

THE BEAM

Amateur Radio Missionary Service

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ANNUAL ARMS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Registration forms for the ARMS National Convention to be held in the Minneapolis area at Northwestern College on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th are attached. Please note that the committee would like registrations in their hands by June 1st. The convention program and other information will be sent later.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT K4RBZ Gerry Brunk

As we approach the time for our annual meeting, I wish to express my thanks to all of you who have helped to make ARMS what it is today.

This has indeed been a good year for all of us for which we praise God. Activity and interest has increased in a number of the sections, and many of you have continued to uphold the arms of missionaries in various parts of the world through radio communication.

Participation in the Trans-Continental Net has been very good with at times as many as fifteen check-ins. We are grateful that illnesses suffered by several members have not prevented them from remaining active on the net. Due to the efforts of our Secretary, Chuck Brockmeyer WØETA and Glen Peterson WØEYL, you will soon be receiving a revised ARMS Directory.

It has been a privilege to serve as your president this past year, and your support and co-operation has been deeply appreciated. The annual meeting in Minneapolis promises to be one that you will not want to miss, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Let us ask God's blessing on the new officers soon to be elected, "and let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galations 6:10

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER WØJAQ Eugene Iliff

Please take out your ARMS membership card occasionally. Admire it. Notice the date. If it is over a year old, send in \$2.00 for a new one. Missionaries: Though you are not required to pay the \$2 dues, it would be most helpful if you would send in annually a note stating your continued interest in ARMS and your current address.

WHAT IS A.R.M.S.? WØJH George Metcalf

Listen to the telephone ring in the hotel room of a visitor to New York City at six in the morning. Into his sleepy ear comes the alarming news that his sister in Boston is weakening after a major operation. What can he do?

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What he did was to call a Christian friend who was about to have a three-times-a-week meeting with other Christian radio friends from Pennsylvania to Maine. "We need your prayers! Will you alert the net this morning?" So at 7 A.M. on 3907 khz. fifteen members of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service heard the need and responded with their intercessions. The sister made a remarkable recovery.

Hear the roar of a tropical rain on the wings of a transatlantic plane as it taxis into Roberts Field, Liberia, West Africa. It is midnight. In eight hours the weekly plane into the hinterland leaves from a field forty miles away. The traveller has only ten days to reach the interior, set up a missionary radio station, and return to the States. In the waiting room he is met by Christian friends. They drive him through a tropical storm thirty miles to Christian Radio Station ELWA, feed him, put him to bed, secure the last seat available on the bush plane, take him to the plane, and see him off with enough wire for an antenna--which he had forgotten.

No matter that these Christian friends are Conservative Evangelicals of the Sudan Interior Mission helping the traveller set up communications for the Holy Cross Fathers of the Episcopal Church -- they serve the same Lord and are members of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service.

Finally, take a look into a Twin City hospital room, where the patient recovering from spinal surgery can find no position to lie in comfort. The telephone rings and the patient soon forgets his pain as he is patched into the Amateur Radio Missionary Service transcon-

tinental net on 14307 khz. at 10 o'clock Central Time. From California to Virginia, from Georgia to Oregon A.R.M.S. stations give greetings and assure the patient of their prayers.

This is a normal part of the fellowship of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service, which is a frankly Christian group of radio amateurs with the motto from Galatians 6:10--"While we have time let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

Individual members are engaged in some regular missionary radio schedule with Africa, South America or the South Pacific. The regional and transcontinental meetings enable exchange of traffic, the sharing of Christian concerns, and the updating of schedules. It is customary to end each session with scriptural quotation and comment; some sectional nets ask each member to check in with a Bible verse. There are more than three hundred members of whom one hundred are on the air on 15, 20, 40 & 75 meters weekly.

The missionary schedules are of the greatest importance. A sample week for one member included an ordering of parts for a generator broken down in Africa; a phone patch between a Bible translator in Guatemala City and the type-setter in Minneapolis; discussion of the qualifications of a teacher candidate for a missionary school in the South Pacific; the interconnection of three religious priories with their mother house; one sectional net and two transcontinental nets. Unfailing regularity in schedules and the virtue of patience in QRM are needed for this work.

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Most needed, however, and most characteristic of the ARMS fellowship, are those gifts of the Spirit we read of in Galatians 5:22 and which are implied in the old evangelical hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." In brief, the Amateur Radio Missionary Service is an association of amateurs who are friends because they are Christians and are Christians because they wish to be the friends of God.
(John 15:13-15)

THE ARMS BEAM

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY WØETA Chuck Brockmeyer

A common interest in the Lord Jesus Christ, a common interest in amateur radio, and a common interest in ARMS is what binds us together as an organization. Recruiting is best done on a person to person basis. Why not encourage and enlist a new member between now and conference time?

DOTS AND DASHES

WB9HOG Dick Matthews writes: I haven't been doing much hamming these recent months. I had rig trouble for a time. I got it straightened out, and developed antenna trouble. Then sheared bolts on the beam and twisted off the transmission line in the midst of winter, so just didn't

feel like getting up there in sub-zero to fix it... Then I've been gone in meetings ever since.

It has been reported that K1GUR lost all his equipment in a break-in while he was at church one day last Fall or early Winter.

Then, too, W9LZX Clarence Moore lost 90% of his recorder plant in a Thanksgiving day fire at Elkhart, Indiana. Clarence has helped at HCJB a number of years and on a number of visits.

XE3JE Dr. David Harms will be spending a furlough year in Franklin, Indiana.

KL7GIQ Al York says: We have three more tracts about ready to print but no funds.

January, 1972

Dear Friends,

On December 24, 1971, 92 persons boarded a Peruvian airliner in Lima bound for the jungle cities of Pucallpa and Iquitos. The flight proceeded as normal until the plane encountered a turbulent storm over the jungle. The remaining details of that flight are not clearly known to us at the present moment, but the Electra turboprop never arrived at Pucallpa.

Upon hearing of its disappearance, we immediately began to pray: at first individually and later collectively. All short-wave radio contacts were unable to confirm the plane's location. On Christmas Day, aircraft of various groups combed the flight path searching for some clue of its whereabouts and checking out rumors. Though occasionally interrupted by poor weather, the aerial search continued for eleven days without a trace of the plane. (cont'd. next pg.)

Finally, hope surged in the hearts of us all when a 17 year old survivor was brought in to our base in good condition. Though she had fallen from the plane, the Lord had miraculously spared her life. With the information that she was able to give, a portion of the wreckage was spotted from the air the following day, January 5th. A ground party was dropped by helicopter on a beach and began to cut its way through the jungle to the actual scene of the accident. By the middle of the third week all the bodies were discovered and brought to Pucallpa for identification.

Five of the passengers aboard were connected with the Summer Institute of Linguistics. The youngest was the 13 year old son of Floyd Lyon, SIL Flight Coordinator. Nathan, president of his junior high class and high-ranking amateur radio operator, was much respected by both young people and adults.

David Erickson, age 18, was the brother of SIL member, Carole Daggett. As a Guest Helper he had worked hard in several aspects of the Institute's program, including the construction of the new Translation Center and building the Sharanahua tribal airstrip. He was planning to attend Bible school on his return to the U.S.

Short Term Assistant teachers, Roger and Margery Hedges, were also aboard. Margery taught first grade, and Roger music to all levels of the Yarinacocha school for missionary children. Because of chicken-pox, they had left their two children, ages 6 and 7, with friends here while they went to Lima to be inscribed as residents of Peru.

The fifth passenger was Harold Davis who was bringing a 12 year old Amuesha boy to Yarinacocha for medical care. Harold and his wife Pat had served for nearly ten years as education and community development workers among the Machiguengas of southeastern Peru.

Graveside services were held at our little cemetery for the two teenagers on January 12th and for the three adults on January 14th. We have all recognized the sovereignty of God in the midst of this difficult experience. God did not make any mistakes in calling these five to enjoy the heavenly life in His presence. Each one of them had made a personal commitment of his life to Christ, acknowledging Him as personal Savior. Four weeks ago these five walked the streets of earth and God was with them. Today they walk on the streets of heaven, and they are with God.

The evidence of sufficient grace in trial has been demonstrated by each of the families with loved ones on the plane. We all shall greatly miss these five who have crossed the heavenly portal before us. Humanly speaking, we would have to call the event a tragedy. But through the eye of faith, we see it somewhat differently. It is the victorious homegoing of our beloved relatives and friends. And without a doubt, it is God urging us to unite and finish the work of reaching every Bibleless tribe with the Scriptures in their own native tongue.

Sincerely in Christ,

Harry

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The 1972 Nomination Committee of the Amateur
Radio Missionary Service composed of:

WØQCB Francis Finck, Chairman
K2CAC Allen Smith
W3BPJ Horace Wolf
WA7MKH Amos Buckwalter

submits the names of nominees as listed on the
attached BALLOT. Prayerfully consider each candi-
date and mark the ballot according to your choice.

Return your ballot as soon as possible to--
WBØAKV Edward Andrews, Box 68, Eastlake, CO 80614

ARMS ELECTION BALLOT

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Your Call _____

For PRESIDENT:

Nomination: K4RBZ Gerry Brunk

Yes___ No___

Write in: _____

For VICE-PRESIDENT:

Nomination: KØGKR Charlie Cox

Yes___ No___

Write in: _____

For SECRETARY:

Nomination: WØETA Chuck Brockmeyer

Yes___ No___

Write in: _____

For TREASURER:

Nomination: WØJAQ Gene Iliff

Yes___ No___

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