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## From the President's Desk:

**Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ**

Dear brothers and sisters of Amateur Radio Missionary Service,

This will be my last letter to you as president of ARMS. As you have seen on the ballot for the election of officers, the nominee for president is

Mike Rafferty, K7PTL. I was not formally elected as president, for in 2013 Charlie Cox, K7AQ, longtime president and the late Jay Sudenga, K0GAZ, twisted my arm to be Charlie's successor. I, along with the other offic-



ers were then approved at the next national convention. I had earlier had a two-year term as president from 1971-1973 making a total of 16 years. I am so grateful that Mike agreed to be on the ballot as president, Frank Brodale, AG0M, as vice-president, and Roger Stubbe as secretary/treasurer, continuing in that role. The results of the election will be announced at the 60th anniversary of ARMS in Philadelphia, and they will be commissioned to lead the organization. It is my hope that those of you who are able, will attend the convention for we will be reviewing the history of ARMS as well as discussing various issues that we will face in the coming years. It has been a real blessing for me to serve as your president, and I pray God's richest blessing to our officers as they lead ARMS into the future.

Gerry Brunk (K4RBZ)



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President.....Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ

President Emeritus.....Charlie Cox, K7AQ

Vice President.....Mike Rafferty, K7PTL

Secretary/Treasurer.....Roger Stubbe, WØZMU

Net Manager.....Boyce Guffey, K5VSP

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Eastern.....Larry Hodge, W2PT

Central.....Open

Southeast.....Denis Parker, WD4ACH

Midwest.....Tom Hauskins, AAØLF

South Central.....Boyce Guffey, K5VSP

Rocky Mountain.....Gene McGahey, AL7GQ

Southwest.....Open

Northwest.....Chuck Winter, N7AAG

Canada.....Art Hiebert, VE5ARJ

## ARMS Christian Fellowship Section Nets

(Local time: Frequency in MHz)

Eastern.....Mon & Thurs, 0700 3.907

Sat, 0900

Southeast.....Sat, 0900 3.899.5

Midwest.....Sat, 0700 3.905.5

South Central.....Open

Rocky Mountain..

Southwest.....Sat 0945 7.233

Northwest.....Thurs, 0720 3.965

20-Meter.....Mon-Sat, 1500 (ST) 14.3075

1400 (DT)

Halo Net.....Daily, 1800 21.390

## 20 Meter Net Control Managers

Monday.....Open

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

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

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

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

Saturday.....Dean, K0TVJ, Mesa, AZ

Frank, AG0M, Cherokee, IA

## **Galatians 6:10**

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

**Be sure to get your ballots sent for officer election by June 1st.**



## **Net Manager Report:**

### **Boyce Guffey, K5VSP**

THIS IS A DAY  
THAT THE LORD  
(YAHWEH) HAS  
MADE, WE WILL  
REJOICE  
AND BE GLAD IN  
IT...  
PSALM118:24....  
AS TIME MOVES  
ALONG SO DOES  
THE ARMS  
NET....AND AS  
EVERYBODY IS  
AWARE, THE LACK OF PROPOGATION FOR  
THE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO  
BE THE NET CONTROLLER IS UP THE  
CREEK,EXCEPT THAT OTHER PEOPLE  
GIVE US SOME AMAZING HELP.....AND WE  
THANK YOU BECAUSE WE  
COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU....PEOPLE  
THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
HEAR FOR MANY YEARS HAVE BEEN COM-  
PLETELY REMOVED, AND WE  
KNOW IT'S THE SAME WITH ALL OF  
YOU.....WE DO KNOW HOW HARD  
IT IS TO HELP AS YOU CANT HEAR THE OTH-  
ER PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING..  
SO ALL WE CAN DO IS TO KEEP ON TRY-  
ING.....MAY GOD (YAHWEH) BLESS  
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.....



### ***Previous picture Boyce and family***

### ***Boyce and XYL***



### ***Boyce and K4DJU***



### **South Central Section Report**





**WEBMASTER ARMS SECTION REPORT:**

*By Lou Orcutt*

**Greetings and Blessings from the Voice of the heartland. Band conditions here have not been the best for some time now so hope the pendulum starts swinging back to good conditions soon. It has been a challenge to keep our net control stations listed currently on our web site and still not sure I have them correct but it is a privilege and an honor to be your webmaster. The chat room is back up and running on our web page and it has been useful somewhat in these times of poor band conditions but is not used that much. I am usually there when I check in to see who else might be there also. I am old fashioned and slow so please inform me of things that need changing or I have missed. I have been trying very hard to do some evangelism mission projects right here at home but it is hard with the worldview the way we have made it today. A big mission this year for me is I will be going on a mission trip through "Alaska Mission for Christ" to Akiak Alaska, June 22 through 3 July, so please keep me and our group in your prayers for support. We will be doing some sport camp, VBS, family retreats, and repairs as needed. Akiak is about an hour East of Bethel and is very isolated. For many Alaskans there is no chance to attend a church service weekly or even once a year. Our VBS trip will provide opportunities to share the Gospel. Life in Akiak is pretty bleak.. Akiak's population is about 500 with roughly 70 children. Some challenges families face are drug addition, unemployment, high cost of living, alcoholism, divorce and broken relationships. There appears to be no churches in the area. We will be meeting in the school and living in the gym while there. It is in a flood plain 13 ft. above sea level, sewer lines above ground, houses built on stilts, and many living in poverty. This is a different world than we are used to with many tribal differences so we need to be non-involved in tribal problems to some extent. Christian radio station VFCM is in Bethel and our**

**ARMS Christian fellowship group has done some work there by James Fisher NQ7L. Akiak, ACK-ee-ack, is the Eskimo term for crossing over or the other side and is in Bethel census area. Almost 1/3 living in poverty and there will be only a few hours of darkness when we are there. Alaska is like a Welfare state, fishing industry is big but very uneven causing tribal anguish. Bethel would be the closest village with travel by plane or boat between them and there are no restaurants and only a small store with a loaf of bread costing \$7.00. Driving from Bethel to Akiak, is on the Kuskokwim River, also known as the "Ice Road". Because there are no roads connecting any of the villages of western Alaska, all travel is done either by small airplane or on the river. In the summer, primary travel is by boat, but in the winter...you wait for the river to freeze up. Akiak school is Home of the Thunderbolts. Please pray for our trip.**

**Eastern Section : Larry Hodge W2PT**

**The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to be very active. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 AM Eastern Time and Saturdays at 9:00 AM Eastern time at 3907 kHz. We average 10 checkins on Mondays, 8 on Thursdays and from 4 to 8 on Saturdays. We maintain a prayer list which is updated each net. The list consists of both missionary and local requests. Anyone from any section is welcome to have a request put on the list or to receive the list. Please let me know. In either case my e-mail address is lhodge50@aol.com. Net control duties are shared by net members who have been very faithful in seeing all nets are covered. Net controllers include Wil, WA3OJN, Duane, AA2I, Don, K3RYV, Bill, WB1DQT, John, WB2SQX, Tom, N7GBH, Don, WA3CMT, Paul, K2QCG and Larry, W2PT. In addition, the first Monday of each month is "Missionary Monday." On that day net members are encouraged to bring before the group a specific missionary they pray for and support. The name of the missionary, their field, and a brief description of their work is shared. We are looking forward to our 60th anniversary convention in Philadelphia July 21 and 22. Tom (N7GBH) has done a great job on making arrangements and planning the agenda. We continue to praise the Lord for his goodness and trust God's blessings will rest on each of you in the coming days.**



## **Southeast Section Report:**

**Denis Parker, WD4ACH.**

The S.E Section of the ARMS Net met in Dalton, Ga this year Feb.24,25th.

Friday night the 24th we met at the O'Charlie's Restaurant in Dalton for Dinner and fellowship. After-wards we went back to the Motel and Pastor Dave WA4LLR our Net Chaplain brought us a great Bible study and End Times. Saturday morning we met for breakfast in the



Motel and after-wards headed out for the Dalton Hamfest. It is a very good Fest here in the S.E area with a lot of dealers and boneyard. We had lunch together at the Western Sizzlin and everyone headed for home.

I Thessalonians 4:16-18

Picture seated with his back to picture: Don Anglin NY4N

Seated L to R: Rick Tilton WK4R, Pastor Dave WA4LLR, Ervina Gilliespie N4PFZ, Andra ParkerKD4CLF, Diane Howington KC4PIG

Seated R to L Ed Bradley W4VGI, Bobby Howington KC4DOG, Denis Parker WD4ACH, Tommy Marable, Janice Marable.



# ARMS 60th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION



JULY 21 –23, 2017

The Eastern Division continues to work on the sixtieth anniversary ARMS Convention to be held in Philadelphia, the birthplace of ARMS back in 1957. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Philadelphia Airport on the Delaware River waterfront, a short distance from the Philadelphia airport

We have set aside a block of 15 rooms for this event. Please make your reservations through our Treasurer, Roger Stubbe – WØZMU e-mail [w0zmu@outlook.com](mailto:w0zmu@outlook.com).

The cost for the hotel (breakfast included) and the convention expenses are \$150.00 per night, including taxes. Two people can occupy a room for that amount.

If you decide to not stay at the Holiday Inn Express, or do your booking on your own, there will be a charge of \$10.00 per person to help with the expenses of the meeting room, etc. That is only for those not staying at the convention hotel.

Arrival should be planned for Friday afternoon, as there will be a “Meet and Greet” with snacks at the hotel on Friday evening to get acquainted. The business portion of the meeting will be Saturday morning, with time for fellowship.

**REMEMBER, if you are planning to attend the national ARMS convention to be held in Philadelphia on July 21-23, and planning to stay at the convention hotel, get your payment to Roger, WØZMU by May 24.** I need to pay the hotel in advance a couple of days after that. The hotel will release the unpaid rooms at that time. You are still welcome to attend, but the special hotel rate will not be available after then.

Checks can be made out to “ARMS” and sent to

Roger Stubb 406 Elm St. Pella, IA 50219





## **Midwestern Section Report**

**By Tom Hauskins , AAØLF**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you” Peter 1:3-4*

*We started out the year with our first hamfest located in Perry, Iowa at the National Guard Armory with 6 ARMS members on February 25th, 2017. The weather was not the best and the road was slick in front of the Armory. Trying to turn into the driveway was a challenge and with only two tries, I made it.*

*The April 22nd, 2017 Hamfest held in Des Moines, Iowa was very positive with 6 ARMS members present. Tom AAØLF, Bill, KEØDQQ, Barb, KDØNEZ, Craig, KCØYHU, Roger, WØZMU and Dennis, KKØDJ. This year's hamfest attendance was approximately 400. A large number of attendees stopped at the table to pick up information about ARMS and ask questions. The Christian fellowship was again overwhelming.*

*My wife, Deb, and I are making plans to attend the 60th year ARMS convention in Philadelphia, PA. We are looking forward to meeting in person the members we have only talked to on the air. We are also combining this trip with a short vacation and plan to do a lot of sight-seeing. Because of the Convention, the Midwest Section will not have a get-together this year. Plans are being made for our 2018 get-together in Nebraska.*

ARMS members Herb Roszhart, KGØEC and his wife Ardys, NØSZA are going to set this up for us at the Eugene Mahoney State Park, just west of Omaha, overlooking the Platte River. Additional information will be sent at a later time. Anyone interested can go to the website <http://outdoornebraska.gov/mahoney/>

Back row is Tom AAØLF, Dennis KKØDJ, Roger WØZMU

Front row is Barb KDØNEZ, Craig KCØYHU, Bill KEØDQQ



### **Editor Report by James Fisher NQ7L**

We got the Beam out late this Spring. I was in TX, OK [VOM] and UT [with daughter] for the month of Apr.

We met AA7HX and his wife at VOM and had a good time with them.

Please volunteer for the many OPEN positions with ARMS and represent ARMS at Hamfests.

Thanks to so many who volunteer. Thanks Gerry !



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017

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

Total: \$\_

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- ☐ This is a new call sign

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Pella, IA 50219

- ☐ This is a new telephone number

