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ARMS their extended family. It is an honor to serve with you as we move forward with an expectancy of our Lord's soon return.

I have been reviewing some of the history of ARMS through the years by spending time with previous issues of The Beam and am reminded what rich treasure we have in the archives. Frank, Roger and I have been reviewing some of the items that were discussed at the most recent convention including a renewed look at our mission as a ham radio group and the need to enhance the fellowship of our members. The consensus is that we must actively promote more participation at the SECTION level of our organization.

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From the President's Desk:

Hello from western Montana.

Mary and I send greetings to all who call



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Southwest Sat 0945 7.233

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1400 (DT)

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Frank, AGØM, Cherokee, IA

Galatians 6:10

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

Hebrews 13:3

Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.



Net Manager Report:

Boyce Guffey, K5VSP



THIS IS A DAY THAT THE LORD; YAHUAH, HAS MADE, I WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.....AS WE LEAVE THIS TROUBLE-SOME TIME PERIOD, WE PRAY THAT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES AND FIRES....HAS BEEN A ROUGH YEAR.....THANK'S TO ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ON THE HAM BANDS TRYING TO HELP OTHERS....AS THE SCRIPTURE READS, LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.....WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE LACK OF PROPAGATION...AS IT AFFECTS ALL OF US...

WE HAVE ENJOYED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE 40 METER BAND TO HELP WITH THE LACK OF PROPAGATION.....AND AS SEEMS TO BE THE NORMAL WE NEED SOME MORE NET CONTROLLERS...A REMINDER TO ALL OF US, TO STOP A SECOND OR TWO AFTER SENDING OR RECEIVING, TO ALLOW OTHERS A PLACE TO CHECK IN....MAY YAHUAH BLES YOU ALL, AND SPEAK THROUGH YOU ALL.....ENJOY THE WINTER MONTHS....

BOYCE.....

(continued from page 1 Mike Rafferty)

I call on you to be active with your respective section, both on the air and by providing some input to your section director regularly with updates on your

personal life and information on missionary activity you are aware of. You must be aware of some needs and stories that can be shared with ARMS. Please be careful about the need to be discrete by de-identifying certain names and/or locations for security purposes.

We have terrific tools available to us through The Beam and our web site. You can help ARMS nationwide by sharing your personal stories as well as news (photos too) from section get-togethers by informing James, NQ7L and Lew, N0CXY. How can folks in one part of the country know what is happening in another part if you are not sharing it? Fellowship grows when we all know each other better..

Propagation has been horrendous. It is hard to stay in the race when the wheels keep falling off. Those who have been serving as Net Control Stations have been doing an outstanding job and exercising a huge amount of patience and determination in keeping the 20 meter net in operation. During this summer of solar discontent we have initiated a regional net effort on 40 meters to connect with folks who otherwise would be left in the dark. So far there has been some success and we will continue to experiment with different options, especially by encouraging more fellowship within each ARMS section. So, please see what you can do to round up missions-minded folks in your section to reach out to those in need of hearing the GOOD NEWS of the saving and abundant life in Jesus.

The QRN and QSB on the bands cause us to lose contact with each other. Similarly we can lose sight of the mission we have as Amateur Radio Missionary Christians. Our Lord Jesus Christ knows what He is doing and He is doing it! Let us continue to act as ambassadors for Christ on the bands as though it was Christ who was making the appeal.

Let's be on mission ARMS brothers and sisters.

73 / 99

Mike Rafferty – K7PTL

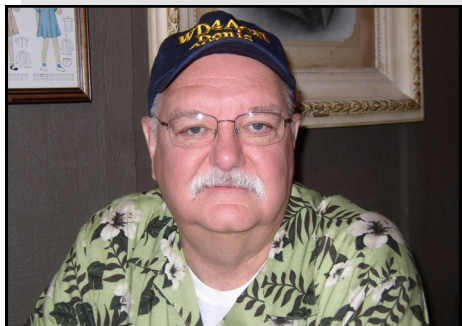
South Central Section Report



Southeast Section Report:

Denis Parker, WD4ACH.

75 Meters has been a little friendlier this quarter than last. Hearing each other better. Having some new stations check ins also.



Ed W4VGI is still the busiest Ham I know, providing communications for various groups. Dave's WA4LLR church has had several missions' trips this year to Cuba.

Dave WA4DUP is in the process of retiring from Source of Light and moving back to Missions Rd in Madison Ga. Raf AI4RA still very active in the Boys Scouts and looking forward to Scouts on the air coming up this weekend.

Bobby KC4DOG our net control station is trying to sell his parents' home in Watkinsville, Ga since his Dad went to be with the Lord a few months back.

KM4THH Richard is one of new check ins from Thorn Hill TN. Good to have Richard active on the S.E. Net. Herb N4PHC very faithful on the transcon net but can't get him to remember the Saturday net.

Mike K0RRP is busy on Saturday morning with his ham club breakfast and has not been able to check in. We miss Mike on the Net.

Also miss Ron Durie WB4OOA, he has not been in some time also along with Ray Rising K4LWJ. We also miss K4CTN also Gerry Cook and Jerry Ward AL7EU.

Nothing in concrete yet but discussing Shelby, N.C. next year for our get-together, Lord willing.

We're praying for better propagation, don't give up keep trying to check in. Will keep listening for you. Looking eastward for Jesus return.

Results of Election::

As the deadline for ballots has come and gone, here are the results of the election of officers for ARMS: Thirty-Seven ballots received.

All voted in favor of the slate of candidates as presented.

Newly Elected President:: Mike Rafferty K7PTL

Newly Elected Vice President:: Frank Brodale AG0M

Reelected Treasurer:: Roger Stubbe W0ZMU

From Chuck Winter:

Dick will be 93 in November and his radio shack is no longer operating. He passed this along :

"I am just grateful for each day the Lord allows me to enjoy with my wife Dorothy of 68 years and counting. We still live together in our house in Mountlake Terrace, WA since 1967. I finally decided to give up driving last summer and now depend on "designated" drivers. my daughter Joy, and sons Rick and Tom. Tom said "Dad, you've taken care of us all these years, now it's our turn!" Guess I trained him right, eh?

Thanks for remembering me, Chuck. Say Hi to the guys on the air for me. Pass this verse on, please:

Philippians 1:6 Dick, K7VCD"

Voice of the Martyrs

<https://www.persecution.com/>

Open Doors

<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/>



Eastern Section : Larry Hodge W2PT

The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to be very active. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 AM Eastern Time and Saturdays at 9:00 AM Eastern time at 3907 kHz. We average 8 checkins on Mondays, 6 on Thursdays and from 4 to 8 on Saturdays. We maintain a prayer list which is updated each net. The list consists of both missionary and local requests. Anyone from any section is welcome to have a request put on the list or to receive the list. Please let me know. In either case my e-mail address is lhodge50@aol.com. Net control duties are shared by net members who have been very faithful in seeing all nets are covered.

Net controllers include Duane, AA2I, Don, K3RYV, Bill, WB1DQT, John, K2GQG, Tom, N7GBH, Don, WA3CMT, Paul, K2QCG and Larry, W2PT. In addition, the first Monday of each month is "Missionary Monday." On that day net members are encouraged to bring before the group a specific missionary they pray for and support. The name of the missionary, their field, and a brief description of their work is shared. Many of our members attended our 60th anniversary convention in Philadelphia in July. Thanks again to Tom (N7GBH) and John (K2GQG) for their hard work in the planning. On September 9th we enjoyed our annual Eastern Section picnic at the QTH of John and Sue Babbitt. Dave (W1DV) spoke on his recent mission trip to Uganda.

The picture front row from L to R Duane (AA2JI), Sue (KD2AQR), Paul (K2QCG). Back row L to R Larry (W2PT), Pat (Larry's XYL), Dave (W1DV), John (K2GQG) and Jenny (Paul's XYL). We continue to praise the Lord for his goodness and trust God's blessings will rest on each of you in the coming days.



60th Anniversary ARMS Convention



The 60th Anniversary ARMS Convention was held Friday and Saturday, July 21st and 22nd in Essington, PA. The celebration was organized by the Northeastern Section of ARMS in recognition of the fact that the ARMS founding occurred in nearby Philadelphia 60 years ago at the Philadelphia College of the Bible. That original location no longer exists so the convention was held at the Holiday Inn Express near the Philadelphia International Airport. Twenty-three ARMS Members, spouses and guests were in attendance.

A welcome letter was read from Northeastern Section Director Larry Hodge, (W2PT). Tom Church (N7GBH) led the morning devotions reading from I Chronicles on "Building the House of God." Outgoing president Jerry Brunk (K4RBZ) welcomed the group and presided over the installation of new officers: President – Mike Raffety (K7 PTL), Vice President Frank Brodale (AGOM), and Rogers Stubbe (W0ZMU) as Sec/Tres.

Don Birx (K3RYV) and Dave Newell (WA4DUP) both from the Eastern Section did a great job of recalling the early days of ARMS, and John Babbitt (K2GQG) showed a power point presentation of past faces, conventions and Eastern Sections Net Picnics.

Reports from the treasurer and various committees took place. Discussion followed on how we recruit new members and possibly a 65th Convention. Presently ARMS has 129 active members and 11 active missionaries.

The events concluded with a great time of fellowship and dinner at nearby Lehman's Restaurant.

Picture on following page:

Note from Wayne:

Hi Chuck,

Am in Chiquimula, Guatemala working on Radio Verdad. Turns out they didn't have transmitter troubles but rather audio chain problems. The console at the TX site was broken and the station to transmitter link (STL) is in sad shape as far as antennas/TX lines go. Am doing best I can considering resources at hand. Spent 3 hours yesterday afternoon trying to find replacement u bolts for tower/mast here in town finally found half ones, just the u and nuts, no cross bar. If you like to hear what they sound like tune 4055KHz somewhere around 7 to 8 pm PST. Greetings to the brother's on the NW ARMS net. Miss the fellowship. Will be back on ON Lord willing on Thurs.

Maranatha,

Wayne VA7GF

BEAM Editor Report:

By James Fisher NQ7L

What a nice time at the ARMS Convention. Wish we could get together every few years.

We need a couple of ARMS Members to represent ARMS at the next Ham Fest in Dayton, OH. Anyone interested in going there ?

I am getting into the 20M net about once per week.

I am willing to continue being the Beam Editor but would prefer someone take it over who really understands MS Publisher.

I represented the ARMS group at Glacier Hamfest this summer. God's best to ALL.



Front Row, L-R: Don Birx, K3RYV, Adele Birx, Gail Burns, Deb Hauskins

Back Row, L-R: John Babbitt, WB2SQX, Sue Babbitt, Tom Church, N7GBH, Dave Newell, WA4DUP, Anna Gay Newell, Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ, Shirley Brunk, Roger Stubbe, W0ZMU, Joyce Stubbe, Jenny Hammond, Paul Hammond, K2QCG, Tom Hauskins, AA0LF, James Fisher, NQ7L, Jerry Burns, K1GUP, Rhonda Fisher.



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World Radio Network
<http://www.inspiracom.org/>

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Midwestern Section Report

By Tom Hauskins , AAØLF

“All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27

Congratulations to our new President, Vice President and continuing Secretary/Treasurer. ARMS is starting a new adventure to the future and we are trusting your leadership to get us there. The Midwest Section will do everything possible with the help from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to make this happen.

The Midwest ARMS journey started out by attending a hamfest on May 13th, 2017 in Boone, Iowa. This hamfest was slightly smaller than last year, but we are always welcome and had a productive time showing ARMS is out there and witnessing for our Lord.

My wife, Deb, and I attended the 60th ARMS convention in Philadelphia, PA. We traveled from our home in Marion, IA, stopping a couple of times to sleep. We also incorporated a vacation in this trip, traveling to New Jersey lighthouses, Gettysburg, and Washington DC as well as touring historic sites in Philadelphia while we were there. We did expect to see the attendance higher, although we had a very enjoyable time meeting with ARMS members and their wives we had never met in person. The convention was very positive, and we look forward to the future of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service.

Cedar Rapids Iowa hamfest was well attended with about 500 persons. ARMS members helping with the table were, Tom, AAØLF, Max, WØQCB, Craig, KCØYHU, and Barb, KDØNEZ.

The Midwest Section again attended the West Liberty Iowa hamfest on October 1st. Were Tom, AAØLF, Max, WØQCB, Craig, KCØYHU, and Barb, KDØNEZ helped with the ARMS table passing out information about the ARMS Christian Fellowship Net. Attendees would see our poster and ask about net times and frequencies. Any section wanting to attend hamfests and would like assistance to set up an ARMS table. Please contact me at aa0lf@msn.com.

L to R. Roger, WØZMU, Tom, AAØLF, Dennis, KKØDJ, Barb, KDØNEZ, Craig, KCØYHU



L to R Barb, KDØNEZ, Craig, KCØYHU, Tom, AAØLF, and sitting Max, WØQCB.



K1GUP Biography

It all began sometime in 1957. My dad and I began the process of studying for our Novice class license. I was at the tender age of 10 years! We passed our exams in April of 1958 (then age 11), and thus began my nearly sixty-year love affair with Ham Radio!



My father bought a Hallicrafters S-76 receiver at a local pawn shop, we added a Heathkit DX-35 transmitter and then attacked the CW portion of 40 and 80 meters (crystal-controlled, of course). Sadly, my dad became a silent key in 1965, but I've been pretty much continuously active all of these years. Pictures of myself and my shacks appear on my QRZ.COM page.

My relationship with the Lord began much later. I was teaching music in public schools and playing professionally in night clubs. One night I was visiting a friend. While seated across from him at his kitchen table, out of the blue he asked, "Jerry, if you were to die right now where would you go?" After recovering from the shock I replied, "Well, I think I'm okay. I don't beat my wife, or steal...or do really bad stuff." He had me read verses from the Roman's Road. I could see I was a helpless sinner in need of the Savior. After some further conversation with my friend I bowed my head in prayer and asked for forgiveness and asked the Lord to save me...and He did! Before that evening I had never attended a church service. No one else had ever told me of my need of the Savior. Space doesn't permit to share details of how the Lord has worked in my life since that night of June 28, 1977! Needless to say, my night club gigs came to an end shortly thereafter. All glory to Him!

I appreciate the fellowship with brethren on the 20 meter ARMS net and would like to hear others join us as well. It was a blessing to meet several ARMS members at Philly this past summer. 99, Jerry



Alaska Mission for Christ
22 June – 2 July 2017
St Paul Lutheran Church LCMS Carroll Iowa 51401

Our time on this Alaska Mission for Christ trip involved feeding the homeless at Brother Francis homeless shelter in Anchorage, service work at Clare House shelter for women in Anchorage, Service to Fire station #11 in Eagle River, a 5 day pop up VBS service in Duldida park in Mountain View, and the gathering of items for the food pantry at Our Redeemer church in Chugiak Alaska. What a great mission our God provided for us and guided us on.



Our 5 day VBS mission started with us knocking on doors all over Mountain View to hand out flyers about our program and to gather and purchase items for the food pantry at Our Redeemed Church in Chugiak. We helped in the food pantry as a service also. The VBS was amazing and while traveling between those service missions we saw 3 baby black bear cubs and the mama bear along with some moose in a different spot. We would get 20 to 40 kids each day and that turned out great, however I missed one as I was at Our Redeemer helping with the VBS there. I was able to buy some Ice Cream for the kids in the park one day as an Ice Cream truck came by and they really enjoyed that. I must say I probably enjoyed that and the smiling faces and giggles more than they did. Afterwards we would go to some close mountain viewing areas as we found time for devotions and encouragement for each other. Finally we would end the day with devotions and encouragement for all at Our Redeemer Church. As it was light all the time these would sometimes end around 1AM. Sometimes 2 or 3 AM before bed. The darkest it ever got was sort of like twilight and then only about 2-3 hours around 3AM.



Our service at Brother Francis Homeless Shelter was very sad as there were so many people in such great need. We had a wonderful time feeding the homeless but I will be haunted forever by sights of the ones



digging through the return bins for another scrap of food, or the hollow look in the eyes of some, or the disabled and disabled veterans trying to get there food to a table with no help, or seeing them sleeping along fences and grassy areas. Outside you would find drug and alcohol addiction and abuse, suicide, abuse and even one homicide by the shelter where we were serving while we were there so we could not serve one evening because of lockdown.

John 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

We were able to help for a little while with the physical life sustaining food but there is a great need for them to receive the spiritual food needed for a full everlasting life to overcome this worldly prison we are locked in without our Savior. Let's pray together they receive that spiritual food through the Holy Spirit to rise out of the bondage they are in and that WE realize how truly blessed we are.

Let's Pray: Father forgive us for we do not do the things you ask of us and for what we have done to your amazing creation. Open our eyes to reach out as a whole family of believers in you to look after the needs of the many in the world and those right here at home. Into Your hands we put all our hopes for guidance as you lead your sheep to complete your will in us. Amen.



Our service at Clare House shelter for women was a cleaning project from trash removal outside the facility to cleaning the common day room area for all the residents inside. When we completed these tasks we wrote words of encouragement and bible verses we left around for them to find and gave words of encouragement to the staff for their work there. We then made a supply run for items they needed.



Our next service mission was looking for a way to serve support groups like the police, firefighters, paramedics and such and ended up at Fire station # 11 in Eagle River for this purpose.



In our visit to see how we might help we found one of their men had just fallen from a ladder truck and was severely injured and we were asked to keep him and family in our prayers. We prayed for them and the crew and wrote words of encouragement and bible verses for them and purchased a gift card for the injured fireman and family. We visited several times and received a nice tour of the station and their operations.



The last two days we spent cleaning Our Redeemer church along with a trip through Portage to Whittier for a short cruise out to see portage Glacier. This was a very relaxing, awesome, God fearing expedition as the power of God was everywhere we looked and His majesty could be seen in the glacier. To get there we drove 2 ½ miles through the mountain on the railroad tracks the cars and train take turns sharing. We were able to share some gospel on the cruise and we had a devotion aboard ship.



The real mission of this Portage trip started on our way back to Our Redeemer. We had just returned through the tunnel and there was an accident many miles ahead with no injuries but traffic was backed up for many miles and we were stalled there for 3 hours. We ended passing the time playing some music for passersby and walking up and down the road for some miles sharing our mission and the Gospel. We encountered several other mission groups doing the same mission work in Alaska as us.



The last day before catching our flight home we made a fast trip to a close beach so the young could say they went swimming in Alaska and then in that last evening we had devotions around a fire pit that the two youngest members, Matthew and Keaton built for us, and we made s'mores. Our Redeemer Church was amazing as they just unlocked their doors and said here it is yours to use. There were washers and dryers, showers, a nice kitchen and it made our stay and mission so nice. We slept in the youth room and it was great. We offered them some money but they refused saying this was their part of the mission we were on. We just purchased items we used and things they may need for them. Leaving was a happy sad time and it arrived before we knew it and we praise God for allowing us to share His word and for His guidance in the accomplishment of His mission. Lew

Ham Radio Testing Opportunity

32 Harrison St.
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June 5, 2017

Roger Stubbe, W0ZMU
406 Elm St.
Pella, IA 50219

Dear OM Roger,

I have recently spent two weeks working in the pharmacy of a Christian hospital located on the north coast of Honduras, near the small town of Balfate. The name of this hospital is Hospital Loma de Luz Light on a Hill), and their website is www.crstone.org (the "cr" stands for "cornerstone").

The staff and missionary personnel at Loma de Luz use the 2-meter amateur band for local communications.

Dave Fields, KF5BTL, the IT chief and hospital administrator, has expressed to me the need for a three-person volunteer examiner team to travel to the hospital to do licensure testing. How do you feel about "putting the word out" among ARMS members to see if anyone would be interested in doing this? The primary contact person for a response would be Dave Fields, davef@lomadeluz.net, and I would be secondary.

Many thanks for considering this matter!

DX es 73

Mike Breckinridge N1JXP
n1jxp@live.com



Hi Chuck,

Great to hear from you. In fact you are the very first ARMS member to contact me in a long time. Fact is, I am no longer able to use my Ham rig so I've even lost "radio contact" with my ARMS peers. The problem is a little complicated: my "shack" is downstairs and at the ripe "young" age of 92 going up and down the stairs is a major event! But I am sincerely grateful that my Lord gives me one day at a time to enjoy being alive and enjoy the love and company of my dear wife, Dorothy, for these wonderful 68 years, and counting!! (*She too, uses the stairs one step at a time!*)

We are very fortunate because our "kids" and their families live nearby so we get a lot of help and support. We must have raised them right! Ha-ha! I decided to stop driving a few months ago just to be safe and provide peace of mind for the family. I am still licensed to drive and would love to be behind the wheel, but we now have an understanding that would only happen in an extreme emergency when I have no other driver. In fact, it's really special now that I have a "designated" driver when necessary. My son Tom put it this way, "Dad you've taken care of us all these years, now it's our turn to take care of you!" (*Again, I guess we raised them right! Ha-ha*)

I'm not sure if we ever met, Chuck. It might have been at the ARMS 50th anniversary in Minneapolis. I was the guest of honor at that event because, *if memory serves me right, at that time* I was the sole surviving member of the original group that met in Bill Mierop's (K2JEI) office in Philadelphia, 1957. That original membership was very small. Being a precocious young guy at that time, I volunteered a lot of ideas, two of which are still in use by ARMS: the Arms logo, which I drew, and the ARMS scripture, Galatians 6:10, "**As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**" I feel blessed that ARMS turned out so well and that the Lord is allowing me to see how it grew to honor Him. And I guess I am still the only surviving member of that original group!!

Another reason why I am no longer active on the air, is because my "station" is showing signs of wearing out. My tri-band beam atop it's 50-foot tower has quit rotating. It is stuck pointing 270 degrees. A good direction but it gets RF no longer because the equipment in my "shack" doesn't respond anymore. So you might say, K7VCD has finally retired. I once had a respectable station but with all the complications I've sorta lost interest. At this point I would be willing to donate it all to someone who could fix it and enjoy it.

We are members of Alderwood Manor Community Church in Lynnwood, but because of mobility difficulties we stay home. The complications include a driver, difficulty using the stairs and getting in and out of the car. Thankfully I have learned to use a walker. But we DO have access to our Sunday sermons online from the AMCC pulpit and our staff of pastors. So all is not lost. God is good to us in our "maturity"! Thank you for remembering me, Chuck. As they say Down South, God bless you real good, Chuck! Y'hear.

2/17/17 Dick Harris, K7VCD(formerly K2MBT) 73/99



Northwest Section of ARMS

For some of us living in the Northwest the summer included both triple digit temperatures and lingering weeks of smoke-filled skies. Thankfully there is improvement on both fronts. The temps have moderated and Fall is “in the air,” and the horrendous wildfires that have decimated thousands and thousands of acres of forest land are coming under containment. Though it may well be late Fall before rain and snow finish the dousing.

It's been an interesting radio wave propagation year. For many of us 20M has been difficult at best. Thankfully the 75 phone band has held pretty steady, though a few weeks ago half way through our net the bottom dropped out of propagation and it was zilch. 40 Meters is promising and George and Mike had a good hour's QSO on it.

Mike, K7PTL and Mary, K3PTL, were forced to evacuate their home in Montana's Bitterroot Valley as the Lolo Peak fire came within three miles of their property. Praise to the Lord our God that their lives and home were spared.

Mike will continue to anchor the western end of the ARMS 40M Net, M/W/F at 7.222, 6:30PM Pacific time.

Dave, W7PTL, and Sharon, KA7DAC, are part of our Thursday “net family,” Dave fell back in December and then had a repeat incident later. He is doing better and they were able to make the road round trip south to Tucson and back to Port Angeles. Dave is one of our “rotational” NCS.

George, KA7HGE, is one of the regulars. He and his wife were able to spend time this summer with their daughter Cindy in North Carolina. Cindy is under hospice care and has been diagnosed with a form of leukemia.

Good news from John, K7BXF, near the teeming metropolis of Gleeed, WA. His wife, Vi, has seen health improvements and in fact the two of them were able to “dispatch” a Blue Spruce tree close to their home and haul it off to the landfill. They hope to do some trailering in October.

Ken, AL7AX, and wife Darlene are getting settled in their home in Spokane. Ken has remodeled a large garage into his work shop and that included insulating, wall work, wiring - the whole nine yards. In his “spare time” he is learning the ins and outs of the 3-D Printer he bought. As to getting back on the air...he will give it a try. But their proximity to multiple power lines, telephone and cable etc may make it difficult at best.

Stan, KD6WZA, in Happy Camp, California is still in hopes of getting back on the air. Son Jerry has helped him rework his antennas. Stan does get on CQ-100 when he can and has listened a couple of times for our 40M Net. Both he and wife Virginia have medical issues and appreciate your prayers.

Wayne, VA7GF, and Diana have their RV ready to roll. Their home in Grand Forks BC has been sold and they will eventually be traveling towards our southern states. He is in hopes of installing a rig so he can check in mobile to the ARMS Net.

At my QTH on the hill in Sunnyside I have not had much success on 20M plus a voice impairment right now limits that a bit. I do try to check into the NW Section of the ARMS NET on 75 phone on Thursdays. Praise the Lord for e-mail and texting. We have a unique opportunity to encourage one another on the air and by other means. I am so thankful for “the household of faith.”



From your Webmaster

This year our webpage has been very busy trying to keep up with all the changes and updates. We have seen many changes in our NCS stations and still need some more operators to step up to assist or become an NCS. Many of our biography's and spotlights are out of date and we have been updating them as we can but could use more of them in order to learn more about our brothers and sisters of ARMS. Band conditions here at my QTH have been just terrible this year as they were all over it seems. There were two or three of us able to get checked in through our chat room and many were checked in through relay stations. I have brought my cell phone up to date with a Samsung Galaxy S7 so now am able to get to the chat room and such for check in when away from my radio. It has been helpful but I still can't figure out why they call it a smartphone as that is an oxymoron. Sorry I drift away there at times, I do use it almost more than the computer now though. If you find time and want to share your radio Evangelism/ministry please send a spotlight information email with a favorite picture of you and your shack with some life highlights to add to our spotlight page. We all want to know our family better. Thanks to everyone for all the patience and help in keeping the site updated and also for everyone's help for the Alaska Mission for Christ I went on this year, it was a great mission for our Lord. I believe James will have some of that information published here also. Thanks to all for your work and verses for our net and for allowing me to be a part of this amazing Christ centered family. Now: "May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand." God Bless Lew & Mickey Orcutt.

Rocky Mountain

George, KA7HGE and I made contact on 40 m a month ago but we've had no contact since then on 40. We've been using the Thursday morning NW ARMS frequency of 3965 on Mon, Wed and Fri nights. Last night Chuck and I carried on for about 20 minutes with good success. I am hoping the others will show some interest as we go along. 3965 at 7:30 PM (Mtn time)

Mike - K7PTL

