, 2007. Details will be in the fall issue of The BEAM. Mark your calendar and watch for details. The 25th Anniversary Convention was held July 17, 1982, on the beautiful campus of Northwestern College in Roseville, Minnesota.



This CD/DVD could be your "ARMS window"

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See the Face that Goes With that ARMS Voice

We had a man in our church family who would greet me with, "Now, there's a face I haven't shaken hands with recently!" Maybe you won't have the opportunity to "shake hands" with the ARMS voices you've heard on the air for so long, but now you will have the opportunity to see what the face looks like that belongs to that voice. Parks Squyres, W7PKS, has offered to put together a digital photo album of the ARMS family of ham operators in either CD or DVD format.

BUT DON'T send the photo to him by e-mail. An influx of e-mailed photos would really plug up the system. Instead, what Parks needs is-

- * (1) A photo of you, preferably in your shack. He would like the actual photo he will scan it. Or you can send the photo on a floppy or CD
- * (2) Include your name and call sign and address on the back
- * (3) Indicate whether you want CD or DVD
- * (4) Mail to: Parks Squyres, W7PKS 38615 S Sand Crest Drive Tucson AZ 85739

The cut-off date for your photo being at Parks' QTH is July 1, 2006. In the fall issue of The BEAM we will let you know how you can order your copy and what the cost will be. <u>Don't send an order with your photo – that will come later.</u>

It may take up to a year to complete such a big project, so don't become impatient. Just hang in there and the wait will be well worth it.

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ARMS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP NETS

EASTERN-MON & THURS, 7:00 A.M., SAT, 9:00A.M. 3.907 MHZ
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MIDWESTSAT, 8:30 A.M. 3.905 MHZ
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(10:00 EAST, 9:00 CTR., 8:00 MTN., 7:00 PACIFIC)

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Therefore, as we have apportunity, let us by good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. - Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

CHUCK MARKS ... / / / /

We have some exciting news about an opportunity for us as ARMS members to advance into the world of electronic "newslettering." Beginning with the fall issue of *The BEAM* you can choose to receive your copy by e-mail or simply view it on our ARMS Web site. Would you prefer - or at least not mind - getting The BEAM electronically? Please let me know by September 10, 2006. If we don't hear from you we will assume you wish to continue receiving it by way of the Postal Service

By count over half of our ARMS members have internet access. By making an electronic copy of The BEAM available we will be able to save over half the costs in both postage and printing.

Our ARMS webmaster Dale, K4EQ, made this suggestion and our officers, without exception, saw it as a great opportunity to move ahead and make The BEAM available in this new format. The file will be in PDF and can be opened and read using Adobe Reader. This is a free software program available on-line.

Just think, instead of waiting weeks for The BEAM, our overseas missionaries can have it almost in the blink of an eye. But then so can you.

IMPORTANT: If you want The BEAM e-mailed to you or you prefer to just view it on the Web siteand NOT receive a printed copy - please e-mail and let me know that's your desire. We can adjust the mailing list accordingly. Again it will be a savings for us in printing and postage costs, as well as time in preparing the mailing. Thanks.

The BEAM is early this issue. We'll be back on sked with the fall issue. 73/99

The BEAM is published twice a year to provide information and inspiration for the members of the ARMS Christian Fellowship Group. To submit material for The BEAM, contact the editor, Chuck Winter, N7AAG, at 825 Taylor Street, Sunnyside WA 98944 or chwinter@earthlink.com. (E-mail submission is preferred.) Deadlines are 3/15

Regular membership in ARMS is open to any licensed radio amateur who can subscribe to the ARMS doctrinal statement. Further information about membership in ARMS can be obtained by checking the ARMS web site at www.armsfellowship.org, or from the secretary/treasurer, Ora Gifford, KE7BF, 703 Hillicrest, Grandview WA 98930.

Annual dues for membership in ARMS are \$8.00. Active missionaries are exempt. The dues year runs from June 1 through May 31.

Silent keys

Hartley Osterlund, WØRAD

Rev. Hartley Verner Osterlund, 95, WØRAD, went home to be with our Lord on February 9, 2006. He was born September 3, 1911, in Jennings, Michigan, the first is a family of eight. He graduated from high school in Cadillac, Michigan, in



1929, and from Bethel
Seminary in 1935. During
his years of pastoral
ministry, he served
churches in Michigan,
Maine, South Dakota, and
in Wisconsin at Oulu,
Lakeside, and Superior at
Ogden Avenue Baptist
Church (now Bayside).

Besides the pastorate, Hartley worked on the railroad, sold advertising at the Evening telegram, and repaired radios and televisions. He retired at 75 years of age. He enjoyed ham radio contacts and was an avid painter and enjoyed writing poetry to his beloved Dotty. At 58 years of age Hartley graduated from UWS with a B.A. in science and English, alongside his daughter, Priscilla.

Hartley is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy, with whom he enjoyed 31 years of happy marriage; and his nine children: David (Darcy) Osterlund, Ruth (James) Norman, James (Teresa) Osterlund, Lois Colborn, Priscilla (Ron) Saari, Paul (Kim) Osterlund, Mary (Doug) Sorenson, Daniel (JoAnn) Osterlund, Mark (Brenda) Osterlund; 31 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

Hartley spent his last year at Viewcrest
Health Center where he received excellent care.
He will be remembered for his good and faithful
life. Memorial services were held on February 12,
2006, at Bayside Baptist Church, Superior.
Entombment at Sunrise Memorial Park.

- submitted by Robert W. Johnson, WØOLE

Al Foster, WØAL

Al Foster, WØAL, of Saint Paul Park, MN, passed on to the Lord's presence on January 14th. He was born in Cohasset, MN, near Grand Rapids. He went to high school there and went into the Army where he served for two years as a Medic, serving in Germany. He met his wife, Ruth, at a church in Boston. He worked for Sperry UMVAC until he retired early in his 50's with the closing of Sperry.

Al started a bike shop and gun shop, working out of his home. He was Mr. Fix-It. He loved the Lord and is every rejoicing.

-submitted by Bruce, KØGE.



Bob Zecher, W2YIK

Bob Zecher, W2YIK, Syracuse, NY, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 26. He was 86 years of age. His memorial service was attended by Norm (W2NNJ), Paul (K2QCG), and Larry (W2PT). Norm participated in the eulogy and highlighted Bob's love for his Savior and his service for Christ's glory over the years.

-submitted by Larry, W2PT

NET FREQUENCY CHANGES

BOTH THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AND NORTHWEST SECTION NETS HAVE CHANGED THEIR OPERATING FREQUENCY TO 3.962 MHZ. ROCKY MOUNTAIN IS MON-SAT AT 7:00 AM; NORTHWEST IS THURSDAY, ALSO AT 7:00 AM.

MISSIONARY REPORTS

Ray Rising, CP6WV / K4LWJ Santa Cruz, Bolivia

- The new Santa Cruz/LATCOM short wave is sending out a very strong signal that should give country wide coverage.
- We are thankful that Radio Engineer, Wayne
 Borthwick could come and help in December to install the new short wave.
- The first week in January we were able to participate in a good inspirational retreat with Pioneer Mission in Cochabamba.

Continue in your partnership by praying for:

- Wisdom in constructing a control and recording studio to be used with the new short wave station and the staff needed..
- Radio programming inagriculture, health, general interest and spiritualis needed for the Bolivian rural areas in ethnic languages. Right now Christian programs in Spanish are being aired via satellite.
- Ray left for Bogotá January 26. He will be meeting with various contacts concerning the Amazon Radio Project. The committee will meet February 6. Pray for encouragement as this project is progressing so slowly. As one committee member mentioned to the others "Let's pour our hearts before the Lord and ask him again to open new ways and show us new directions. The souls of too many people are on the line. Maybe this is the time he's been waiting for to act with power and might, the time when we get to the end of our rope. Fernando"
- Pray for good health and safety for Doris who will be alone in Bolivia for nearly 3 weeks. Also that nothing breaks down such as the old wash machine!
- Ray had a check up on his eyes this past week.
 The eye pressure hasgone up so the doctor changed medication. This has helped.
- Pray for the country of Bolivia with the recent change of government.

Tim Haqquist, KN7K Manila, Philippines

Manigong Bagong Taon! (Happy New Year!) We pray that each of you had a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and joy because of our wonderful Lord and His abounding love and grace. The Lord is good!

PRAISE

* For the blessings God has poured out on us the past year -- Many ministry opportunities, new friends, strength, protection, and abundant care. Best of all, He is our Good Shepherd who is always present and faithfully guides His children each step of the way.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray that the Lord will give us great wisdom as we seek His will concerning our schedule for this next year. This will be an incredibly busy year and we need His supernatural guidance in developing realistic goals and setting our priorities, especially in the following areas:
- Tim's language study. He wants to complete Section II and the Bridge Course by August. It's a tough language to learn, so pray for comprehension, the ability to remember, and boldness in using the Tagalog language.
- -For consistent progress in mentoring of leaders God has brought into our lives, and continued momentum in the development and implementation of mentoring within CBAP. We attended a MentorLink Leader's Retreat on January 23-25.
- For Tim's involvement on the CBAP ordination council. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop mentoring relationships with Filipino pastors.
- For our plans to attend a WorldVenture Leadership Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa in March. Pray that this time will

productive and relevant to our work with leaders in

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the Philippines.

- For the development of plans to conduct a vision casting and planning seminar at Hope Mountain in Mindanao in June. Pray thatGod will put all the details together and bring the peopleHe wants to attend. Pray that Hope Mountain will become acenter for significant impact on developing leaders in Mindanao.
- To begin planning and preparations for a six-monthhome assignment beginningthis next September. Our plans at this point are to move to Davao, Mindanao upon our return to the Philippines in early 2007.
- Pray that we can soonget our U.S. Postal Permit for our Prayer Letter mailing. We've experienced a lot of problems getting out Prayer Letters this last year by regular mail. Also praythatour E-mail Prayer Letters will get through. We experienced a lot of problems with E-mails being blocked in the U.S.
- * Continue to pray for safety as we travel, and pray for our health. We have experienced a continuous barrage of minor health problems. Pray that God would protect us and give us strength.
- * Above all, pray that the Lord will be glorified in all that we do.

The staff of *His Name Language School* in Quezon City. We conducted an Envisioning God Workshop with the staff on December 5-6 at their planning retreat in Marikina.

His Name Language School is where Tim is learning the Tagalog language. Some of the teachers there taught Gloria how to speak Tagalog when she was studying the language.

We're thankful for the dedication of this staff. Please keep the Director, Nenette Cada, and her excellent staff in your prayers. They have equipped many missionaries with the language skills necessary for effective ministry in the Philippines.

EVEN TO YOUR OLD AGE AND
GRAY HAIRS, I AM HE,
I AM HE WHO WILL SUSTAIN YOU.
I HAVE MADE YOU AND I WILL CARRY YOU.

-ISAIAH 46:4



The staff of *His Name Language School* in Quezon City.

Dave Immel, KE4EW JAARS, Waxhaw, N.C.

This photo is of a long-anticipated Celbration Day. Gullah translation helpers receive their copy of the completed Gullah New Testament from translator David Frank in ceremonies at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw.



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Does your church group, denomination,or fellowship have a regional or national publication that would accept your article telling about ARMS? I sent in a short article and included the listing of "ARMS Christian Fellowship Nets" in the front of the ARMS Directory. It was printed and distributed this past summer and hopefully will encourage some other Christian hams to join us in fellowship "On-the-air." - ED

ARMS



Malcolm Williams ZL1UE

Awarded in recognition of your many years of faithful service to the ARMS Christian Fellowship Net

Gerry Brunk ARMS President

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE SENT TO MALCOLM WILLIAMS, ZL1UE

(designed by Frank, AGOM)

Included was this wording from the ARMS President.

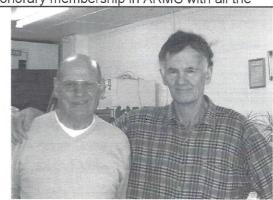
Whereas since 1982 he has faithfully risen from his bed before daylight to check into the 20 meter ARMS Christian Fellowship Net to bring greetings and a chosen scripture verse,

And whereas he and his wife, Jean, attended the last ARMS Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, and has twice hosted ARMS member Parks Squyres and his wife, Wanda, in New Zealand,

On behalf of the entire ARMS membership, I grant Malcolm Williams (ZL1UE)honorary membership in ARMS with all the

rights and privileges thereof.

Gerry Brunk (K4RBZ) President of ARMS Parks (W7PKS) and Malcolm (ZL1UE). Taken when Parks & Wanda visited the Williams' in New Zealand in December.



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Leon Winter, DU/WX6I SIL, Bagabag, Philippines

The Blaan Hymnal Is Off The Press. How do most teachers spend their Christmas break? Probably most enjoy time with their children (and grandchildren), get together with friends, and relax with a good book or some movies. Well, we spent our break working on the layout and proofreading of the Blaan hymnal. It came from California via e-mail attachment shortly before Christmas. Leon did the layout. I did spelling corrections, keyboarded a few additional hymns, and did proofreading. It took most of our time for about 2 ½ weeks. We did take time to celebrate Christmas with friends and take a short trip to Manila for shopping and rest. We sent the final copy off to southern Mindanao via courier service in early January, and it went immediately to the printer.

About February 1st we received exciting word that the first copies were ready! Conversing in Blaan on the



phone, I asked Pastor Cuma how the books looked. He replied, "Really, really, really good! My teeth are shining, I'm so happy to see it!" The previous printing, done in 1987, had had many songs dropped out of it. So this collection of 180 hymns and choruses is a real treasure. Hundreds of congregations will now have something to enhance their worship services.

Our school year is progressing well. We are into the second half now, with changes taking place since Christmas break. At that time our Grades 1&2 teacher needed to go to Manila to get medical help. For a few weeks things were pretty chaotic for this young class. Now a teacher from UK who was here two years ago has returned to help. He and I are team-teaching Grades 1-4. Neither of us has had a lot of experience with the younger ones, so this has been fun, finding out what they know and how they learn. Teaching MKs is really a great joy and privilege.

Dave Newell, WA4DUP NGM, Lexington, Georgia

God is truly doing great things for us and for the NGM (Neighborhood Gospel Missions) ministry. Our praise goes to Him. We're not necessarily interested in numbers, but we thought we should tell you we have almost 600



students enrolled in the SLM Bible correspondence courses. Some students are inmates in 17 prisons in 19 states. That means a lot of lessons, a lot of postage, and a lot of hands to grade and send out the lessons. Volunteers from the community come in to grade lessons, do computer work, and do various and sundry other tasks in the office. God meets our needs from day to day.

NGM has been asked to pick up some new students who contact SLM. So a new door to reach Spanish students, many of whom are prison inmates, has opened to us. One such student wrote that he was saved after doing our very first lesson.

Anna Gay had two surgeries to remove squamous and basil cell carcinomas from her arm and neck. Dave had another painful bout with gout. A Christian brother brought us a big load of beautiful firewood, and we are immensely enjoying a fire during these cold evenings. Our children are well. -o-

Missionary Reports continue on page 13 with updates from Ben, KBØOUC, & Larry, KF7ZS

SECTION REPORTS N*E*W*S

Northwest Section

The past few weeks have been difficult on the NW Net as our frequency on 3984 KHz has been blocked by interference from an unknown source. We are using 3962 KHz plus/minus until such time as our old frequency clears up. If you can't find us on 3984, try 3962.

Phil, W6NJO, has been keeping in touch with us from Snowflake, AZ. He had successful eye surgery and is back to work.

Frank, W7CVL, we miss you. Note our alternate frequency above.

We welcome Skid, K7OKT, from Lopez Island WA back with us. Always good to hear from old friends. We still manage to pick up six or seven check-ins and hope this will improve as the interference on our old frequency disappears.

George, KA7HGE, was mobile to Southern California and Arizona on a trip this winter from his home QTH at Puyallup (WA). He was able to hear us on our NW Net and we heard him once.

At this writing, John (W7GAE), is undergoing a 7 week radiation and chemotherapy regimen in Seattle. Pat (K7YIR) had attended a Gathering of tube radio aficionados in January in Prosser (WA). Returning to his Bothell OTH he found himself stuck in a 16-hour wait at Cle Elum while crews cleared snow avalanches on I-90, Snoqualmie Pass. The top of the Pass had received over 185 inches of snow this winter. The Cascades have experienced heavy snows which is good news for skiers and farmers who are dependent on mountain reservoirs for irrigation water.

Until next time---- 73-99 Bob, WA7BYD

Southeast Section

the "Lord Jesus Christ".

Well it is time for our annual get-together again and we plan Lord Willing to have it in the Pigeon

Forge/Gatlinburg, Tennessee area this year on March 31-April 1. Ed Bradley and I will host it this year and we plan to have a Dinner on Friday night and a time of fellowship with a devotion to follow.

On Saturday we plan to take in the new Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg. Please make plans to attend. There are numerous members of ARMS in our area that have never been to a annua I get-together. We would be honored to meet and fellowship with anyone that can work this into your schedule! Please email me if you have questions @ WD4ACH@juno.com

-73 & 99, Denis, WD4ACH

South Central Section

This is the Summer Semi-annual report of the South Central ARMS net operation.

We meet on 40 meters, at 7226.5 Saturdays at 0800 CDST for approximately 30 minutes. The regular ARMS members who check in number 7-9. We have an average of 7 members each week. Occasionally, others check in to say hello.

Gerry, K4RBZ, checks in the South Central Net most of the time to keep in touch, and send greetings from the Eastern and the South Eastern section. AGØM, Frank, from Cherokee, IA checks in most of the time. We appreciate that, and know that more distant hams can hear us. Also Denis, WD4ACH, comes in like gangbusters sometimes.

73, and 99 - Duane, KM50

Eastern Section

The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to meet three times a week - Mondays and Thursdays at 0715 local time and on Sat. at 0900 local time on or near 3907 Khz. We move from 7 AM local time in the winter months due to the skip conditions. Net controls for Nov. and Dec. were: Greeting in the name that is above all others Mon. - AI (K2CAC) and Thurs. - Larry (W2PT). For Jan. and Feb. Larry (W2PT) handled net control duties on Mon. and Wally (VA3WIT) did so on Thurs.

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How I Got Started in Ham Radio

When I was about 14 years old I got an offer to join the Boy Scouts. I went to the first meeting and I received the material and the Boy Scout handbook. When I got home I started to read and came across the chapter on radio. I was hooked. I built the crystal set and when I heard the radio stations I was one excited kid. That was the end of the Boy Scouts. My time was spent on building better sets with more tuned circuits and better antennas.

I was soon hearing stations around the country. One night I was listening and heard a man's voice over the top of the music. I recognized that voice. It belonged to the man who ran the auto shop next to the church that we went to every Sunday. I went up to his station and sure enough he was there building ham radio equipment. He wasn't very friendly, but I still stayed on and watched him working on his radios.

I went back the next evening but he wasn't interested in helping me. While I was sitting there a big heavy-set fellow by the name of Carl, W3ASD, came in and they were talking to each other about ham radio. When he left I followed him out and asked him if he was a ham, he said, "Yes kid, do you want to see my radios?" He took me to

his house and his attic was full of home-made receivers and transmitters - all for the 5 meter band.

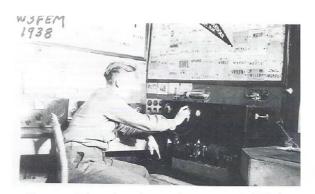


1934 - Charlie is 16 years old and at his listening post. (Below) The 5 M Delta Matched antenna that graced their roof top.



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"How I Got ... " continued from previous page



I went back almost every night, and sometimes stayed until 1 or 2 in the morning. My dad died when I was about 3 years old and Carl and his wife took me under their wing. My Mom didn't mind as she knew where I was. I soon built a one tube short wave receiver and was listening to the world. One station was W1XAL in Boston. They had code classes on the air as well as theory. I was soon ready to take my test. About that time a woman from the state came and said since my Mom was a widow with 4 children they were going to send me to the CCC camp and the money would be sent home to help the family.

I arrived at the camp near Elkton, VA, on Skyline Drive; I noticed a small building that turned out to be a rundown radio room. I told the captain I was a ham and would he like me to clean it up and start a radio club? He was happy about that and gave me complete control of the radio building. In 1938 I was given my Class C radio test by a local ham and received my license and operated under the camp call of W3FEM. (You can check the QRZ website & click K7AQ for details –Ed)



Charlie's "Elmer" - Carl (W3ASD) &
Bertha Pickett

Kosciusko County Mystery

During college days at Winona Lake, Indiana, I worked nights in the newsroom at station WRSW/ WRSW-FM in near-by Warsaw. Besides the clatter of several teletypes the air was punctuated with radio calls from a scanner kept on the shelf above my desk. We monitored law enforcement, fire, county and other frequencies. One evening I heard the county dispatcher talking with a repair truck on a rural road. There apparently had been a washout and the road would have to be closed and the truck driver was asking for the Sheriff's office to respond with a deputy. I was frantically writing down this information so we could broadcast a news bulletin. By now our broadcast engineer was in the room and he said that road wasn't far from where he lived.

It was about that time that I heard the county dispatcher tell the driver, "Stanislaus Sheriff's office has been notified." What we were hearing was not the local county dispatcher, but the dispatch office in far-away Stanislaus County in the great San Joaquin Valley of California. That was my first introduction to skip.

- Ed.

From our members here and there

George L. Bush, N2JJE Schenectady, New York

I was born on March 22, 1926 into a Christian home. Thank God. I was first saved when I was about 8 or 9 years of age. Some time later I backslid and didn't return to the fold until in my late teens and have been serving the Lord ever since. We believe in a second definite work of grace, called Sanctification, subsequent to conversion. It has been a fine walk with the Lord. I worked for the founding factory of GE in Schenectady, N.Y., for 33 years and 3 months as a test man, first in the Industry Control Division and then I retired from the Gas Turbine Division in September of 1987. My wife and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in October of 2001. Our two daughters put on a big bash for us to celebrate the event.

This past summer my wife was diagnosed with lung cancer. She has had a hard time going through Chemotherapy treatments, but now she has had the last one. She will have a CAT scan in February and that will tell us the current status of things.

I first became interested in ham radio back in the early 1960's. I was first licensed as WA2TEZ with a Technician Class license administered on a one to one basis. From then until now, there was an 8 year period when I was not a ham for a while. When I came back into it I had to start from the beginning with another TECH license. This time I kept going until I passed the 20 WPM code test and obtained my current Amateur Extra license. I really enjoy checking into the ARMS Net on the days when Net Control is not in the far west. That distance is too great for them to hear my signal. You may have noticed that whenever I finish a transmission the last 2 words are, "God bless."

Ken Hardin, N8FHK Farwell, Minnesota

Bob, WA7BYD, passed on this from Ken: My rig (1979 Model Ten Tec Omni D) gave up on me and the company doesn't service that model, so RIP.

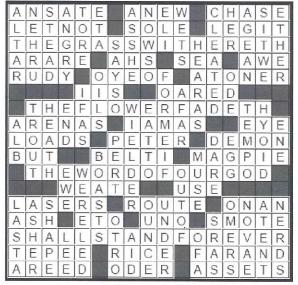
So I'm off the air for now. I've been unable to get another rig. Please pass this on to the ARMS group. Hope to renew when I'm able.

Rev. Kenneth Hardin, N8FHK 441 W Washington Rd Farwell, MI 48622

-From our members...continued next page

COMING TO A BIBLE BOOKSTORE NEAR YOU

One hundred (100) Dave Shortess, W7PTL, scripture crossword puzzles have been included in a new, four volume series of Bible-based puzzles recently published by Barbour Publishing Co. These puzzles appear in each issue of *The BEAM*. They should be available in your local Bible bookstore.



Solution to the puzzle on page 16

Novak Greenlee, NØVK

"There is a funnel cloud two miles east of Elizabeth. Need a confirmation please!" The voice on my scanner barked. "Wait a minute." I thought, "A funnel cloud two miles east of Elizabeth! That is where I live!" Stepping out side of my home and looking up at the clouds I could plainly see that there was indeed a funnel cloud! How frustrated I was because I could not communicate with the Amateur Radio storm chasers to confirm this funnel cloud! "This will not happen again." I said. "I will get a license!"

And so started my 'career' in Amateur radio in 1994 and I have loved the hobby every since. I have made some great friend on the air. Some are brothers in Christ and the friendships have endured to this day. CW came hard for this old geezer, but now it is my favorite mode of operating. My happiest day in ham radio was passing my 13 wpm test and getting my General ticket. I do not know why this event was more memorable than the Advanced and Extra achievements but it was. I had to pass the 20-wpm test and upgrade to Extra to get this call just made for me and 'fits' my name... NØVK! Yes, like my bio reads on QRZ, a young lady in Minnesota already took NØVAK. That forced me to 'go all the way' to Extra for this call. [Works good on CW also!]

I want to thank my Elmers for encouraging me to learn CW and upgrade, Larry NFØZ, Mountain Jane AAØZR and Gene AL7GQ. Being fluent in Spanish has caused me to keep the HF microphone handy, unlike some other CW enthusiasts that throw away their mikes. I have had some great QSOs with our Spanish neighbors in South America and the Caribbean, even Spain. My favorite QSL card is a hand made card from Cuba from CM2RY received in reply to my QSL card. It took over nine months for him to answer direct. His positive comments on my 'little fish' symbol on my QSL card were inspiring. [I knew better than to send 'religious materials' or even

'green card' in the letter to Castro's Cuba. I would love to go visit Cuba and minister there the day it becomes open to 'US'.1

The BEAM - ARMS Christian Fellowship Group

I had the privilege to go to Pakistan about 2 years ago and preach the Gospel there. I had to Elizabeth, Colorado have armed guards to protect me. They walked me out to the 'plaza' where I shared the Gospel, through a translator. Although it is against Islamic law, with the penalty of death, to ask for converts, I did manage to share from Isaiah 61 on how God wanted to set them free and give them beauty for ashes. Many responded!

> Ham radio has been useful on our yearly trips to old Mexico. I lead a group of brethren on short-term mission trips to Galeana, Nuevo Leon about 240 miles from Brownsville, Texas. Keeping contact with a caravan of cars was very difficult indeed so I 'inspired' many at the church to study and get their tickets. My son and his wife, my daughter and her husband, the co-Pastor, his wife and daughter, one brother on the church board and the base player all have their tickets! in touch on the road is no longer a hassle! It came in handy when I [Yes it was I that made a mistake] made a wrong turn in Dallas and we were able to get back together quickly through communicating on simplex.

I was delivered from a life of self-centered drug abuse in 1970. The Lord called me to preach and teach a few months after I was saved. I met my wife Linda on the mission field and have been happily married since 1975. [She gets a 'gold crown' for putting up with my radio interference when she is on the phone! She gets another 'gold crown' for just putting up with me! I am just blessed to have her! We both attended Bible school and have been on the mission field. I remember seeing a tower and a beam on campus at Bethany Missionary Training Center in Bloomington, Minnesota where I went to Bible school circa 1975. They told me that they used Amateur Radio to communicate with their missionaries in Brazil and other locations. I was not interested in radio back then, sad to say. Today the tower and beam are gone... wonder why?

My wife and I were introduced to prison ministry around 1985 and we founded a band that

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just played in correctional facilities. We would comment that if you have heard us before then you have done 'time'! We wrote song geared for inmates that have never heard of "The Old rugged Cross". For over fourteen years we visited many county, state and federal facilities until two members of the band moved out of state. To this day my wife and I still minister in the jails and prisons. I even sing some of those old tunes today to the inmates. Now my children are also volunteering to 'come in with us'.

My wife and all of my children play musical instruments, all but my daughter, but she can sing like an angel! We also go to the Denver Rescue Mission and minister there. Usually my whole family goes and plays and sings. My granddaughter, six years young, also sings to the great joy of the visitors... and her Grandpa! To this servant of God, there is no greater joy than to see all of my children and their spouses not only walking with the Lord but also serving Him right by my side! JOY unspeakable and full of Glory! My whole family is also involved at church. I am a blessed man indeed! Even the visitors at the Rescue mission tell me so.

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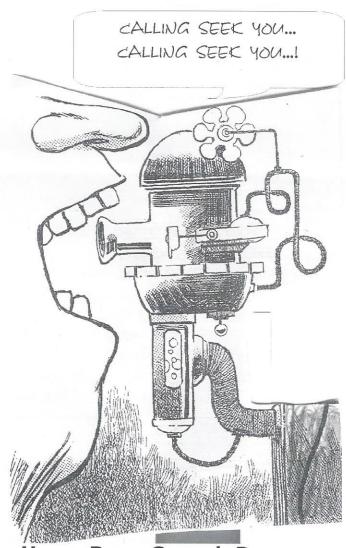
Larry Bennett, KF7ZS AMF, Kalama, Washington

The American Missionary Fellowship has a vision to see people from every tribe, tongue and Nation that come to our shores become followers of Jesus Christ. America has become a foreign mission field. We have people from many cultures here in our cities and towns. Take a look around Seattle sometime - the cultures are all around us. Please pray that some would join us to see these peoples come to faith.

Ben Watson, KBØOUC SLM, Madison, Georgia

During January and February we've been on the road with our director from India taking him to meetings in Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia. In the midst of this routine we took time out to do a service with Jim and Peggy Tilson at a church here in Madison. Jim, the manager of our print shop, accompanied me to the Philippines last Spring and we shared our ministry there in a service on Feb 5.

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-Thanks and a tip of the hat to Arnie, WAØDFT

Net Manager's Report

Ken, AL7AX was off as Wednesday net control for two months while moving back to Arizona and taking some vacation. Frank, AGOM, took September and Duane, KM50, Mike, K&PTL, and Dean, KØTVJ, took October.

Gerry, K4RBZ, had some travel time and was covered on Saturdays in October and part of November by Frank, AGØM. Bob, WØRGW covered for Jay, KCØORJ, early in October. Also in November, Jay had a vacation and was covered on Monday by Frank. Frank and Dean covered for Denis the last Thursday in November. Frank took another day for Denis the first of December. Our regular Net Controls hung in there during the holidays.

Thanks to all of the net members who have also relayed when band conditions were terrible. Net Controls: Monday, Jay, KCØORJ, Bolivar, MO. Tuesday, Ora, KE7BF, Grandview, WA. Wednesday, Ken, AL7AX, Congress, AZ. Thursday, Denis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN. Friday, Boyce, K5VSP, Cash, AR. Saturday, Gerry, K4RBZ, Harrisonburg, VA.

Our alternates are always ready to take an open date. Thanks so much to each of you for your assistance.

Alternates:

K7PTL, Mike, PA, alt.

AGØM, Frank, IA, alt.

NØVK, Novak, CO, alt.

KØTVJ, Dean, AZ, alt.

WØRGW, Bob, NE, Alt.

KM50, Duane, Baton Rouge, LA, Net Manager, alt.

Don (K3RYV) and Joe (WA3UVP) are the net controls on Sat. Monday is usually the busiest day with an average of 8 to 10 checkins. Our record is 15. About once a month we put out a prayer list consisting of requests brought to us over the net or by e-mail. Requests include missionary needs and concerns of those on the net. The first Mon. of each month each

one brings to us a specific missionary. Each gives a brief description of his or her name, field of service, and nature of the work. In Nov. we lost a long time ARMS member. Bob (W2YIK) went to be with the Lord on Nov. 26. His memorial service was attended by Norm (W2NNJ), Paul (K2QCG) and Larry (W2PT). Norm participated in the eulogy and highlighted Bob's love for his Savior and his service for Christ's glory over the years. He will be sorely missed by his friends. We are looking forward to the 50th anniversary of ARMS in 2007.

-Larry, W2PT

Midwest Section

Please! Please! PLEASE! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 12, 2006, for the Midwest Section Gathering at the QTH of WAØDFT, Arnie & Vicky Kopischke, 20795 Foley Road, Mankato, MN 56001 (507-625-8083).

As you come into Mankato head for Minnesota State University. There the "main drag" is Stadium Road. Go east on Stadium Road - do not turn off Stadium Road. Our QTH is located approximately 2 miles east of MSU. (If you are going down hill you are NOT going east.) Stadium Road will dead-end with Foley Road and look for our home at 20795. The coffee pit will be on by 8:57 A.M.

Please note the time change. For our noon time we will order up KFC.

As to my junkie den- or as Vicky calls it - "my office," I have moved my portable (in an attaché case) Ham station into the den, so now I can check into the National ARM's Net.

On Monday, February 13th, I took Vicky to the -Submitted by Duane, KM50, Net Managerair port so she could go on a 2 ½ week mission trip to -India. There they are drilling wells for fresh and safe drinking water. When Vicky was in the same area last -Section Reports - continued from page 8 year she said at the meetings blind eyes and hearing restored.

> While in the city I checked on Harry, NØJSV. He has moved and doesn't have his station set up. I might add that, 3 weeks before going to see Harry, I had talked to him on the phone and he was telling me about the antenna problem he was having. He stated then that he was 92 years of age, had "all his

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We welcome our new members!

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Ronald Crawford KW5Z Extra Class 17 Roy Crawford Ln Santa Fe NM 87505 website: http://www.kw5z.com

ADDRESS CHANGES (Please correct your directory)

Jay Allebrand, KCØORJ 810 E Aldrich Rd PMB 335 Bolivar MO 65613-2575 (Jay adds: You MUST use the PMB 335 for mail to be radio gear and all. Several stopped by to look and delivered)

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marbles," and he still wanted to ham.

While in the city I was privileged to have a short eyeball QSO with Don, WAØLLI and to stay one night at Bruce's, KØGE, QTH.

I am building up the Ten-Tec 1051 T-Kit Transmatch Tuning Bridge as an aid to use for tuning my antenna tuner. I might note that you get is a PC board and ports. You have to supply your own chassis, relay, switch, and connectors of your own desian.

A sad note to close with is that Al, WØAL - an ARMS member for many years - checked into the ARMS Glory Net on January 14, 2006.

-Arnie, WAØDFT

"WATSON" -CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13. January 25-29 Ben, volunteer assistant in the Alternative Media Ministry Les Fox, and Ron Wincek, owner of Interactive Advantage, a computer based training company went to a conference of distance educators in San Diego. That conference was far beyond anything I could have imagined in terms of help and food for thought.

In March we return to the road. March 8-11 we will attend the Board meeting of The National Church Conference of the Blind in Lansing, Michigan.

Ora, KE7BF, ARMS/Ham Radio display

In November our church - Sunnyside (WA) invited members to display their talent and hobbies on a Sunday evening. Ora and I opted to do the latter and set up a display with ARMS literature, ham inquire.

Maybe this is something you could do at your church to encourage the participation of other Christian hams in this special fellowship "on the air."

-Ed

HELP! Would you prefer, or at least not mind, getting the fall BEAM electronically? The PDF file can be e-mailed to you or you can read it on our Web site. If we don't hear from you - a printed copy will be coming.



Biblical durability

For you have been born again ... through the living and enduring word of God. (1 Peter 1:23, NIV)

Unless stated otherwise, scripture verses are taken from the King James (Authorized) Version of the Bible.

1 Having a handle "Sing unto him song;" (Ps. 33:3)

Across

- 11 "...let the angel of the Lord them." (Ps. 35:5)
- 16 " ___ your heart be troubled:" (Jn. 14:1)
- 17 "But the dove found no rest for the of her foot," (Gen. 8:9)
- 18 On the level
- 19 Start of a QUOTE from Isaiah 40:8
- 22 "...it is ___ thing that the king requireth," (Dan. 2:11)
- 23 Sounds from a masseur's table
- "...through the midst of the ___ " (Ex. 14:16)
- "Stand in , and sin not:" (Ps. 4:4)
- 26 Former mayor of New York Giuliani
- 27 "...he not much more clothe you, little faith?" (Mt. 6:30)
- 29 One who expiates
- 31 Titus's twos
- 32 Propelled a scull
- 34 QUOTE, continued
- 41 Places of combat
- 42 "...I beseech you, be as I am; for ye are:" (Gal. 4:12)
- "...as the apple of thine ___." (Pr. 7:2)
- 45 "He ___ the clouds with moisture:" (Job 37:11, NIV)
- 46 "...Simon called_ (Mt. 4:18)
- 47 "...and they say, 'He has a (Mt. 11:18, NIV)
- 49 QUOTE, continued
- 50 "...get the ____ told you to hide there." (Jer. 13:6, NIV)
- 51 Southern chatterer
- 52 QUOTE, continued
- 56 "____, and drank with you. (Lk. 13:26, NIV)

- 57 "But when ye pray, ___ not vain repetitions," (Mt. 6:7)
- 58 Coherent light devices 20
- 61 "...along the ____ to the Red Sea," (Deut. 2:1, NIV)
- 64 A son of Judah (See Gen. 46:12)
- 68 "...he planteth an ," (Is. 44:14)
- 69 Command for DDE
- 71 One in Juarez
- 72 "…he ___ the rock twice:" (Num. 20:11)
- 73 End of QUOTE
- 77 Conical abode
- 78 Asian staple
- 79 "And all the kings of the north, near," (Jer. 25:26)
- 80 "... shaken with
- 81 River to the Baltic
- 82 Pluses

Down

- 1 "...I found an with this inscription," (Acts 17:23)
- 2 First prime minister of independent India
- "... and dwelt in their :" (Deut. 2:21)
- 4 "An "An ___ man stirreth up strife," (Pr 29:22)
- 5 "...he ___ his clothes," (Est. 4.1, NIV)
- 6 LAX fact
- 7 "As soon ___ heard that, she arose quickly," (Jn. 11:29)
- "...this temple is _ imposing." (2 Chr. 7:21, NIV)
- 9 Hophni's father (see 1 Sam. 4:4)
- 10 Foes of the WCTU
- 11 Like gridiron shoes
- 12 "And the angel said unto ____," (Lk. 1:30)
- 13 "...and died in a good old old man, (Gen. 25:8)
- 14 "Why__ here until we die?" (2 Kgs. 7:3)

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"Libnah, and,	37 One who handles a
and Ashan,"	thing with skill
(Josh. 15:42)	38 "he shall not
"Let not the king	defile himself"
." (2 Chr. 18:7)	(Lev. 22:8)
" he wakeneth mine	39 Beat

- ear to ___ the learned." (Is. 50:4) 27 "...fine ___have been
- poured upon me." (Ps. 92:10. NIV) 28 " It would be better
- _ I were still there!" (2 Sam. 14:32, NIV)
- 30 Poem of praise
- 31 " one people speaking the same language... (Gen. 11:6, NIV)
- 33 "And his sister stood off," (Ex. 2:4)
- the wind?" (Mt. 11:7) 34 Rainbow or brown
 - 35 "For he shall be like the in the desert," (Jer. 17:6)
 - 36 "...at the ____ of forty days," (Gen 8:6)

- 40 Bone under the tongue
- 41 Clerical garment
- 44 Opposite of WSW
- 46 Saucy
- 47 "...some would even __ to die." (Rom. 5:7)
- 48 "...in the white of an ?" (Job 6:6)
- 50 "He ___ of the cravings of his heart;" (Ps. 10:3, NIV)
- 51 "...I ___ on the work of thy hands." (Ps. 143:5)
- 53 "...save one little lamb," (2 Sam. 12:3)
- 54 "...magic spell all the nations astray." (Rev. 18:23, NIV)
- 55 "...and utter words their heart?" (Job 8:10)

- 58 "...so they will _ long time." (Jer. 32:14, NIV)
- 59 Zilpah's second son (see Gen. 30:12-13)
- " ...nor seen his ____. (Jn. 5:37)
- 62 Part of a pound
- 63 "...that they are all
- ____sin;" (Rom. 3:9) 64 "...two ____ for one "...two for one man:" (Ex. 16:22)
- 65 Very bright, brief stars
- 66 "...and spreadeth them out as ____ to dwell in:" (Is. 40:22)
- 67 Social misfits
- 70 Another in Cancun 72 Ladies of Spain, abbr.
- 74 "...we sailed to the of Crete,"
- (Acts 27:7, NIV) 75 "...O Lord, come to my !" (Is. 38:14, NIV)
- 76 "...went up as the smoke furnace." (Gen. 19:28)

