

The BEAM

ARMS Christian
Fellowship Group



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From The President's Desk

Good afternoon from windy Tucson,

It has been windy and rainy for our visit this winter. Of course we haven't had to huddle up around the fire with sub-zero temps.

Mary and I have made a couple drives to San Diego to visit her 97 yr. old mother this season.

I always enjoy working HF mobile while making the trip across the desert.

HF propagation is always a grab bag which keeps us on our toes. I must commend all of you for keeping the ARMS nets running smoothly and consistently day after day and week after week. On that note I am pleased we have a full complement of Net Control stations for the 20m Transcon net. A big thank you to Roland, VA7RA and Lew, N0CXY who have joined the ranks as NCS on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively.

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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

Mission Report from TWR

TWR created a makeshift studio in the country of Ukraine to develop programs that deliver a message of hope and comfort during this very difficult time. These programs are sent out of the country and broadcast back in during this crisis. The station receives feedback from its listeners and sends radios to places where they are requested. They are now being distributed in prisons, to the Romani people and other national listeners.

A believer from a small Baptist congregation in Odessa writes, "We are in a place of imprisonment. We have a prayer room where we meet on weekends and have worship services. Two brothers have been baptized. We also have 10-15 people coming to the service. Please, if you can send us two or three radios that catch your two waves [frequencies], we will be

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians saying he had learned the secret of being content in every circumstance. Even in times of hunger and need, Paul found contentment that is only possible through Christ, who gives us strength.

Whenever I find myself wanting more, I am reminded that what I really need is more of Jesus. I want to be more like Christ. I want to think like He thinks, and I want to see others like He sees them. I want to love people like He loves them. More than anything, I want to be more like Jesus. I want to be more like Him.

We are surrounded by people who are seeking something more. They need someone to tell them about the peace and hope that can only be found through Jesus and our daily walk with Him.



Southeast Section Report



Bro Denis Parker WD4ACH

The S.E Section Net meets on 3.902 MHZ each Saturday Morning at 9:00 AM Eastern time.

Bobby KC4DOG, is our net manager. Pray for Bobby as he is having health issues.

I am sad to report since our last BEAM, that Ed Bradley W4VGI, has passed from death unto life. .John 5:24. Amen.

Ed was involved in so many facets of Ham Radio and will be missed greatly. His biggest work was with the National Weather Service, with the SKYWARN program at Morristown, Tennessee WX4MRX.

Please pray for Gerry Brunk K4RBZ, who has been diagnosed with Colon Cancer and is undergoing Immune therapy and he just had his first treatment. Please pray Gerry has great results with his therapy.

Please pray for Annagaye Newell, wife of Dave Newell WA4DUP, she has been diagnosed with Lymphoma.

They are going to be downsizing their home and antennas, as they will be moving. Dave Newell's brother, Dick Newell WA4ZIZ, in Virginia, has been very active on the SE Net. We appreciate his faithfulness. Pray for his family.

Ray Rising K4LWJ, has just gotten back from Peru, he was doing transmitter work to help broadcast

the gospel all over Peru. Thank you LORD, for taking care of Ray and bringing him back home safely.

Raf Ahmed AI4RA, who is employed in the Aerospace program, keeps us informed with activities in the space program, and we appreciate him very much.

Were very thankful for our Net Chaplain WA4LLR, Dave Gillespie, he does a great job helping us with scriptures as he does the work of an evangelist for us. Pray for him and Ervina N4PFZ.

Richard Dyer KM4THH, has been doing some antenna work and is getting his rotor rebuilt. Looking forward to see how it helps.

Cecil Parsons WD4DNE, is very faithful to check in with us on the net. He and wife Janet, have had some health issues, please pray for them.

Please pray for our country, we are in dire distress because we have forsaken the GOD of our fathers. Even so come quickly Lord Jesus.

We extend an invitation to all to come and join us on 75 Meters on Saturday mornings, we would love to have you.

73 & 99 Brother Denis Parker—WD4ACH

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Are you planning an ARMS rendezvous this Spring or Summer? I am looking forward to hearing from the sections around the country concerning activities at the "local" level.

As I write this I am reflecting on all those who have been a part of our ARMS family over the years. Tomorrow, March 2, marks our 66th anniversary since its inception at the Philadelphia College of the Bible and we find our ministry still alive and thriving as we convene on the bands and enjoy the fellowship with each other. Let us continue to share the GOOD NEWS on the air and be a good witness for Christ each time we get on the air.

Thank you all for being an active part of the ARMS nets by regularly checking in and helping relay others in. Speaking for myself and for all of you, I appreciate each one of you. On behalf of all our Net

Control stations, THANK YOU for helping with the relays.

John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

We have many folks who are listening to our nets but remain in the shadows. They hear us. To Him be the glory."

73 & 99 Mike - K7PTL

Eastern Section Report

The Eastern Section of ARMS continues to meet on Mondays at 0715 EST and on Saturdays at 0900 EST On 3907. A time of fellowship, scripture and sharing of prayer requests takes place. Check-ins include: N7GBH (Tom), WB1DQT (Bill), AA2JI (Duane), N3DS (Dave), KB2EAH (Bob), KC2VEP (Paul), WA3CMT (Don) and K2GQG (John).

Sadly over the years as our members aged we have been unable to gather together as we did in the past. Hope this info is OK.

73's and 99's *John S Babbitt K2GQG*

Rocky Mountain Section Report

May Jesus Christ Be Praised!

It was Minus 15 degrees this morning. (Feb 24). Well no swim today.

I bought an SB-102 and got it working . I am now working on an HW-101. These are winter radio projects.

I started a Bible Study at an Assisted Living Center and a month later was told it was to end. Covid? A new virus? This was disappointing. I really enjoyed the group I was teaching.

Our daughter was here, off and on, for about 6 weeks over Christmas. We Sure enjoyed her extended visit. She was in the process of selling one house and buying another in the LA area. We had lots of family time with her and my son. This is so precious. Rhonda and I relished every moment.

I am still translating in the Greek Reading Group and the Hebrew Reading Group. Also broadcasting remote on KYKD with weather reports on Thursday evening and Tides at the end of the month.

I run a 2 meter TecNet on Wed evening here. Really enjoy it. I get about 8 people to check in.

I finally got into FT8. Made about 20 contacts. 10 meters is sure hopping. Not sure this is going to be a favorite mode. I miss RTTY. This sure shows my age!

Nice to hear 20 meter net is doing well. I appreciate the net controls and check in's. Thanks!

God's best to all 73's 99's

NQ7L

James Fisher

When we all get to heaven, what day of rejoicing that will be!

When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

(One of the old and meaningful hymns)



Canadian Section Report

Greetings in the name of our Lord & Saviour, Jesus. My last report in the fall revealed happier times with the wedding of my granddaughter, since then, as most of you know by now, My darling wife Roylene passed into the presence of Jesus on Dec. 2, 2022. Needless to say it has been my greatest test of faith. Thus, a word of appreciation to my ARMS family. Apart from the increased fellowship in the Word, you dear brothers & sisters, you have provided amazing support.

With Spring just around the corner, outdoor projects are most likely on all our minds. Not wanting to wait for sunny days and having the residence all to my self, I have completed two antenna projects. The first was a NVIS 'Double dipole'. To be an inverted 'V' supported on a 15' fibreglass pole. The leg lengths being 38' and 25' respectively.

In the field test, I found it received very well on all bands, however the best transmit results came when I added a 4:1 balun at the feed point.

My second project involved replacing the B&W folded dipole with a new G5RV. (51' dipole) This time I followed the original design of 34' of 72 ohm twin lead, into 75 ohm coax & added a 1:1 balun. The twin lead is Belden 8210. (Not easy to find) Many of you have said it's been an improvement.

With the tenacity of Stu, K7ALM a few us have been enjoying weekly 'Zoom' gatherings on Mondays at 1600 PST. However, there have been inherent issues with this particular platform, so we are presently testing a "Free ware" Web based program called 'Jitsi Meet'. Should this prove successful & "Simple", we hope to expand the group...the idea being, to put a 'face on the voice', so to speak.

Now, I agree, with cell phones / iPads, etc. we can individually (for free) do just that 'Point to point', but our approach has been to form small conference groups. Comments & ideas appreciated.

In closing, thanks for your assistance & patience as I provide NCS duties on Wednesdays.

73/99—Roland Corkum VA7RA

Obituary for the daughter of Roger Stubbe (WØZMU)

Laura Denise Stubbe was born on December 21, 1962, in Waseca, Minnesota. She is the daughter of Roger and Joyce Stubbe, and she has one older sister, Sandra Kay Varberg. Soon after birth she was diagnosed with Down's Syndrome. The story of Laurie's life is a testimony to God's amazing love, care and timing. At the age of 2 years, she with her family to Costa Rica to learn Spanish, and then on to Ecuador where they served with Radio HCJB.

At the age of 8, a missionary teacher noticed Laurie's potential for learning and offered to take her as a kindergarten student. After a year of kindergarten, the family moved to Quito, and Laurie entered the Special Education program at the Alliance Academy, a school for missionary children. At the age of 12, she chose to be baptized as a testimony of her faith in Jesus Christ at the English Fellowship church in Quito. Laurie loved to go to church. She attended a Spanish-speaking church on Sunday mornings, and then went to an English-speaking church. Both were within walking distance of her home. When her family spent their furlough time in the Pella, Iowa, area, she attended classes at the Christian Opportunity Center.

After she returned to Quito and received a certificate from the Special Education program at the Alliance Academy, she took up permanent residence at COC in 1988. Laurie had many friends from various countries around the world. When she was still small, she made the comment, "I love everybody, and everybody loves me." She was very generous with her hugs, and her laugh was contagious.

While in Ecuador, Laurie had a cake business baking multiple cakes each day, some of which were sold to a local grocery store and others on special order. During her years at COC, she worked in various jobs at local businesses and later in the workshop at COC. During her years in Pella, she attended the Liberty Evangelical Free Church and had many friends there who influenced her life greatly.

Those who will miss her presence the most are her parents, Roger and Joyce Stubbe; her sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Dan Varberg; and her nephews and their wives -- Zachary and Heidi Varberg, Micah and Hannah Varberg, and Caleb and Heidi Varberg; along with her aunts and uncles and cousins.



From Ray Rising—K4LWJ

Dear prayer partners and supporters,

In 2012, Rick Herr, Wayne Borthwick (VE3NWB), Tom Van Gorkom and Ray Rising installed a short-wave transmitter in Chazuta, Peru. Chazuta is in Northern Peru at the end of the road. From Chazuta travel is by canoe.



Missionary Outreach Team

The radio signal reaches 300 miles and covers the jungle State of Loreto and 17 language groups. Pastor Jairo Sangama had traveled in this area and knew that the only viable way to reach these groups was by radio. This area is only accessible by river or float plane. Also, thanks to the hard work done by our Wycliffe/SIL colleagues, the New Testament is available in these remote indigenous groups.

One of the ways to use these New Testaments is by broadcasting by radio in audio format. Because of the tropical climate and a very unstable electrical system the original transmitter has suffered many and long failures, disrupting the effective broadcasting of the gospel.”

Eight months ago, we started the process to import a new transmitter. This has finally cleared customs and recently arrived in Chazuta. Ray will be going to Peru on February 6th to install it/.



Because of the heavy duty and fees for the equipment our Ethnic Media Account is nearly empty. There is not enough money to cover Ray’s expenses. Also, this year, Ray needs to travel to Colombia and Bolivia again.

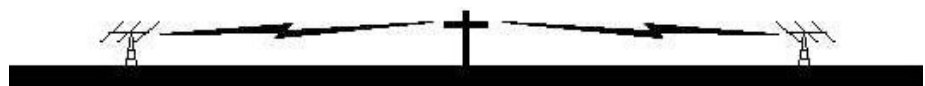
Here is a link demonstrating the effects of Radio Logos/Chazuta, Peru. Please consider how you can help. <https://youtu.be/BxxDdCjedOk>. Thank you,

Ray Rising & Rick Herr

Ethnic Radio



Chazuta Taxi



Central Section Report

The reason no one has heard much of me is that I have had a series of chronic illnesses all related to immune issues. At first, my system killed blood platelets. Then it was my liver. That was transplanted in 2021. In the past couple of years I have spent over 100 days in hospital.

So, that's the background. But, the real reason I write this is to say that I have lived thru miracles. Day before transplant my wife was told I was really sick, things were shutting down and I had hours, maybe a night to live. Middle of the night a liver that's perfect for me is available and they go for the transplant. Following I was out like a light in ICU for 5 weeks with two rounds of heart failure, two rounds of pneumonia and other complications that were unforeseeable prior to surgery. Also had damage to the brain stem. My wife and kids were advised I would not likely be able to swallow or speak. With God and two amazing therapists I learned how to speak and swallow again, though differently. .

That was the big event of 2021. In 2022 the lung sacs filled with fluid. The right side surgery went OK. The left side ended up with lots of scar tissue and then hemorrhaging into the lung. That was followed by emergency lung surgery. They told my wife and me that this time it may really be the end. After passing out when I was back how, a week in the hospital on all kinds of meds. Sent home with oxygen. The next week I was back in with CDiff. Through it all God was faithful.

How does this all end? Who knows besides Jesus? But I learned through all of this that God is faithful.

The greatest lesson was this... being a Christian is a win-win deal. Death didn't, and doesn't, scare me. I learned that if I live, I have some more time with my family and others here. If I die, I'll be with God in heaven. All I end up with is, look up brothers and sisters, God is there for us.

Tom Langer KD9FPC

From the Secretary/Treasurer

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Current membership with the date to which they are paid:

Number	Paid to
7	Missionary
1	Associate
16	31-May-19
17	31-May-20
12	31-May-21
18	31-May-22
27	31-May-23
22	31-May-24
3	31-May-25
4	Beyond 2025
127	TOTAL

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

AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

Financial Report

June 1, 2022 to February 28 2023

Opening Balance June 1, 2022 \$ 7,196.14

Income

Dues	\$	420.00
Gifts	\$	39.00
Tracts and Pins	\$	6.00
		Total Income \$ 465.00

Expenses

Office Expenses	\$27.72	
Internet Expense	141.00	
Postage	\$39.34	
Printing & Copies	\$7.10	
Representation	500.00	
	Expenses \$	715.16

Closing Balance Feb. 28, 2023 \$ 6,945.98

Of this balance, \$506.40 is in a fund in memory of WØQCB, a long time leader in the Midwest Section



Midwest Section Report

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land". 2 Chronicles 7:14

The Midwest Section of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service attended their first Winter RF Fest in Perry Iowa. We had four Midwest Section Members attend. AAØLF, Tom, WØZMU Roger, KCØYHU, Craig and KDØNEZ, Barb. Many came by the ARMS table to learn about ARMS, and we may even have a new member join us. This young man has an Amateur Radio License and upgraded to General during the hamfest test session. He is taking classes through a Minnesota college to become a Lay Minister. We all had a great time at the hamfest.



Left to right: KCØYHU, Craig; KDØNEZ, Barbara; AAØLF Tom, and WØZMU

The next hamfest the Midwest Section is attending is the Mahaska Hams Swapmeet , March 25th, 2023 at The American Legion Hall in Oskaloosa, Iowa. If you are in the area, please join us.

The Midwest Section is having their Annual Get-Together in Des Moines, Iowa on April 22nd, 2023. We are attending the Des Moines Amateur Radio Club Hamfest at the Iowa State Fairgrounds for our

program. After the hamfest, we will meet at a local restaurant for lunch and meeting. All ARMS members are invited. If you would like information on the Get-together, please e-mail aa0lf.radio@gmail.com

Our net meets Saturday 7:00 AM central time at 3905.5 kHz. Midwest Section members who have Digital Mobile Radio, DMR, contact each other on the TGIF network, Talk Group 7399. We also log into the ARMS chat room to connect with members who do not have DMR.

Check our Midwest Web site ka0rms.org.

73 & 99—Tom, AAØLF

On a Personal Note

One of the reasons this BEAM is coming out this late is the death of our second daughter, a very special person and one we loved dearly. She also loved the Lord, and enjoyed sharing that fact.

Some years ago, back in 1978 my wife, Joyce, wrote an article for *"Power for Living"*, sharing our experiences and how she changed out lives. What follows is an adaptation of that article, looking back on her early years. What follows is our testimony to God's faithfulness

God's Remarkable Plan

From my hospital window I could see that it was a beautiful December morning in Waseca, Minnesota back in 1962. My spirits were lifted even more as I lost myself in a pleasant daydream about Lori, our newborn baby girl.

My happiness was soon quelled by the brusque voice of my doctor: "I'm afraid I have bad news for you_" His words stunned me, and I did not respond immediately. Had Lori died during the night? I wondered.

The doctor told me that Lori was retarded. She was a Downs Syndrome child. I did not know much about Downs children at that time, but I pictured Lori growing up without ever being able to care for herself. To me, that meant drudgery, grief, and shame

I soon found myself wishing Lori had died. I did not believe I could raise and love a retarded child.

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But Roger had a different idea. When he came to my room, he suggested contacting the pastor of the evangelical church we had visited. Pastor Bob Salstrom had impressed us as being the kind of person we could call on in a crisis.

Pastor Salstrom's words did not bring us immediate comfort, however, and we continued to feel isolated and grief stricken. The following weeks were filled with an enormous ache. I managed to keep the tears back till I got home from the hospital. Soon after my return I let them flow uncontrolled.

Then one day, as I was feeding Lori and grieving over her condition, I suddenly felt my emotions change. Instead of feeling anxious and despondent, I was peaceful and happy. I did not understand it at first. None of the conditions affecting Lori and myself had changed, but my attitude was certainly different.

Later, I remembered I had asked Pastor Bob to request prayer for us at the weekly prayer meeting. I still was not completely aware of what had taken place, but I knew it was an answer to prayer. Suddenly, to my joy, I was able to love my retarded child.

"Love is not enough", I reasoned. "*Lori still needs professional care*". But, as I became more and more involved in every phase of the little church, that thought was gradually replaced by a feeling of peace and conformity to God's will for Lori. My desire to know and serve the Lord, something which had decreased in recent years, was renewed too.

In one Sunday morning Bible class the Lord revealed to both Roger and me why He had allowed us to have this trial. The words from Hebrews 12:5-6 spoke to us: "***Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.***"

Roger and I continued to grow spiritually, and by the time Lori was a year old we knew the Lord wanted us to serve Him in missions. The strong missionary emphasis of our church began to speak to both Roger and me individually. He then led us to make a united commitment to go wherever He would direct.

It wasn't long before we were on our way to Ecuador. Roger would use his knowledge and training in electronic engineering at HCJB, the missionary radio station there.

Though we were confident about God's will in this new venture, we did have a few misgivings about Lori's future. We felt certain that we were leaving all possibilities of education and training behind. But in our desire to do whatever the Lord asked of us, we were willing to make sacrifices. We would simply have to trust the Lord to meet Lori's needs.

God did have a plan for Lori, and it has been exciting to watch it unfold. From the day we arrived in South America, she has been surrounded with persons of all ages. These people have provided Lori with an atmosphere of love and acceptance.

While we were living at the radio station's transmitter site, Lori's potential for learning was recognized by a teacher who had come to teach the missionary children there. She volunteered to take Lori in her kindergarten class. To our amazement, Lori did well.

The following year, when we moved back to Quito, we were surprised to learn that the school for missionary children was planning to initiate a special education program. Lori was able to continue her training without interruption.

Lori attended special classes at the mission school for a number of years. During that time she has advanced farther than any doctor or teacher ever expected her to. But we know the Lord's grace comes without limitation -

She read at a sixth grade level with remarkable expression and comprehension, took piano lessons, and was an active member of a Pioneer Girls group. She was a great help in our home, where her presence was a constant reminder of God's love to Roger and me. Lori also received a large portion of that love. Her physical and educational accomplishments witnessed to that fact.

I sincerely believe God worked a miracle in Lori's life. And I have had the opportunity to tell others what He has done for her. I also tell what our Lord did for Roger and me through her.

Though I do not know the full impact our family's experience has had on the lives of others, I believe that God's purpose for Lori was beyond our comprehension. We are hearing from many that knew her and talk about what she meant to them.

God is Good—ALL the time!



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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