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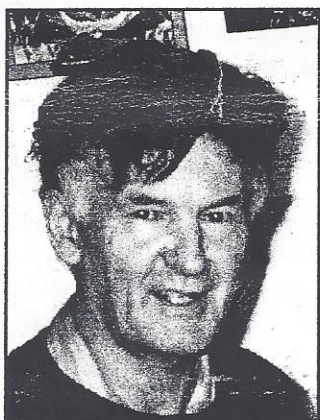
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Know your missionary organizations—

## Malcolm, ZL1UE, and Rhema Broadcasting

A very regular checkin on the ARMS 20-meter Net is ZL1UE, Malcolm Williams, from Hamilton, New Zealand. Malcolm has been an ARMS member for a long time. In fact, in 1985, he and his wife, Jeanne, made a trip to the United States. They attended the ARMS convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, and spent some time with



Charlie, K7AQ, in Oregon, as well as with some other ARMS members.

We really appreciate Malcolm's faithfulness to the net. It is something of a hardship for him to check in. When the net starts at 1400 Z (during daylight saving time in the U.S.) or 1500 Z (during standard time), it is about 3:00 a.m. the next day for Malcolm. He never seems

to mind, however. With the sun spots providing good DX conditions, Malcolm has been quite regular. There was a stretch of several weeks a while back when he didn't miss a single net.

He gives our net a true international flavor. While there are several Canadian stations who check in quite regularly, we consider them to be American in the sense that

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## ARMS members demographics

Have you ever wondered where our ARMS members live? You may know that the majority of our members are older, many are retired, and that the big majority of them live in rural areas, towns or smaller cities. There are very few members that live in large metropolitan areas.

You may also know we are an international organization and that we have members in many states in the U.S. and provinces in Canada. But have you ever wondered, as I have, just how many live where?

I decided to carry out a little study and extract some of the answers to these questions from my mailing list data

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Southeast..... Sat., 9:00 a.m. 3.900 MHz  
Midwest..... Sat., 8:30 a.m. 3.905 MHz  
Rocky Mountain..... Mon.-Sat., 7:00 a.m. 3.893 MHz  
Northwest..... Thurs., 7:00 a.m. 3.984 MHz  
20-Meter..... Mon.-Sat. 1500 Z (ST), 1400 Z (DT)  
(10:00 East., 9:00 Ctr., 8:00 Mtn., 7:00 Pac.).. 14.3075 MHz  
Halo Net..... Every day, 1800 Z... 21.390 MHz

## ARMS SECTIONS



## ARMS Motto

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

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

## From the editor's desk:

It is time again to make my semi-annual plea. This is *your* newsletter. Without input from our members, there would be no *BEAM*. I know there are lots of good stories out there, so, *please*, let me hear from you.

Some people say, "But I can't write. I have a hard time putting together a grocery list, much less an article for a newspaper." And I say, "You don't have to be able to write. Just give me the facts. I'll write the article!" Of course, an article is more than welcome. Pictures are always good, too.

People want to know about the folks who check into the various ARMS nets. If I can get the facts, I can write the article. A good example is the lead article about Malcolm Williams, ZL1UE, in this issue. Malcolm sent me some hen scratch (that's being kind!) and some literature about the organization he works with, along with some photos, and I wrote the article. Fortunately, the Rhema Broadcasting Group has a nice web site, mentioned in the literature he sent, so I was able to flesh out the article from that, but Malcolm sent me the basics. I took it from there.

If you are on the Internet, all the better. Email me your information, text and pictures. I have received a number of articles and photos by email, including the one of Denis and Andra Parker on page 16. If you email things, then they are ready to go, and I don't have to retype or bother with scanning. So let me hear from you real soon.

—Dave Shortess, W7PTL

## New net manager named



Al Heath, AC5OA, of Frederick, Okla., has been named the new 20-meter ARMS net manager. He follows Harold Jones, K1SKF, who stepped down in order to allow more time to pursue his ministry activities.

An article about Al appeared in the last issue of *The BEAM*. One of his first acts was to appoint Parks Squyres, W7PKS, as net control station for Fridays. We wish Al well in his new responsibility. We know our net continues to be in very capable hands. ■ ■ ■

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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 from the secretary-treasurer, Bob Hambly, WA7BYD, 1516 Lawnridge Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97526, or by checking the ARMS web site, at [www.tenforward.com/arms](http://www.tenforward.com/arms).

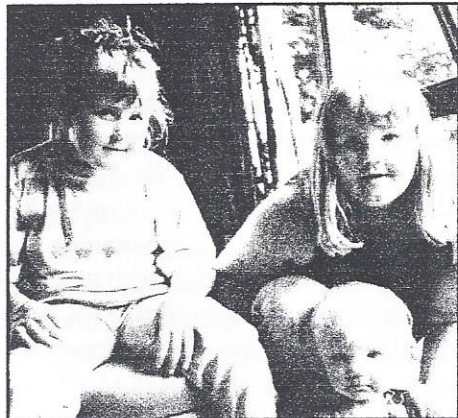
Annual dues for membership in ARMS is \$8.00. Active missionaries are exempt. The dues year runs from June 1 through May 31.



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we are all located on the North American continent. Malcolm brings a true "overseas" DX dimension to the net. Along with that, of course, comes his rather pronounced New Zealand accent, which a few us State-siders sometimes have a bit of trouble understanding.

While stations on the west coast of North America probably can hear Malcolm's signal most clearly, he has



Malcolm and Jeanne's three pretty granddaughters,

Kylie, 5, Jody, 8 and Leanna, 2

been copied quite well by stations throughout the U.S. and Canada, even on the east coast. Charlie, K7AQ, has worked him mobile from his location in the Phoenix area.

Perhaps the most remarkable contact Malcolm has made recently was with Ralph, WB7OOL. Pacific northwest

stations never can copy Ralph on 20 because he is too close. However, since he moved several years ago and had to take his beam down, most of relay stations around the country have a very hard time copying

Ralph as well. A few weeks ago, Malcolm heard Ralph when no one else could, and he relayed Ralph into the net, all the way from New Zealand! Now that's really international cooperation!

Malcolm lives 14 km. (9 mi.) outside of Hamilton, a city of about 150,000 located in the district of South Auckland on the North Island (see map on the next page). It is about 75 miles SSE of Auckland, the largest city on the North Island, with a population of over a million. Hamilton is situated at about 38° south latitude, roughly equivalent to the north latitude of Sacramento, Calif., Wichita, Kan. or Richmond, Vir. It is located in the broad Waikato River valley at an elevation of about 500 feet. It is an agricultural area, receiving about 50 inches of rainfall a year.

Malcolm and Jeanne have four children, one girl and three boys. They have three grandchildren as well, all girls (see photo at left).

Malcolm and Jeanne live on a rather large spread and raise merino sheep (the curly-horned blokes). Malcolm is an electronics engineer as well. In addition to maintaining his own extensive antenna farm on his acreage, he is actively involved with the Rhema Broadcasting Group, a private Christian radio organization with headquarters in Auckland. Rhema Broadcasting is responsible for



Malcolm is dwarfed by Rhema's AM transmitting tower at Hamilton, N.Z.



quency allocations corresponding to those in the United States and Canada.

There are two stations in Hamilton, both AM. Radio Rhema operates one at 855 kHz, and Southern Star operates one at 576 kHz. Actually, they are run from the same transmitting facility, with two transmitters, but one tower. Malcolm and two other men are responsible for

keeping the stations on the air. They work on a rotating basis, with each taking every third week. Malcolm was responsible for the installation of the 576 kHz transmit-

ter, built by another local amateur, ZL4PW.

Rhema Broadcasting is dedicated to spreading the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ throughout the country of New Zealand. They offer Christian music and teaching. A recent survey indicated that approximately 281,000 people listen to Radio Rhema, Southern Star and/or Life fm every week. That means that close to 10% of New Zealand's population listen to their broadcasts. Many of those are not self-described Christians, so this work is having a definite impact.

In addition to their daily radio programs, Rhema Broadcasting also publishes quarterly "The Word for Today," a daily devotional guide written by Bob and Debby Gass of Bob Gass Ministries, in Roswell, Georgia, U.S.A.

Rhema Broadcasting was founded by Richard Berry. In 1961, the Lord gave Richard a clear vision to establish Christian radio in New Zealand. In those days, there was no such thing as private radio there. On the contrary, there was strict government restriction on any form of private broadcasting, with no real possibility of private groups gaining licenses.

However, naively, Richard pressed on. God led him to a Salvation Army friend who had been wanting to build Christian studios, and they agreed to build

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them in Richard's garage.

By 1971, Richard felt God challenging him to live on faith and to devote all of his time to establishing Christian radio. However, the Broadcasting Authority of New Zealand declined the Gospel Radio Fellowship (as Radio Rhema was then known) a broadcasting license. They felt the Gospel Radio Fellowship had failed to prove that such a station was in the public's interest.

In 1972 the Gospel Radio Fellowship changed its name to Radio Rhema. It received another setback in 1974, when a mobile studio was built in the hope that a temporary license would be granted to enable them to broadcast during the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch. Once again, the application was rejected.

The first breakthrough came in November, 1974. Radio Rhema was granted a "one-day only" license to broadcast in Christchurch, on the South Island. Equipment was scarce, and the night before the on-air date during a test run, their transmitter blew up! It was repaired minutes before the on-air time of 6:00 a.m. A crane was brought in to hold up a piece of wire for an antenna, and they were on the air. The day went smoothly, even though the volunteers involved had never before worked together as a team. Phone calls poured in.

The one-day broadcast caused a lot of excitement, and the response was encouraging. Nearly one year later, on October 10, 1975, Radio Rhema again had cause for celebration when they were granted another one-day license, this time in Wellington on the North Island. To make the broadcast, they had to move their equipment from Christchurch to Wellington—the move making broadcasting history in New Zealand.

After roadside breakdowns and ferry delays, the entourage finally made it to Wellington. In spite of continuing difficulties, miracles kept happening. It rained solidly for three weeks before the broadcast, giving the antenna a good

ground.

Regardless of all that had happened, Radio Rhema came on air in Wellington at 6:00 a.m., and all difficulties ceased. Transmission was loud and clear in most parts of Wellington. Despite the fact that Radio Rhema was unable to advertise widely beforehand, several thousand people turned out to visit the broadcasting site, and the telephone staff logged over 400 calls during the day.

For Christmas, 1976, Radio Rhema workers could not have wished for a better surprise. They were granted a license to broadcast from 6:00 a.m. to



midnight in Christchurch—this time for ten days. So now their mobile unit made the trip back to the South Island.

Radio Rhema's final hearing of their application before the Broadcasting Tribunal to obtain a permanent broadcasting license lasted a marathon four weeks. But finally, after experiencing 18 long years of prayer and hard work, New Zealand's first Christian radio station was given a permanent license to broadcast the good news of Christ. A ceremony was held on the front lawn of Radio Rhema's studios in Christchurch, on November 11, 1978, at 11:11 a.m.

The station was "switched on" by the then Prime Minister Robert Muldoon. Mr. Muldoon told listeners, "I have seldom opened something which has given me more joy." He traced the history of Radio Rhema, and paid tribute to the faith sustained by Radio Rhema members who had withstood many setbacks

and disappointments over the years. He ended by saying, "This is a faith that moves mountains." Radio Rhema was the first Christian radio station not only in New Zealand, but in the whole of the British Commonwealth.

Initially, Radio Rhema was only allowed on the air from 6:00 a.m. to noon on weekdays, and from 6:00 a.m. to midnight in the weekends. However, in November, 1980, Radio Rhema was allowed to extend its broadcasts to 18 hours a day. The ministry had grown to 35 full-time and ten part-time workers.

It was time to expand, and Auckland was selected as the next site. In October 1980, a three-and-a-half month temporary broadcast began. By February 1981, Auckland had six full-time workers. The next year, with the coming on air of Wellington and Nelson, it seemed that the trials and tribulations of the past were behind Richard Berry. However, in January, 1985, at the age of 44, he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Despite gradually deteriorating health, Richard continued to maintain a vital interest in the ministry right up to the time of his passing in 1988.

In 1989 a major breakthrough took place in the Pacific. United Christian Broadcasting Pacific Ltd., an organization established by Radio Rhema, was awarded a license to broadcast Christian programming to Tonga. Broadcasting there commenced in 1991. Other autonomous UCB's were established in Australia and England in the 1980s.

February, 1991 brought with it an exciting opportunity when Radio Rhema was able to buy 30 radio frequencies scattered throughout New Zealand, all in one day! Many paved the way for Radio Rhema to come on the air in those areas. Others have yet to be utilized.

In January, 1994, the decision was made to move the head office to Auckland, and 30 staff relocated from Christchurch. By May, Radio Rhema was broadcasting from the Auckland studios to all 16 of its stations around

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# Missionary reports

## Final closure on the three missing New Tribes missionaries

On Sept. 10, 2001, members of New Tribes Mission's Crisis Committee, and the wives of Dave Mankins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff, agreed that, given the compelling evidence, it was time for a family closure to the 1993 kidnapping.

Information gathered by NTM and others, in years of painstaking and often dangerous investigation, has led to the definite conclusion that Dave Mankins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff were killed by their captors in mid-1996.

Several guerrilla defectors and other collaborating witnesses have related essentially the same story. Early in 1996, one defector told a Colombian army officer he knew where the men were being held. He later led troops to the camp. Fleeing the military in fear, the guerrillas decided that Dave, Mark and Rick were a liability. On a jungle trail in the hills of northern Colombia, an order was given that sent Mark, Dave and Rick into the arms of their loving Lord.

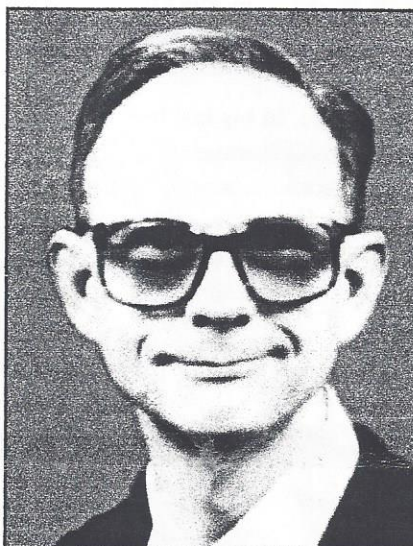
U.S. and Colombian authorities continue to investigate the killings. Remains may never be found. Details may remain secret until eternity. But God has been in control. We have been changed, gaining a richer and deeper understanding of our awesome and powerful God.

—from a press release by NTM

## Leon Winter, DU2/WX6I, Philippines

Cuma Saya, Dading Tanod, and Filo Bandos are a few of the men we were planning to see this summer. These men and their wives, believers and Christian workers among the Koronadal Blaan of Southern Mindanao, represent some of those who worked with Sally and her partner Kathy for 17 years in the Bible translation project. Their work resulted in an easy-to-understand version of God's Word for the Blaan speakers.

Another result was an ongoing literacy program run by nationals. God did many wonderful things to give His word and the knowledge of how to read it to the Blaans. Now God is doing great things among the believers.



And what was the result of all our planning for the trip there this past summer? Events for this year went exactly like those for the previous summer—canceled both times for the same reason.

Many of you are aware of the kidnappings that took place during both summers by a rebel group operating in southern Mindanao—the very area we were hoping to go. This group is known for surprise attacks at beach resorts or other places where foreigners are likely to be. Because of the danger, our directors advised us not to attempt the trip. As confirmation that we were not to

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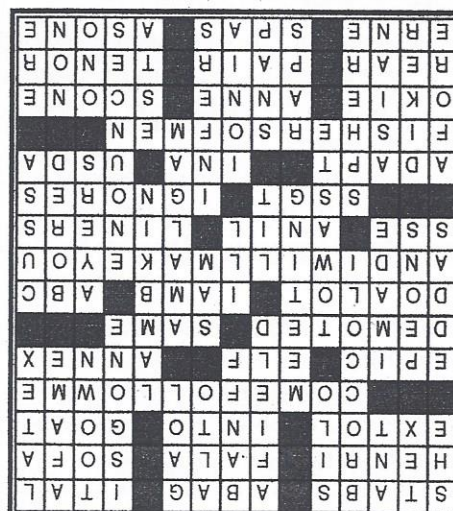
In 1994, Radio Rhema became New Zealand's first radio network to link its stations by satellite. It also installed a computer system which allows local break-outs for items such as local advertising and community notices.

Today, after 27 years, Rhema Broadcasting has seen one radio station grow into three radio networks in New Zealand as well as Christian Radio in Australia, U.K., Russia and the Pacific Islands. Radio Rhema now broadcasts to over ninety percent of New Zealand,

has 34 operating frequencies (and many others yet to be utilized), over 22,000 members, and 55 full-time and 11 part-time staff. The ministry has much to be thankful for; but most importantly, all praise must go to God, who has never let His ministry down. "Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies." (Psalm 36:5).

Malcolm Williams, ZL1UE, is proud to be a part of that ministry. — . . .

*Information about the Rhema Broadcasting Group in the previous article was taken, in part, from Rhema's web site at [www.rhema.co.nz](http://www.rhema.co.nz). —Editor*



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ment. The ship, all 950 feet of it moved slowly into the narrow opening of the fjord and stopped the engines as we sat there and observed the surroundings, birds, shore animals and quiet.

We disembarked Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. and headed by bus from Vancouver to the Seattle airport. On arriving, we found mass confusion and had trouble getting on flights back to Medford. We did get back, and enjoyed the trip, but decided once was enough. I think we are getting too old for this type of confusion!

—Bob Hambly, WA7BYD

## Southeast Section

Let me start off by saying it sure was good to hear from Ron, WB4OOA, recently on the SE ARMS Net. We have not heard from the Waxhaw group for some time. Everyone has been busy, I know, with ministry responsibilities, family, housework, honeydews, etc.

We have been having some good nets with our numbers growing slowly. Been missing some of you on Saturday's also.

We did have our annual get-together here in Knoxville this past June 8 at the Golden Coral Restaurant in

Sevierville, and the Knoxville Hamfest on Saturday June 9. We had a great time and the fellowship was sweet. Please refer to our group photo (below) for those in attendance.

Next year we are going over to Dave Gillespie's (WA4LLR) part of the world for our get-together (western North Carolina).

We hope to hear from our SE Section members on the net soon—Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. EST, 3.900 (+ or – the QRM).

73, 99 and God bless,

—Denis Parker, WD4ACH



The Southeast Section enjoyed a great time of fellowship at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Sevierville, Tenn.

Seated, left to right: David Howington; Bobby Howington, KC4DOG; Denis Parker, WD4ACH; Ed Bradley, W4VGI; Dave Dillespie, WA4LLR; and Dan Baumgarten, W4MGZ.

Standing, left to right: Diana Howington, KD4PIG; Christopher Howington; Andra Parker, KD4CLF; Pat Baumgarten; and Ervina Gillespie, N4PFZ.

## New ARMS Directory is now available

The 2002 ARMS Directory is now available and has been included with this mailing of *The BEAM*. The decision was made to change the publication of the Directory to the fall, since the bulk of the address changes come from dues renewal forms that are returned each summer,

We are considering making it an annual publication. Let us know your feelings on this.

We have made every effort to be as accurate as possible. But if you spot an error, please let me know, and it will be corrected. Check especially email addresses.

Also, if you have recently connected to the internet, please send me your email address to [dshortess@tenforward.com](mailto:dshortess@tenforward.com), and I'll add it to the list.

—Dave Shortess, editor



tell how they were feeling—they were just listening silently. At the end the leader, Paul, asked them, “Why did Jesus die on the cross?” and there were many voices that shouted out in unison, “So that we could be saved! To pay for our sins!”

Then he asked, “Why did Jesus say, ‘It is finished!’?” And they shouted out, “Because He finished paying for our salvation! His work on earth was finished!” He went on asking a few more questions and they were shouting out the answers! Then he asked Totò, one of the believers who came from Kaayunan to be here for this day, to sing a song, and after Totò sang, then Paul asked me to sing. I sang them a song that we had composed and it started like this: “God the Son became a man, He came here to save those who put their trust in Him, He bought us with His blood, His blood that flowed was the price that He paid...”

As I sang I thought that I would choke with tears as looking around I saw so many in tears, but God helped me to sing without breaking down. After I was finished, I put my guitar down. As Paul was closing the meeting, I went to Arlene, who is the school teacher here, whose face was awash with tears, and I hugged her and she just sobbed.

Then something happened that has never happened since we have been teaching the Word here—people started standing up and hugging us and each other. One after the other, women were coming to me with tears streaming down their

faces and hugging me, Elsa, Jing Jing, Jen and Ginny. I won’t forget Nelda—she hugged me so tight and said to me, “Thank you so much for coming here to live among us, because of you coming I am now saved!”

Nancy hugged me and said to me, “You and I are sisters now.” Rito, Nelda’s husband said as he hugged Rumiya (one of the elders from Kaayunan who was

visiting), “I thought that there could never be salvation for me because I have killed a man, but I know now that there is salvation for me as I heard today about the thief on the cross who was saved!”

Others like Arlene said to us, “We will be with you forever now because we are going to heaven, too!” We heard just today that Erning, Nancy’s husband went home on Sunday and composed a song that says, “Our salvation is complete—Jesus has saved us...!” and he is going to sing it on Sunday!

Last Sunday after they heard about our Lord’s death for them, Rey told us that he saw Pidyo, Asyong, Rey Tony, and Babrio sitting in a little huddle outside with their cups of coffee which we have together after our meetings here. They were talking together for a long time, and from time to time Rey would walk over to listen to what they were talking about and he heard them talking about our Lord Jesus and saying

to each other, “There is no other way by which we can be saved apart from Jesus. He died to pay our debt...” Every time Rey walked over there, they were still talking about Jesus—there was nothing else that they could think or talk about apart from their Lord Jesus.

It is just amazing the work that the Holy Spirit is doing in the hearts of our new brothers and sisters here! Aling and Nancy told us this week, while we were working on the translation with them that they now feel such a freedom! They said, “Our Saviour has freed us from so much bondage,” and for about an hour they told us about all the many things that they couldn’t do before they knew the truth.

They said to me, “Do you know that we couldn’t even pass ginger to each other? If someone asked us for the ginger (which they use a lot here in cooking) we would have to put it down near them and then the other person would pick it up—we couldn’t pass it directly to them. Otherwise, we would be seen as opposing them and putting a curse on them from the spirits. If anyone sinned in the village and was caught in their sin, they would have to get ginger and cut it up and give some to every household because ginger is supposed to be cleansing and would cleanse the sin, and everyone would rub the ginger on their palms. But in truth, the ginger did nothing to take away the fear and the burden of sin and it gave no hope...” And they told me many more things that every day held them in bondage, but now they said they are so free, and there is no burden left at all because Jesus died for them and they are saved.

—Werner, Christine, Sina and Tobias

## Jeff Johnson KO4TS, Waxhaw, NC

Well, we’re back home, after a marathon trip to the midwest and west coast. We drove to Minnesota and spent a few days with Deb’s sister in Mankato. Then we flew to San Francisco



where we visited my home church and helped with VBS. Then it was back to Minnesota for Deb’s burial on June 29. The girls got to go to camp there in July, and after visiting a few other folks in the area, we headed back to North Carolina. We were gone a long time, but many things got done, most importantly burying Deb in Minnesota.

Despite the awfulness of Deb’s death, there are many aspects for which we can be thankful. Some of these have come to me in times by myself, some through other people, and some through reading Gerald Sittser’s book,

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*A Grace Disguised*, which I highly recommend. While they are by no means exhaustive, I share them to encourage you, too.

- We were open with the kids throughout the whole process. I've read of children older than mine who weren't really told until very near their parent's final hours. The counselor the girls see attributes much of their positive emotional adjustment to that.

- Deb's death was not sudden; we had 27 months to process it as we lived through it.

- There is no one to blame, as in a drunk driver or murderer.

- Mommy didn't want to leave us.

- The kids are old enough to help in the "home management."

- All the kids are old enough to remember Mommy well.

Now the "chores" before me on my return are so many that it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Each day a few more things get done, and slowly we'll get back into a routine. It felt good to work in the hangar today.

The kids have started school, and that is helping us get into the new order of things. Rachel and Ruth are going to an after-school day-care across the street from the school, and Rebekah wants to try and be home by herself for the hour until I come home each day. Changes continue as we deal with each new situation.

*—Day by day, Jeff Johnson*

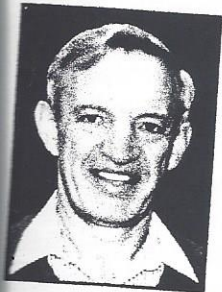
## **Dave Immel, KE4EW, Waxhaw, NC**

### **Vision 2025...**

Two years have passed since the Wycliffe/SIL International Conference agreed that "We embrace the vision that by the year 2025 a Bible translation project will be in progress for every people group that needs it." This vision will not be realized without partnering with others. It will require teamwork, working along side churches, training nationals for translation, support services, and partnering with other mission agencies involved in Bible translation.

We feel the urgency for getting God's Word to those who haven't heard. Imagine your life without God...can you begin to understand the need of the people in those 3,000 language groups? Our desire,

our passion is that God's Word will be available and impact their everyday life—like it does ours. Where does each of the field entities, Wycliffe US, JAARS, begin? Who will be responsible for all the various aspects? God has been laying the groundwork long before Vision 2025 was thought of. In many areas of the world the church has grown and interest has taken root in the Bible translation task. The US Center for World Missions reports that cross-cultural missionaries from the developing world have increased from 86,000 in 1995 to over 122,000 by 2000. The evangelical church in Argentina has



resolved to recruit, train and send 2,500 missionaries to unreached people groups over the next ten years. We hear similar reports from other Latin countries, Asia and Africa. Within our organization we are seeing dovetailing affects in strategies. We are excited about what God is doing and how His Spirit is moving among His children around the world.

### **Our part...**

Our contribution will be to continue in our present roles. Patsy uses her secretarial skills during strategic planning sessions. She does work full time and yet always seems to find the time (and energy) to take care of the needs at home. I continue using my skills in the aviation maintenance area. Having been asked to manage the avionics section. I entered a steep learning curve for a while. The existing aviation field programs will continue to be supported while we explore new means and methods of meeting transportation needs.

### **Your part...**

YOU are an essential part of the Bible translation team that will make Vision 2025 a reality. We are grateful and blessed by the critical part YOU play as you pray daily for our spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. We thank the Lord for each of you as you make it possible for us to be part of this exciting effort! May God open the windows of heaven and bless you richly!

### **Family News...**

Heidi has completed her sophomore year of high school. On the whole it was a good year. She has been learning the skill of rock-climbing recently and finds it enjoyable. She has applied to work part time, over the summer, as a receptionist in one of our departments.

Amanda completed her freshman year at Bryan College. She made a lot of new friends! She was elected to be Minister of Women for the sophomore class for the 2001-2002 academic year. She took a training course to be a lifeguard and at



a pool for the summer. One of the highlights for her this year was her missions trip to Italy.

Kristen completed her junior year at Bryan! Where did those three years go?

A friend invited her to go with their family for a week's vacation in Florida—she really enjoyed it (and deserved it). She was hired to run our summer MK Safari program. This is a program for elementary-age children of our members, allowing the moms to continue their work involvement throughout the summer. She had between 20 and 30 children and one assistant. Three afternoons a week she was a receptionist in Administration.

*—For the Immels, Dave*



## Ben Watson, KBØOUC, Omaha, NB

I need a book and not a few lines to write all that has happened in the past few days but I will summarize briefly and will give you some prayer points.

From October 10-17 we entertained Rev. David Offosuhene from the West African country of Ghana. Last April David wrote and asked if I would produce some of the Source of Light Bible correspondence courses in braille. Soon he began talking of a Bible school for the Blind. When he arrived he told me that the committee of Christ for the Blind, a part of his much larger International Christian Cooperative



ministries, Inc., asked me to be president of the as yet to be founded Christ for the Blind Bible College. This will entail periodic trips to Ghana and the production of courses in braille. They have also asked me to set up a curriculum for the school.

Our advisory board approved this ministry at a specially called meeting, and

we are beginning to prepare for a trip there next March, over the Easter holiday. We hope to take a small team of medical and rehabilitation people with us to help preserve sight, distribute used glasses and to assess the skill-training needs that we will need to address. The curriculum will consist of both Bible and theological studies, and work and life management skills training. It will be a sort of Christian rehabilitation school as well as a Bible college.

One weekend in October I attended the Heartland Christian Ministries Conference in Omaha with Leon Scott, director of Source of Light Ministries, Kansas. We manned a booth and did workshops Friday afternoon and evening and all day Saturday. Leon did a workshop on Understanding Faith Missions, and I did one on Ministering to the Disabled. Together we did a workshop on How Bible Correspondence Courses will Help your Ministry.

Please pray:

- for the team to go with us to Ghana in Spring
- for the moneys needed for us to make the trip
- for the choosing of students who will begin their training on a small scale.

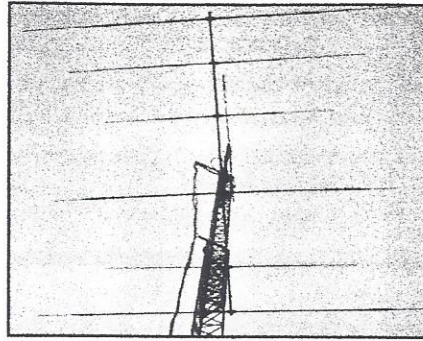
Thanks for your continuing concern and prayers for us. May god bless each of you as you faithfully serve Him.

—Ben, for Ben and Gladys Watson

## Don Jensen, KC7WV, Catalina, AZ

One of the highlights of my hamming career in recent months has been the acquisition of a new crank-up, self-supporting tower and six-element beam. It was not an easy install, but I had a lot of mighty fine help.

They tell me that I had a pretty good signal with my old dipole in the attic, but this beam really puts out a signal!



Working DX has been a blast. This area must be particularly good for transmitting and receiving.

I thought you might like to take a gander at it, so here is what it looks like.

—Don, KC7WV

## You've got what?

I have recently been diagnosed with AAADD—Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it goes...

I decided to clean off the front patio. I start to the patio and notice mail on the desk that needs to be taken down to the Post Office. Ok, I'm going to the Post Office...But first I'm going to go through the mail that was delivered. I lay the car keys down on the desk. After discarding the junk mail, I notice the trash can is full. Ok, I'll just put the bills on my desk...But first, I'll take the trash out. But since I'm going to be near the mailbox, I'll address a few bills. Yes, now where is the checkbook? Oops...There's only one check left. Where did I put the extra checks? Oh, there is my empty coffee cup from last night on my desk. I'm going to look for those checks...But first, I need to put the cup back in the kitchen. I start to head for the kitchen and look out at my balcony, notice the flowers need a drink of water because of the extreme heat. I put the cup on the counter and there's my extra pair of glasses on the kitchen counter. What are they doing here? I'll just put them away...But first need to water those plants. I head for the door and...AAAGGH! Someone left the TV remote in the wrong spot. Okay, I'll put the remote away and water the plants on my balcony...But first I need to find those checks...

END OF DAY: The patio has not been cleaned, bills still unpaid, cup still on the counter, checkbook still has only one check left, lost my car keys...And when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm baffled because I know I was BUSY ALL DAY!

I realize this condition is serious...I'd get help...BUT FIRST...I think I'll check my e-mail.

—Contributed via Ben Watson, KBØOUC



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**demographics**

base. You'll find a compilation of the results below:

**United States:**

Alabama	1
Alaska	2
Arizona	20
Arkansas	3
California	28
Colorado	12
Connecticut	4
Delaware	1
Florida	8

Georgia	7
Illinois	9
Indiana	8
Iowa	13
Kansas	3
Maine	3
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	13
Minnesota	22
Missouri	1
Montana	3
Nebraska	6
New Jersey	5
New Mexico	3

New York	13
North Carolina	22
North Dakota	3
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	5
Oregon	13
Pennsylvania	23
South Carolina	3
Tennessee	3
Texas	9
Virginia	3
Washington	15
Wisconsin	4
Total U.S.	296

**States with no members:**

Hawaii
Kentucky
Louisiana
Idaho
Mississippi
Nevada
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Utah
Vermont
South Dakota
West Virginia
Wyoming

## Silent Keys

### Adeline Thiessen

Adeline Thiessen went to be with her Lord on March 14, 2001 after suddenly becoming ill. She was 65.

Adeline was born at Steinbach, Manitoba on October 6, 1935. As she got older, she developed a love for singing, an interest that lasted the rest of her life. She accepted the Lord as a teenager, and often combined her dedication to the Lord with her love of music.

When she was 13, her mother died, followed the same year by her only baby sister. When her dad remarried, she became her new mother's close and dear friend. Soon she had a new baby sister and later three brothers.

On November 8, 1953, she married Peter Thiessen, VE4PP. They had five sons. They moved several times, the last to Roseau River, Manitoba. Adeline taught Sunday school, directed the church choir, provided special music, helped with V.B.S. and various women's ministries.

In retirement, Adeline was involved in crafts and gardening. She and Peter enjoyed doing Farmer's Market and craft sales together.

She is survived by her five sons and their families, her step-mother, a sister and four brothers. -- ---

### Malcolm Brister, W6EZO

Long-time ARMS member, Malcolm Brister, W6EZO, passed away September 5, 2001 at his home in Montague, California, at the age of 87. He was born August 19, 1914 in Lindsay, California to John and Florence Brister. He grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and graduated from Tulare High School.

During World War II he worked in defense plants and served in the Naval Reserve. He worked for the U.S. Park Service and U.S. Forest Service for 22 years as an electronics technician, and retired from the Klamath National Forest.

Malcolm enjoyed ham radio. He was first licensed in the 1930s, and he recently received a 65-year certificate from the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He was also a member of the Greenhorn Grange and First Southern Baptist Church of Yreka.

Malcolm married Kay Kendall on August 18, 1946 in Ramona, California. The couple moved to Montague in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Brister of Montague; a son, two daughters, a sister, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Malcolm was preceded in death by a son, Wesley Brister. -- ---

**Canada:**

Alberta	4
British Columbia	7
Manitoba	4
New Brunswick	2
Ontario	2
Saskatchewan	3
Yukon Territory	1

Total Canadian 23

**Provinces with no members:**

Newfoundland
Nova Scotia
Prince Edward Island
Quebec

**Mexico** 2

**Overseas:**

Austria	1
Bolivia	2
Mongolia	1
New Zealand	1
Philippines	6

Total overseas 11

**Total ARMS members 332**

Members with email 223

I hope this has been informative for you as well as entertaining. I had fun putting it together.

—Dave Shortess, W7PTL



# Section Reports

## Midwest Section

The annual meeting of the Midwest Section of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service met together in Christian fellowship on Saturday, August 11, 2001 in Mankato, Minnesota. The initial gathering took place at the home of WAØDFT=Arnie and XYL Vickie Kopischke. A time of re-acquainting and refreshment was enjoyed as the members arrived. One point of interest was the demonstration of antennas by WAØDFT=Arnie Kopischke and WAØJGT=Keith Sykora.

At noon, the assembled group traveled to the *Old Country Buffet* for the noon meal. There were 17 present. Table grace was given by KØLHJ=Neale Thompson.

The annual meeting was called to order by director WAØDFT=Arnie Kopischke. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary WBØEJA=Elaine Wigen. A motion to accept the reading was made by KØGAZ= Jay Sudenga, seconded by WØQPX=Jerry Nelson and carried.

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## Eastern Section

On July 28, 2001, the Eastern Section of the ARMS group gathered at the home of Section Director Larry Hodge (W2PT) in Conklin, New York to enjoy an eyeball QSO, a great time of fellowship and a delicious meal.

Present were Don Birx (K3RYV) and his XYL, Adele (WA3ASE), Al Smith (K2CAC) and his XYL, Esther, Gene Reynolds (W3EAN) and his XYL, Cathy, Wil Hutchinson (WA2OJN) and his XYL, Sandy, Larry Hodge (W2PT) and his XYL, Pat, Corky Stillman (WA2KKF), Duane Tullar (AA2JI), Norm Hinkle (W2NNJ), and Paul Hammond (N2MNO). The Lord provided a beautiful day and the fellowship was outstanding.

After lunch Larry spoke briefly on the need to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15). He also asked the group to think of some ideas that might

help us reemphasize the missionary aspect that is the foundation of our organization. Modern communication methods such as e-mail have greatly reduced the need for amateur radio in routine missionary communication, but we must not lose our missionary focus. Whether in prayer or any assistance we can give to those who are proclaiming the gospel around the world, missions was and must continue to be our first priority.

The Eastern Section publishes a prayer list. On it are both missionary and other requests shared by the group. Some outside of the section are on the e-mail list. Anyone who would like to be included on the e-mail list or share a prayer request please e-mail Larry Hodge at [lhodge50@aol.com](mailto:lhodge50@aol.com).

Lord willing, either Gene or Don will host the get-together next summer. We look forward to another great time of fellowship in the name of our precious Lord and Savior.

—Larry Hodge, W2PT



K3RYV photo

The Eastern Section folks gather for a group picture at their picnic.

From left to right: Norm Hinkle, W2NNJ; Duane Tullar, AA2JI; Larry Hodge, W2PT; Paul Hammond, N2MNO; Pat Hodge; Will Hutchinson, WA2OJN; Sandra Hutchinson; Colin Stillman, WA2KKF; Al Smith, K2CAC; Esther Smith; Don Birx, K3RYV; Gene Reynolds, W3EAN; Kathy Reynolds; Adele Birx, WA3ASE



Officers for the following year were discussed. WAØJGT=Keith Sykora made a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous vote to elect the current officers to serve for the coming year. Seconded by KØGAZ=Jay Sudenga. Carried. Therefore, officers for the year 2002 will be: WAØDFT=Arnie Kopischke – director, KØOAV=Don Berggren – vice director, WBØEJA=Elaine Wigen – secretary, WAØTFC=Karl Koppelman – net director, KØLHJ=Neale Thompson – chaplain, and WAØLLI=Don Benson – parliamentarian.

Discussion followed concerning the next annual meeting. A motion was made by WBØEJB=JR Wigen that the 2002 Midwest ARMS annual meeting be held on August 10th in Mankato, Minnesota with a time of fellowship from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the home of WAØDFT, and the noon meal at the Old Country Buffet followed by the meeting, with dismissal at approximately 3:00 p.m. No meeting notices will be sent. Motion seconded by WAØTFC=Karl Koppelman. Carried.

Net Director WAØTFC=Karl Koppelman stated the Midwest ARMS Net on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. central time on 3.905 MHz continues to be active. The net has been experiencing deliberate interference from a non-member radio operator on its long-time net frequency of 3.905. A motion was made by KØGAZ=Jay Sudenga and seconded by WØQPX=Jerry Nelson that this ham be treated with utmost courtesy and that when this happens, the net control station will QSX to the closest quiet frequency with check-ins following. It is our purpose to show “we are Christians by our love” at all times.

A motion to adjourn was made by KØLHJ=Neale Thompson, seconded by KØGAZ=Jay Sudenga and carried.

A most interesting demonstration of the *Roadrunner Talking Bible* was given by WAØTFC=Karl Koppelman. All were amazed at the compact size and its versatility. Karl stated that using this has made

the Bible really come alive for him. This particular model is a NASB with headphones, runs 40 hours on two M batteries or by power supply and external speakers. Bookmarkers can be set, as well as the pitch and tempo of the voice, and it has a search possibility plus other features.

As with every year, the group looked expectantly to WØQPX=Jerry Nelson to present his report of current events in the Middle East as applied to believers as the end times approach.

Our group is comprised of dedicated servants of the Lord who have served in many capacities of spreading the Word – some have left their homes for periods of time to spread the Word in foreign countries, and others have been ready to give an account of their beliefs in and around their homes. We are ever thankful to the Lord for blessing us in many ways. As we told our “stories” of how the Lord has worked in our lives in the past year, all were strengthened in hearing the testimonies.

In this world of declining morality, violence, and unbelief, the Midwest ARMS members are united in their desire and work to spread the Gospel in word and deed. One way of doing this is by contributing to *Bibles for the World* (P.O. Box 470, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901) where sending \$4 guarantees many Bibles to be sent abroad. We firmly believe that “conflicts and wars will cease only when the peace of God reigns in the hearts of fellow human beings who have been redeemed and transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.”

The informal time of sharing was brought to a close as WAØTFC=Karl Koppelman sang *a cappella* “I Love to Tell the Story” and “O How He Loves You and Me,” followed by a prayer led by KØLHJ=Neale Thompson.

Those present: WAØDFT=Arnie Kopischke and XYL=Vickie; WAØTFC=Karl Koppelman and mother Mary; WØQPX=Jerry Nelson and XYL=Mary; KØGAZ=Jay Sudenga and XYL=Dottie; WØZMU=Roger Stubbe and XYL=Joyce; KØLHJ=Neale Th-

ompson; WBØHJG=Dean Nordell and XYL=Eloise; WAØJGT=Keith Sykora; KØLLI=Don Benson; WBØEJB=JR Wigen and XYL=WBØEJA=Elaine.

Faithfully submitted,  
–WBØEJA=Elaine Wigen, secretary

## **Northwest Section**

As I have nothing better to report from the Northwest Section, I will give you a short report on our cruise through the Inside Passage to Alaska this past week.

A group of about 90 people, many from our church and Sunday school class, left Sunday, September 9, for a cruise aboard the *Vision of the Sea* cruise ship. It was about 950 feet long and very nice. If there had been some way to avoid the Seattle Airport, both going and coming, it would have been a much better trip.

After we left Vancouver, B.C. Sunday afternoon and passed through the Strait of Georgia east of Vancouver Island, we sailed all night through the Queen Charlotte Islands and north to Hubbard Glacier. The islands are a beautiful sight and give you a new appreciation for what God has wrought.

On Tuesday morning the captain of the ship came on the intercom and asked us to turn on the TV to hear the breaking news coming over CNN. Of course we know now what that was and it created somewhat of a pall over the entire ship. Many of us became concerned over our return trip through the Seattle airport.

We did make stops at Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan. We had rain off and on most of the return trip but still enjoyed the scenery. We saw several sightings of porpoises and killer whales.

On Saturday morning we held a memorial service for the people lost in the World Trade Center. A volunteer chaplain along with our ship captain lead the service. The music was provided by a quartet from our travel group, all from Grants Pass. It was a very moving service and well attended.

A scenic highlight of the trip was our visit to the Misty Fjord National Monu-



ment. The ship, all 950 feet of it moved slowly into the narrow opening of the fjord and stopped the engines as we sat there and observed the surroundings, birds, shore animals and quiet.

We disembarked Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. and headed by bus from Vancouver to the Seattle airport. On arriving, we found mass confusion and had trouble getting on flights back to Medford. We did get back, and enjoyed the trip, but decided once was enough. I think we are getting too old for this type of confusion!

—Bob Hambly, WA7BYD

## Southeast Section

Let me start off by saying it sure was good to hear from Ron, WB4OOA, recently on the SE ARMS Net. We have not heard from the Waxhaw group for some time. Everyone has been busy, I know, with ministry responsibilities, family, housework, honeydews, etc.

We have been having some good nets with our numbers growing slowly. Been missing some of you on Saturday's also.

We did have our annual get-together here in Knoxville this past June 8 at the Golden Coral Restaurant in

Sevierville, and the Knoxville Hamfest on Saturday June 9. We had a great time and the fellowship was sweet. Please refer to our group photo (below) for those in attendance.

Next year we are going over to Dave Gillespie's (WA4LLR) part of the world for our get-together (western North Carolina).

We hope to hear from our SE Section members on the net soon—Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. EST, 3.900 (+ or – the QRM).

73, 99 and God bless,

—Denis Parker, WD4ACH



The Southeast Section enjoyed a great time of fellowship at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Sevierville, Tenn.

Seated, left to right: David Howington; Bobby Howington, KC4DOG; Denis Parker, WD4ACH;

Ed Bradley, W4VGI; Dave Dillespie, WA4LLR; and Dan Baumgarten, W4MGZ.

Standing, left to right: Diana Howington, KD4PIG; Christopher Howington; Andra Parker, KD4CLF; Pat Baumgarten; and Ervina Gillespie, N4PFZ.

## New ARMS Directory is now available

The 2002 ARMS Directory is now available and has been included with this mailing of *The BEAM*. The decision was made to change the publication of the Directory to the fall, since the bulk of the address changes come from dues renewal forms that are returned each summer,

We are considering making it an annual publication. Let us know your feelings on this.

We have made every effort to be as accurate as possible. But if you spot an error, please let me know, and it will be corrected. Check especially email addresses.

Also, if you have recently connected to the internet, please send me your email address to [dshortess@tenforward.com](mailto:dshortess@tenforward.com), and I'll add it to the list.

—Dave Shortess, editor



# From our members here and there

## Wedding plans for Jim McAuley, VE4ID

For the past few months I have been dating a lovely redhead, a single gal named Sarah, a retired nurse, and a gal who really loves the Lord, and the last few months, me as well! I got to know her mainly because Sarah regularly attended the weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at our Church as did Mildred and I.

Mildred passed on to the Heavenly Realm on February 13, 1999. Some of you know what it's like to lose a spouse whom you love so dearly, but God is faithful as He has promised, and never leaves or forsakes us—a very present help in trouble. He is always present to provide the required grace.

Sarah Dyck and I are very happy that God in His goodness has led us to each other in such a happy relationship—both horizontal and vertical. We are to be married on Saturday, November 3rd at our church in Brandon. We would appreciate your prayers as we continue with wedding plans.

—Jim McAuley, VE4ID

## Don Helling, WAØNJZ, moves to Alaska and gets married

Don Helling, WAØNJZ, contracted polio as a youngster, causing him to be paralyzed and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life. Until recently Don lived on the family farm in Deer Trail, Colorado. Thus, it came as something of a surprise (a very pleasant one) to learn that Don had gotten married.

In July, Don, his care-taker, Lorraine Blatter, and Lowell Martin, WØLVE, from the Denver area, flew from Denver to Anchorage, Alaska, by way of Seattle. This was Don's first trip by air. Then, in a private ceremony on July 14, Lorraine Blatter became Mrs. Don Helling.

Later, Geno McGahey, AL7GQ, and Lash Larue, WØRQI, also from the Denver area, journeyed to Anchorage (Wasilla) to join the others in helping Don set up his computer and his ham shack. (See photo below.) We are looking forward to hearing Don on the air.

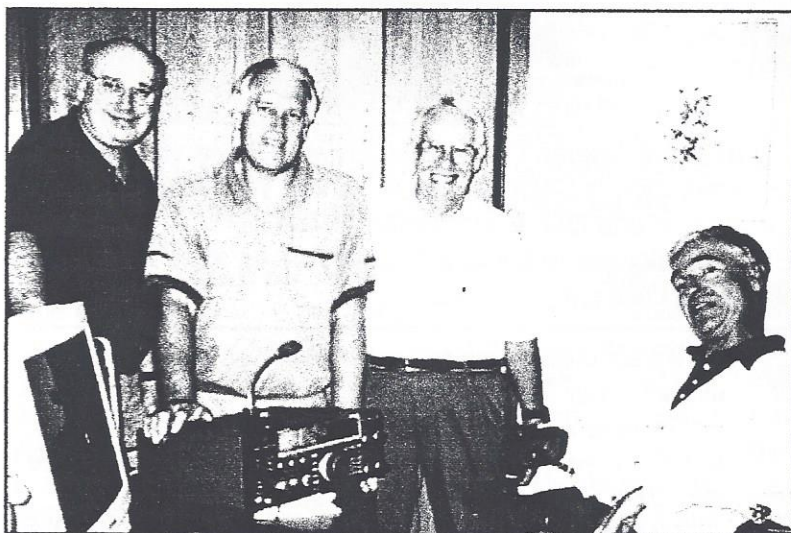
We hope to have a full article about Don and Lorraine in the next issue of *The BEAM*. Stay tuned. — — —

Congratulations to Andra Parker, KD4CLF, on the recent passing of her General license exam. We hope to hear her on the ARMS Net one of these days!

## Stan Poeschel, KD6WZA, and XYL make the big tour

Stan, KD6WZA, and his wife, Virginia Poeschel (rhymes with "facial") recently completed a tour of the U.S. They left their home in Happy Camp, northern California, where Stan pastors a small church, and headed out. Along the way they visited several ARMS members.

In Artesia, New Mexico, they stopped by to visit Harold, KI5KF, and Caroline Jones. A stop in Knoxville, Tennessee, brought them in contact with Denis, WD4ACH, and Andra, KD4CLF, Parker. After journeying on to Florida and up the Atlantic coast, they headed west and eventually found themselves in Port Angeles, Washington, where they attended a church conference. While there, they dropped in to see Dave, W7PTL, and Wealthy Shortess before heading south and back home to Happy Camp. — — —



Geno McGahey, AL7GQ, Lowell Martin, WØLVE, and Lash Larue, WØRQI, gather with Don Helling, WØNJZ, in his new Wasilla, Alaska, ham shack.



Stan, KD6WZA, and Virginia Poeschel recently completed a "round the country" tour of the U.S.



# The "Alcan" revisited

by Gordon Tiessen, VE7BQA

The Alaska (nicknamed the "Alcan") Highway was built in 1942 when the Japanese were threatening to attack Alaska. In fact, they were already occupying some islands in the Aleutians, so the highway was built in less than a year.

In 1953 I started driving a fuel truck from Edmonton, Alberta to Fort Nelson, B.C. and on to an air base at Smith River, B.C. by way of the Alaska Highway.

This past summer I returned to the highway. My wife, Leone, and I left Kamloops, B.C. on May 31 and heading north through Prince George to Dawson Creek, mile zero on the Alaska Highway. On this trip we had our 95 Dodge dually pickup with a 10-foot slide-in camper. One of the reasons we did not want to take our 5th wheel was I wanted to check out the old road. When I hauled fuel up there, it was all gravel and very crooked. It now is straight and paved and a lot of the bad hills are gone.

We actually drove the old highway on this trip from Buckinghorse, mile 175, over the Trutch mountains to mile 200. We always wondered in the 50's why they put the highway over the mountains instead of in the valley below, and guess what, it's now in the valley.

We stopped at Fort Nelson to visit a couple that ran the *Lum & Abner's Lodge* at mile 233 in the 50's. We had a great visit, and they showed us some movie footage of those times. When we arrived at *The Poplars Lodge*, mile 425, the road was closed due to a collapsed culvert at Iron Creek, mile 595. We were there for three nights as they had to truck a bridge from Grande Prairie, Alberta, to bypass the washout. Apparently the culvert was the largest in Canada, measuring 63 feet in diameter. While at the *Poplars*, we ran into a couple from San Rafael, Cali-

fornia, who planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at Dawson City. Because they were held up, they celebrated with the whole campground with cake, coffee and music by some campers from Alberta.

A trip up the Alaska Highway must always include a stop at the Liard Hot Springs, mile 496. Muncho Lake, mile 456, is always beautiful and a stop at *Mukluk Annies* (run by a Christian couple) for the Salmon Bake gets you free camping.

We left the Alcan at Whitehorse and drove north up the Klondike to Dawson City, over the *Top of The World Highway* to Tok, then back onto the Alcan to Fairbanks.

Another highlight of the trip was the bus trip into Denali Park. It was a 8-hour trip and lots of grizzlies, moose, caribou, doll sheep and wolves were spotted. Mount McKinley was cloudy so we didn't see it until the next day, which turned out to be bright and sunny.

We drove down to Portage to see the

glaciers, then through Glenallen to Valdez, back to Glenallen into the Yukon and down to Skagway. There were three cruise ships in Skagway and tourists everywhere. There was a lot of Gold Rush history there and very enjoyable.

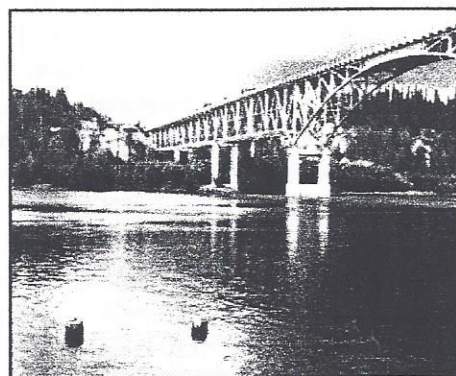
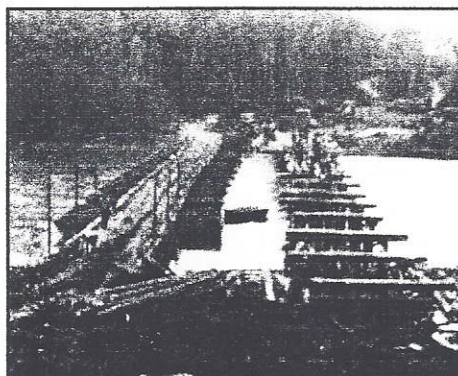
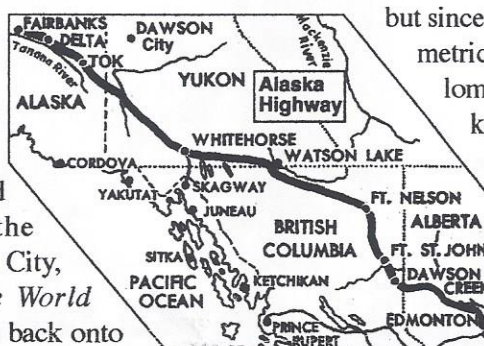
On our way home we were traveling on the Alcan around about mile 750 when a guy called me on the CB. They turned out to be friends from Alberta whom we had met in Mesa, and since we were going in opposite directions, we turned around for a short visit.

My only disappointment on the trip was that all the mile posts have been removed. There used to be one every mile, so you always knew where you were,

but since Canada has gone metric, they have a kilometer post every 10 km or so. The mileages I gave above are "traditional mileage" and are not the true miles any more

since the road is shorter. They do have a few of the important places marked with traditional mileposts.

We did have our Kenwood 440 and Hustler antenna with us and were able to check into the ARMS 20-meter Net and make contact with Jay, KØGAZ, and Dave, W7PTL. All in all it was a great trip. ---



**The Sikanni River bridges, then and now.** Left: A temporary pontoon bridge, on the left, was soon replaced by a wood trestle bridge, shown under construction spanning the 300-foot wide river. Construction time: three days from standing trees to finished bridge. Right: A modern steel and concrete span at the same site. Note the two remnants of the piers of the wood trestle bridge in the foreground.



Meet your 20-meter Net controls—

## Denis Parker, WD4ACH

I was born here in Knoxville, and I have lived here all my life. As a matter of fact, I can see my home place from where we live now.

I started my career as a respiratory therapist in 1972 as an on-the-job trainee. I studied on my own and was certified in

1974. I worked until 1991. In March of that year, I noticed that I was falling a lot in the stair wells and that my muscles were becoming very stiff. After a long ordeal, going from doctor to doctor, I finally was sent to a neurologist that specializes in neuromuscular diseases. His exam revealed that my reflexes were very spastic. After numerous tests I was diagnosed with spastic paraparesis. (It may possibly have a genetic basis, but I have no family history of the disease.) I had to quit work that same year.

There is a medication which, when injected directly into the spinal cavity, eases the symptoms of the condition. A couple of years ago they implanted a pump in my abdomen which automatically and continuously administers the medication in the required amounts. It isn't a cure, but it helps. However, to complicate matters, since then I also have also been diagnosed with diabetes, so now I have to take insulin as well. At the present time I am pretty much confined to a wheelchair.

I met my wife, Andra, where I worked, at the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, and we were married in October, 1973. Andra still is employed at Baptist as a registered nurse. We have one daughter, Kristin, who is 19 and a sophomore in college, studying to be a nurse.

I got my ham license in 1976, as a novice. Currently, I hold an advanced class license. Amateur radio is a big part of my life, especially since I am disabled. I keep a regular schedule with my dear friend, Fred, HH5FW, who is a missionary in Haiti. Several years ago I had the privilege of visiting Fred at his mission station.

Andra was licensed as a no-code technician in 1991. Recently she upgraded to general class at the Selby Hamfest in North Carolina.

For 25 years I was a lost church member, but in February,

1978, I received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and was born into the Kingdom of God. Andra was saved in 1979, and Kristin was saved in 1995.

We attend Southside Baptist Church in Knoxville, and I teach the senior adult class called "The Harvesters." I am a 1985 graduate of Liberty Bible Institute. Southside Baptist ordained me into the gospel ministry in 1988.

The ARMS Christian Fellowship Group has been an important part of my life, especially in recent years. I am the



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ARMS tape editor. I record on tape each issue of The BEAM when it comes out, and I send a copy of the tape to each of our blind ARMS members. I am also the Southeast Section director for ARMS and enjoy meeting and fellowshiping with the SE Section members on the air and face-to-face. Our SE Section net meets every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., local time, on 3.900 mHz.

On Thursday mornings you can hear me running the ARMS 20-meter Net. My rig is a Ten-Tec Delta II. My antenna is a three-element bobtail curtain up about 20 feet, oriented roughly northwest by southeast.

I appreciate all the support I have received over the years from my "on-the-air" Christian brothers and sisters. I praise the Lord for my family members, both physical and spiritual, who have upheld me in so many ways. And I thank God for His sustaining grace over these years.

—In Christ, Denis Parker, WD4ACH

### We welcome our new members!

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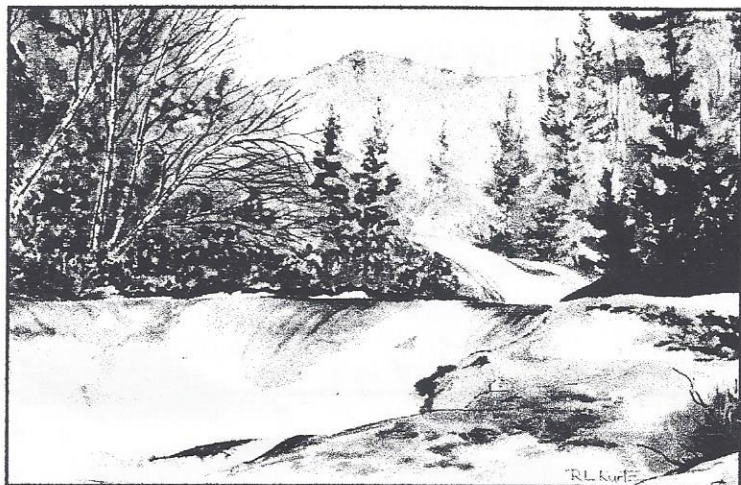


## Bob Kurtz, W2CYO, artist



Bob Kurtz, W2CYO, of Seneca, South Carolina, is a man of several artistic talents. Bob enjoys doing fine woodworking and painting. Photos of two of his paintings are shown here. While these black-and-white reproductions do not do begin to do justice to the color originals, they give an idea of the scope of his work.

Regarding the paintings, first of the one below, Bob writes: "This is Horsepasture River located about an hour north of us in North Carolina. This river has four beautiful waterfalls. This one is known as Turtleback, and many ad-



venturous types like sliding down it. It is a water color."

Of the other, he says, "This gazebo is located at the end of a walking trail along Lake Keowee at our previous home at Keowee Key. The picture is 24 x 28 inches and hangs in our living room. It was painted in acrylic." ■ ■ ■



## Who's in charge here?

It had been a faithful servant. For 16 years it had done everything I asked of it and then some. It had a few idiosyncrasies, but nothing I couldn't live with.

It had traveled with me to our church camp on occasion. It even appeared with me one evening in a church service. One of the best things I liked about it was its dependability. It was known to have a special "voice."

This "thing" in my life was affectionately known as a "Hot Water 101," a Heathkit HW-101 transceiver. After it warmed up, I could use it to send my voice and code around the world.

But then something happened. The rig unilaterally began doing something that was very upsetting to me. I would be listening to missionary friends when my rig would suddenly kick into transmit. I finally fixed it, but until then the HW-101 merrily did its own thing when it wanted to and regardless to whom I was talking. It refused to pay any attention to me. And here I thought I was in charge.

That set my musers to musing. What was happening sounded vaguely familiar. I had to ask did I always follow the Master's instructions from His instruction book, the Bible? Were there

times when I took things into my own hands and in effect said "I know better than He does?"

In fact, I know there were times in conversation with a friend when I should have been listening rather than talking. That exactly describes how I pray sometimes. I do all the talking and never take important time to listen to God through His Word. After all, prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue.

This all led me to the words that the Lord Jesus spoke to Philip in John 14: "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" (vs. 9) That verse that can be understood as "haven't you been listening to Me?"

Most Christians have a working knowledge of the Word of God. But often it is just that: knowledge. In a given scenario we know what we *should* do. The doing is the problem. It's like the man who had just poured concrete and later found two neighbor boys had played in it. He was furious. His wife tried to help the situation by telling him he really did love children. His response: "I do love children. But I love them in the abstract and not in the concrete!"

My HW-101 has long ago gone to its reward (hamfest sales table). But I still think of it and the lessons it taught me about letting the Lord lead, and not thinking that I know best. I don't; He does.

—Chuck Winter, N7AAG





## Career change

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Cor. 5:17

### Across

- 1 Attempts  
6 "...put it into \_\_\_\_ with holes."  
(Hag. 1:6)  
10 *Like this, e.g.*  
14 Painter Rousseau  
15 White House pooch  
16 Divan  
17 "I will \_\_\_\_ thee,"  
(Ps. 30:1)  
18 "...the angels desire to look \_\_\_\_."  
(1 Pt. 1:12)  
19 "Therefore the he \_\_\_\_ waxed very great."  
(Dan. 8:8)  
20 Beginning of a **QUOTE** from Mark 1 (NIV)  
23 DeMille's *The ten Commandments*, for example  
26 Folklore creature  
27 Add on  
28 Busted  
30 "...laid he up in the \_\_\_\_."  
(Gen. 41:48)  
32 That dress doesn't \_\_\_\_ for you.  
33 Metrical foot  
34 Quintessence of simplicity  
37 **QUOTE**, continued  
40 Wind dir.  
41 Blue dye  
42 Large ships  
43 An NCO  
44 "If he \_\_\_\_ this,"  
(1 Cor. 14:38, NIV)  
45 Alter to advantage  
48 "...clothed \_\_\_\_ long, white garment;"  
(Mk. 16:5)

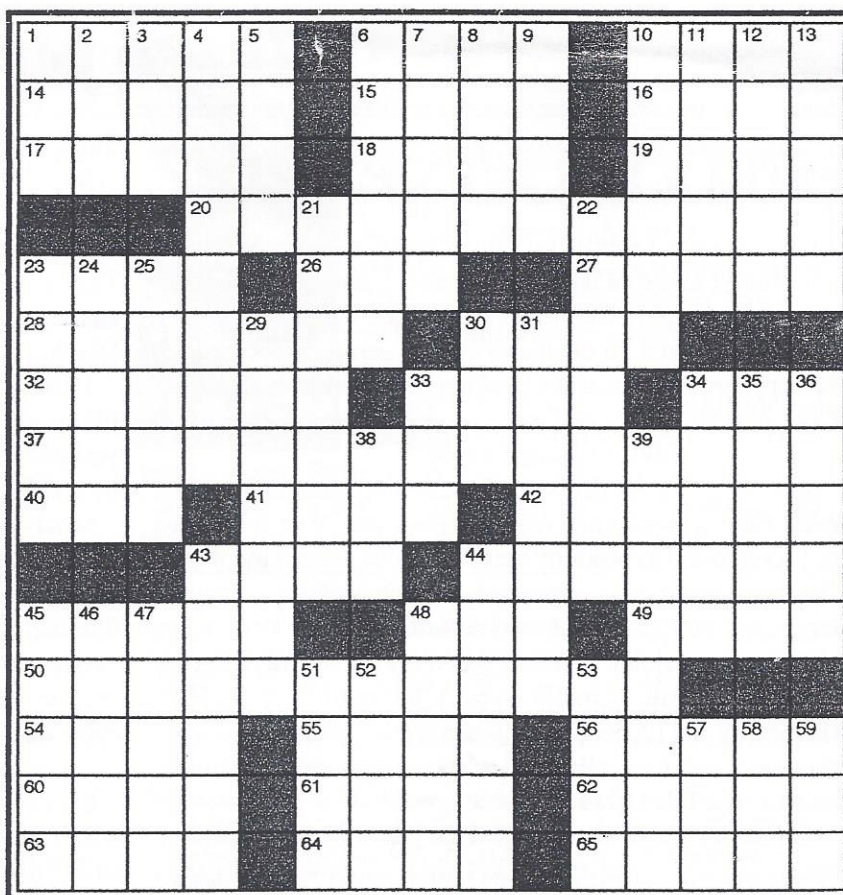
Unless stated otherwise, scripture verses are taken from the King James (Authorized) Version of the Bible.

- 49 Meat insp. group  
50 End of **QUOTE**  
54 Dust bowl survivor  
55 Diarist Frank  
56 The Stone of \_\_\_\_, British coronation artifact  
60 "Go up, \_\_\_\_ an altar unto the..."  
(2 Sam. 24:18)  
61 "...A \_\_\_\_ of turtledoves,"  
(Lu. 2:24)  
62 "...him according to the \_\_\_\_ of these words:"  
(Gen. 43:7)  
63 European sea eagle  
64 Health resorts  
65 "...knit together \_\_\_\_ man."  
(Judges 20:11)  
12 "...and there went out \_\_\_\_ of him throughout all the ..." (Lk. 4:14)  
13 Paint type  
21 "...even the solumn \_\_\_\_."  
(Is. 1:13)  
22 Dear small child  
23 Collections of old Norse poems  
24 Unskilled laborers in Mexico  
25 "\_\_\_\_ me great works;"  
(Eccl. 2:4)  
29 "They will begin \_\_\_\_ away under the oppression..."  
(Hos. 8:10, NIV)  
30 Famous American uncle  
31 Mercury alloy often found down in the mouth  
33 "...or have any \_\_\_\_ blemish,"  
(Deut. 15:21)  
34 Famous red Australian rock  
35 "...and \_\_\_\_ a hole in the lid of it,"  
(2 Kings 12:9)  
36 \_\_\_\_ blue streak (swear profusely)  
38 "...your lightening \_\_\_\_ up the world;"  
(Ps. 77:18, NIV)  
39 Pronounces with great clarity  
43 Domain  
44 Speculates  
45 "For \_\_\_\_ the harvest," (Is. 18:5)  
46 Levee worker  
47 Oriental  
48 Region in ancient western Asia Minor  
51 Converses slangily  
52 Bean type  
53 ¿Como \_\_\_\_usted?  
57 The late Beatle Lennon's wife  
58 "\_\_\_\_ his son, Jehoshua his son."  
(1 Chr. 7:27)  
59 "...\_\_\_\_ it was chewed,"  
(Num. 11:33)

**Solution on page 5**

### Down

- 1 "\_\_\_\_ seeketh wool," (Pr. 31:13)  
2 Western singer  
3 "Go to the \_\_\_\_," (Pr. 6:6)  
4 Plant from which buds are eaten  
5 Missile shelter  
6 "As keepers of \_\_\_\_," (Jer. 4:17)  
7 Alberta national park  
8 Countertenor  
9 British poky  
10 "The thing \_\_\_\_ from me:"  
(Dan. 2:5)  
11 "...and came \_\_\_\_ large flocks,"  
(Gen. 30:43, NIV)



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