



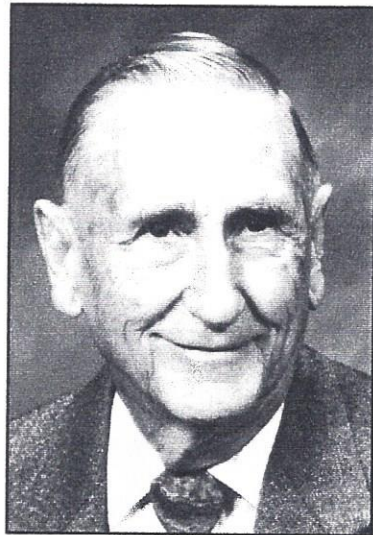
ARMS officers to retire

Charlie Cox, K7AQ, to
bow out after 24 years
as president of ARMS

Charlie Cox, K7AQ, has decided to step down as president of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service. He has held that position for 24 years, longer than any previous president. His tenure has spanned more than half the entire

lifetime of ARMS.

Charlie's interest in amateur radio goes back to the 1930's. It began in his teenage years as a shortwave listener, but it was during his stint with the CCC from 1937 to 1939 that he became a licensed ham. The first call he operated under was W3FEM, the call of the amateur radio station there at the CCC camp in Virginia, of which he was the official operator.



When he moved to Baltimore and started working for the Martin Company, he got his own call, W3JVI.

In 1941, after a five-year courtship, he married his

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Jay Sudenga, KØGAZ,
to step down as vice
president of ARMS

Jay Sudenga, KØGAZ, ARMS vice-president for the past 12 years, has decided to step down. His decision to give up their home in Mesa, Arizona following a near-fatal heart attack, and move into a retirement apartment facility in Houston, Texas, close to their daughter, has caused him to curtail his ham activities considerably. His mobile whip

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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 president's desk:

As I sit down to write my last words as president of the ARMS group, I am aware of the wonderful blessing it has been for Emily and me to have been involved with that special group of people over the last 38 years. Our travels have taken us from coast to coast and border to border, attending national conventions and visiting with members along the way, always keeping in touch from the mobile ham shack.

We started to keep records of our Glory Net in 1967 and it now has 122 members. As we go over this list it brings back wonderful memories of so many special people we have known over the years. As the early founders and many of the leaders of ARMS were called home or were not able to serve, the Lord always had members available who were willing and ready to step in and serve.

I guess the time is right for the old timers to retire, so President K7AQ and Vice President KØGAZ will step aside, and the younger generation will step in. Last year Secretary/Treasurer WA7BYD, Bob, made the move. The nominating committee will present the names of the three new officers to the membership for approval.

I want to thank everyone, our officers, net managers, net control stations and all the members, for the wonderful support they have given me over the years, making it a memorable and pleasant experience to have served as President of the ARMS group. A special thanks to our editor, Dave, W7PTL, who has carried the heavy end of the load by finding the news and publishing the BEAM so faithfully. We are all thankful that Dave is willing to continue on in that capacity.

The Lord bless you and our new officers as they continue to serve and provide a Christian witness and fellowship on the ham bands.

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—Charlie, K7AQ

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neighborhood sweetheart, Emily Adams. Over the years, as they moved from place to place, Charlie has had a variety of calls. In 1948, when Martin transferred him to California, he got on the air as W6PNT. Later he and his family moved to Colorado. They had two children by then. There he got yet another call, KØGKR. It was during his stay in the Denver area that he was introduced to ARMS.

In 1965, shortly after moving to Colorado, Charlie met Bud Crawford, KØHRV, at the Martin Company. Bud was a procurement officer with the company. He was a Christian, and he and his wife, Ruth, became good friends with Charlie and Emily. Bud introduced Charlie to the ARMS group. (A couple years later Bud decided to leave Martin and join JAARS at Waxhaw, North Carolina, in charge of their procurement department. Then he and Ruth transferred to Wycliffe headquarters in California where he went home to be with the Lord in 1987.)

Charlie immediately became active in the ARMS Rocky Mountain Section as well as the national organization. He served as the Rocky Mountain section director and ARMS vice-president, and was a net control for the ARMS 20-meter net. He was also actively involved in the planning and hosting of the ARMS national conventions held in Colorado in 1969 and 1973.

Later in 1973, after 34 years with Martin, Charlie retired, and he and Emily moved to Oregon. With his newly acquired

extra class license he received his present call, K7AQ. He continued to be quite active in ARMS in the northwest section, and in 1979 he was elected ARMS president.

He and Emily have made several moves since going to Oregon. After giving up their 70 acres in the Applegate Valley south of Grants Pass, Oregon, they moved to Sun City, Arizona. Most recently they moved into a retirement condo at Glencroft, in Glendale, Arizona. Although he got permission to erect a small vertical antenna on the roof, their close proximity to other apartments lead to some telephone interference problems, and Charlie decided to severely limit his operating from the condo. These days he checks into the 20-meter net most of the time mobile from his car, either in the Glencroft parking lot or from the grocery store parking lot while Emily does her weekly shopping.

Over the years Charlie has seen many changes in both ham radio and in the activities of ARMS. (See "From the president's desk" on Page 2.) "However," he says, "I feel very good about stepping down. I know the ARMS group is in good hands. While we don't do very much for missionaries these days, we are still an important Christian presence on the ham bands. I want to thank all those who have made the ARMS nets possible for more than 46 years. God bless you all."

And thank you, Charlie, for your faithful service to ARMS and to the Lord. He has planted you in a variety of places, and you have always grown where you were planted. We are sure you will continue to serve Him in any way you can as long as He gives you the faculties to do it. — —

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attached to their window sill doesn't put out the signal that his beam in Mesa did. "At my age (85), I think it's time to let someone younger take over," he said.

Jay was born in and grew up in George, Iowa. In 1940 he married their pastor's daughter, Dottie Ziegler. Several years later Jay and his brother took over their father's blacksmith and welding shop and over the years turned it into a successful farm equipment manufacturing business.

A few years after Jay got his ham ticket in 1956, he was looking around on the 20-meter band when he heard two fellows discussing the Bible and a Christian net they were members of. He liked what he heard, so he broke in and introduced himself. The two were Don Petersen, WØLSF and Francis Finck, WØQCB, and the net they were discussing was the ARMS Net. In 1962, Jay joined ARMS.

He soon became quite active in both the Midwest Section of ARMS and the national organization. In



Jay and Dottie Sudenga

1976 he was elected vice-president, and the following year he was elected president, a position he served in until 1979. It is notable that he was followed as president by Charlie

Cox, K7AQ, in 1979. (See the related article on Charlie.) In 1991, Jay was again elected to the position of vice-president and has held that position ever since.

In 1978, after Jay retired from his business, he and Dottie bought a winter home in Mesa, Arizona while retaining their family home in George. "Over the years I've met a lot of ARMS members," he said. "It has been great traveling around the country and stopping in to meet these fine Christian folks. Although my traveling days are pretty much over, we still keep in touch by radio." Jay likes to quote an old-time Christian ham friend of his. "I'll see you later, on the air or in the air!"

Thanks, Jay for your many years of faithful service to ARMS, to fellow hams and to the Lord. May He continue to bless you! — —

Missionary reports

Gerald Pieper, XE1MP, Guadalajara, Mexico

March, 2003

We have now completed 32 years in Mexico as missionaries of Jehovah Elohim. At first we were highly criticized for abandoning our business and moving to a country radically different from the U.S.A., but most of the critics have now died. We are still doing the work that God called us to do.

Since I was a building contractor, I was put to work pronto building a temple. All told, I had a major part in the construction of 11 temples. Then along came Dr. Jerrel Shaw, and I was invited to teach in the new Bible College in Guadalajara. The little building we had for a Bible College was pretty small. So, by faith, we acquired a larger building that had never been finished and needed a tremendous amount of work. Being an old contractor, I was tickled pink to make something out of that shell of a two-story building.

Four years ago, God opened another door for us in the state of Yucatan, where we got a second Bible College underway. Then, Jehovah God sent us the right personnel and this Bible College was successful. Now we have 18 graduates in Yucatan, 1300 miles from Guadalajara. As old time missionaries, we have found out that nothing is impossible in our particular ministry. The Guadalajara Bible College has well over 115 graduates.

For many years I have been pleading in our supporting churches for someone to come and help. There were no takers until recently my grandson, Saul, answered the call of God to come and help, even though he never knew I had prayed

for help. I am now nearly 84 years old. Dr. Shaw is suffering from diabetes and heart and kidney problems. My grandson, Saul, has now finished his studies at the Bible College well ahead of time. The next major project is to get support for Saul. We also expect sometime in the future to see him get married.

Pray for our temple in Ameca. They are enlarging the auditorium and it is taking a tidy sum of money. They expect the roof to be finished in a couple of weeks. The roof is by far the most costly part, seeing as it has "T" beams to hold up the brick roof.

I am also being treated for cataracts. It appears that my final bill will be \$100. My right hand is still giving me some problems, but has improved considerably since it started on September 12. Our Lord has been so faithful during these trying times. We give all the glory and honor to him. My health is just too good to retire. Where do we find this in the Bible? The Apostle John did some of his best work at the age of 90.

—Gerald Pieper, XE1MP

Leon Winter, DU2/WX6I Philippines (on leave)

Generally we think of December, January, and February as being winter, but since arriving in Connecticut on November 1, we've felt like winter was already on hand to welcome us. We had our first big snowfall the day before Thanksgiving and haven't seen bare ground since. The weather experts are calling this the worst winter in several years. This is certainly not the Philippines! Truly we are not complaining. Instead we are relishing the change. We know that later this year, on arriving

back in the Philippines, we'll enjoy remembering the cold weather.

With our arrival in New England, we've been visiting and speaking in our supporting churches. Also, I've worked up several pages for the SIL Philippines Branch web site. Sally has made good progress toward completing the requirements needed to keep her New Hampshire Teacher's Certificate current.

Through the wonderful providence of our Lord, Sally and I were given a pair of airline vouchers, enabling us to spend the Christmas holiday season with our kids and grandkids in California. One of the very special blessings was being there to say "good-bye" to our oldest daughter, Barbara, her husband, Paul, and their three children as they returned to their mission work in South Africa. Thank you, Lord, for the many memories of this time.

While living here in New England, we've been attending the church where Sally grew up and where we were married in June, 1997. They have started an outreach into the community in the form of an elementary school, offering grades K through 7. Sally was asked to substitute for a couple of days recently. She felt it was a good opportunity to refresh her classroom skills.

Last year we announced the engagement of our daughter, Sheri, to Chris Leigh. During the short time we were in California for Christmas, Sheri and Sally began working over some of the planning for the wedding. We'll be able to help much more come May when we arrive back in California.

Starting on April 1, we will be heading back across the country to the West Coast. We will be on the road through the first week of May.

Our time in California is going to be quite busy. Sheri's wedding must take top billing. If we are to leave for the Philippines in July, we must also get visas and prepare for international travel.

—Leon Winter, WX6I

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Jeff Johnson, KO4TS, Waxhaw, N. Carolina

One of the speakers at our recent spiritual vitality meetings made the following statement: "The only person who likes change is a wet baby." The humor in that made me smile, but there's a lot of truth in it.

Some changes aren't pleasant, and it's tough to see the positive side to them. One of those happened last fall when

helicopter as a tool to recruit people and spread the word about Bible translation.

Another change is much more pleasant. The Lord has brought a lady into my life who has agreed to move in with us. (After the wedding, of course!) Mary Beth Freitag is a widow, whose husband and only child (10-year-old Joseph) were killed when their small airplane crashed in April, 1999. We met at a widow/widower's conference held at *The Cove*, Billy Graham's retreat near Asheville. The wedding will be next June 14 at her church in Charlotte. She



the MATA program chief pilot and I were flying down to Orlando to give rides during the official dedication of the new visitor center at the Wycliffe headquarters. A nice flying day and even minimal headwinds greeted us, but when we were within 20 miles of Orlando we got word that we couldn't land at the Wycliffe center as planned. We ended up going to the big Orlando airport, hoping for a resolution to the impasse. But soon we had to accept the fact that the Lord allowed the roadblock to remain.

That change was definitely not a pleasant one. We may never know why, but we'll continue pressing on, using the

grew up there and works at a computer manufacturer as a technical writer, but she plans to join Wycliffe. And to answer the most common question, the girls also like her very much.

We convinced Mary Beth to accompany us up to Minnesota at Christmas. It was a good time for her to experience a little cooler weather. It got down to zero only once, so it was a gentle introduction to a Minnesota winter, as well as to meet Deb's family. We all agreed it was a good trip.

Another change. On Sunday, January 12, between Sunday School and church I began to feel some abdominal discomfort, which continued throughout the

church service. The result was that I ended up in the operating room 30 hours after the pain first began. A short while later I was appendix-less.

Another change. The day of my discharge my right leg began to hurt. The next day I was back in the ER, where an ultrasound of my calf confirmed the presence of a blood clot. They put me on heparin (a blood thinner) at home, taking injections in the stomach twice daily for a week. My calf was very painful, and improvement was slow. I missed the next two weeks of work as well, for the longest "downtime" I've ever had. I'm on the blood thinner Coumadin to help prevent any further clots.

Yet another change. Coumadin used to be a disqualifying drug for flying, but that is no longer true. For me, at this point, the question is moot. As a result of a decision by the JAARS Board at their mid-November meeting, all of the type of flying that I was doing has stopped indefinitely, because of the perceived liability risk. This decision is having far-reaching ramifications, well beyond just my forced retirement as a pilot. We'll see what the future holds. For now, I continue as a mechanic full time in the hangar.

Just like a baby's wet diapers, changes keep happening! June 14, 2003 is getting closer all the time. It's hard to believe that our wedding day is almost here. Time flies when you get to be middle-aged, I guess. Rejoice with us at this very positive change that the Lord has brought into our lives.

—Jeff Johnson, KO4TS

Dave Newell, WA4DUP, Madison, Georgia

We are finding that the days get busier and busier and time seems to be flying by. In January we went to Miami, Florida, to meet with our *Source of Light Ministries* Guyana Branch Director, Emily Chung. She was in the States for medical appointments. Then we went to

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a retreat in Tennessee January 31-February 1.

After much prayer and consideration, we felt it was all right for Anna Gay to travel on part of the mission trip to Southeast Asia. On February 6, we, along with our General Director and his wife, Tom and Karen Weber, flew to Japan to visit our SOLM Japan Branch. Then Anna Gay and I flew to Singapore, while Tom and Karen went on to Beijing, China. Anna Gay returned home February 28 with Tom and Karen, and did not go with me to Hong Kong, Haikou, China and Taipei, Taiwan. Fortunately, we were there ahead of the SARS outbreak. I returned home on March 8.

The weather in Japan was very cold, while Singapore, which is located on the equator, has a hot, tropical climate. We were allowed one suitcase and one carry-on, so we had to dress in layers. We had gifts to take and lessons to carry. I have always said that missionaries are the best packers and budget people!

SOLM printed over 7.2 million lessons last year in our Print Shop in Madison. This represents a lot of ink, paper, glue, and manpower in the Print Shop. We thank God for the safety He has given to our pressmen.

Chuck and Barbara Roswell, a veteran missionary couple, have arrived from Europe to work with us. We worked with



Chuck and Barbara Roswell

them while serving with Trans World Radio on our first mission field in 1966. Chuck, K2MGL and a member of ARMS, has been with TWR for many years, serving in Bonaire in the West Indies, Monaco, and Austria. I never realizing that we would be working together after a 28-year span.

I thank our many supporters for the part they have in the ministry of Source of Light Ministries International, allowing us to serve here. We would like to double the number of lessons printed, see the number of salvation decisions reach a gigantic amount, see more missionaries here to help us and see more branches developed in 2003. This can be accomplished with your prayers and support. We serve a great God!

—Dave Newell, WA4DUP

Dave Immel, KE4EW, Waxhaw, North Carolina

It was a hot and sticky summer for us in 1977. Patsy and I had just left our family, friends and jobs behind in Denver and were spending the summer at Wycliffe's orientation course in Norman, Oklahoma. It was a "new beginning" so to speak, for us, as we met new friends who were embarking on a journey similar to ours. We all had a common goal; do our part to get the Bible, or portions of it, into the hands of the people groups of the world.

We were a diverse bunch, some were training to do translation, some literacy work, and others, like us, would be involved with the technical end of things, like building, communicating and flying. The Lord had been nudging us through open doors for about a year and we had begun what we thought was a three-year short term with Wycliffe. Little did we know it would turn out to be a career activity.

Our new home and assignment was Waxhaw, N. Carolina, home base for JAARS. In later years we would find ourselves working elsewhere in the world, twice in Peru and a four-year term in Papua New Guinea. The Lord blessed us with our three girls who have made the journey with us and are now nearly all out on their own. They have experienced "missionary kid" life and have been on their own mission trips in recent years. We are grateful they all know and are following our Savior's leading.

So, 2002 was a significant year to reflect. Reflect on how it was to leave, make new friends, leave again and make new friends. To reflect on just how the Lord provided for us. New friends, when we needed them. Substantial travel expenses were provided just at the right time, and the monthly support was always there, some months less, others more. Indeed, we are grateful for the opportunity to have been able to use our skills and talents to serve translation work over the years.

Another 25 years? If the Lord continues to keep the doors open, we are committed to continue with our roles in the support work of Wycliffe.

We can't reflect without looking ahead. Needless to say, this past year has brought things into focus for Wycliffe and JAARS that will no doubt spell major changes for our organizations in the near future.

- You all are aware of the world situation. Tight security, threats to Americans and even animosity in countries where Americans were once looked up to. These things are forcing all mission groups to look at future strategies.

In 1999 Wycliffe began to adjust its strategy to focus on getting translation programs started in every language group that needed Scripture by the year 2025. The "Vision 2025" plan involves mobilizing nationals and national churches to get the job done. Wycliffe's goal is to continue to translate,

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train, equip and support with technology, national churches as they join in the translation task.

- JAARS is focused on staying on the cutting edge of technology, using it to make the translation effort efficient and effective. Training is a focus, not only for our own personnel, but also for those from other missions and for nationals.

- Our aviation program is changing. Numerous things are forcing us to look at change. Aviation fuel for our piston-powered fleet, unlike jet fuel, is becoming difficult, if not impossible to get in many countries. Our aging fleet of Helio Couriers, many with over 10,000 flying hours, are becoming a challenge to maintain. Critical engine parts are no longer available

The bottom line is that we are beginning the transition to a jet fuel-powered fleet. Three Platis Porter PC-12 aircraft are part of a project for Indonesia as well as a Beech Craft King Air for Papua New Guinea.

Pray for us and for the work as we continue to labor in the fields, white and ready to harvest.

—for Patsy and the girls, Dave Immel, KE4EW

Ben Watson, KBØOUC, Omaha, Nebraska

African Journal

On April 20, 2001, I received an e-mail from a missionary in Ghana asking if I could provide lessons for blind people in Ghana. Then came word last October that *Christ for the Blind Ministry*, a campus ministry at the Akarpon School for the Blind wanted to start a Bible institute to train blind people. Could I put materials together for that? I thought I could, and I asked Glenn Dix, SOL International Director, if I could go with him to Ghana in the Fall of 2002. He agreed.

We left Atlanta on October 15, flew to Detroit where we picked up another member of our team, and continued on to Amsterdam and finally to Accra, Ghana. Thursday and Friday we visited schools that SOL Ghana has started to teach children in the villages. Our courses are used as a part of the curriculum. At two of the schools we met with the parents of the children. I sensed both the pride and hope these parents felt because of the establishment of the schools.

Early the next week we found ourselves without running water for two days. God was giving us a small taste of what the people in that village lived with every day. And the roads are some of the most rutted roads I've ever experienced.

Saturday October 19 was one of those special experiences. It was the annual mail box club rally. First was a sword drill, and it was tough. They had to know the books of the Bible well, and these kids did!

The sword drill was followed by remarks from each of us, testimonies from the three of the children, and the cutting of

a 50th anniversary cake for Source of Light International.

On Sunday we split up, going to two separate chapels. In the afternoon we went to a street church. I preached and shared, and the group sang. The people who attend this service almost all live on the street where they beg for a living. Many of them are blind or otherwise disabled. I think we all came away with the feeling—you want to help, but how do you even begin?

On Monday, October 21, Glenn and I were driven to the Akarpon School for the Blind where we were welcomed with a rather formal service. I spoke on "Why We Can Trust God." The school has 300 students who have just lost their sight and who have come to the school to learn braille. Some of the students are able to continue their education, but most end up on the streets of Accra begging. In the evening we were involved in the seminar at the Agape Retreat Center just outside Accra.



Ben Watson, KBØOUC

On Tuesday we returned to the Akarpon School to meet with the committee of *Christ for the Blind Ministry* about the proposed Bible institute. The principal is a fine man, dignified and soft-spoken. The school is in good hands with him. So we will wait and see what happens.

Wednesday through Friday we ministered in the pastors' seminar. Sunday morning we ministered at the

chapel, and in the afternoon it was back to the street church.

Monday night we flew overnight to Nairobi, Kenya, visiting the Source of Light office Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday through Saturday we conducted a seminar for pastors of the African Inland Church. On Sunday, November 3, each of us spoke at a different church. I spoke at Cariubange, where the seminar was held.

On Monday morning the other guys went to a wildlife preserve while I stayed home. I didn't need an additional bumpy ride. Later in the afternoon we went to a church, school and feeding center in the Kebera slums where SOL has worked to feed and educate children for some time. Presently 600 children are fed three meals a day, every day of the year, and 350 go to school there.

On Tuesday we went to Machakos, where we ministered through Wednesday at Scott Theological College and Ucoma

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Bible College. Then Thursday and Friday we ministered in a seminar at Mutondoni. I spoke on "The Cause and Cure of Burnout."

Friday afternoon we returned to Nairobi, and Saturday we spoke at three prison services, two in a women's prison and one in the Nairobi West Men's prison. At the women's prison, Joyce, the chaplain, gave an invitation and 14 ladies professed faith in Christ.

Sunday morning and afternoon we ministered in a church in Kalimoni, about an hour from Nairobi. Monday morning we went to breakfast, and during that time a fever hit Glenn. He said he thought we should go back home, so that evening we flew back to Kismumu, then on to Amsterdam and finally back to Detroit.

In Detroit we went through customs and rechecked our bags through to Atlanta. As much as I dislike Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport, it was a welcome sight, even to a blind man.

I spent the night at Glenn's, and the next day we briefed the folks at SOL about the Bible institute. The following day I arrived in Kansas City where Gladys met me.

It was a wonderful experience, but it was good to be home with wife and friends. It was wonderful to minister to God's people. Would I do it again? If the opportunity comes, I would definitely like to go back to minister in either Ghana or Kenya or both.

—Ben Watson, KBØOUC

Bobby Dorchester, KD6ZXZ, Indianapolis, Indiana

Most of the churches that invite us to present a concert are active in support of mission outreaches. They recognize our outreach, *America for Christ Ministries*, as a home missions work. We have had a goal for fifteen years of reaching our own countrymen to turn their hearts back to our Christian roots.

Recently we've been honored to minister at two different Missions Conferences. One of them emphasized that missionaries are not just in foreign countries. Each believer is also a missionary—your mission field is your neighborhood. Revival is greatly needed in America. When we all have a vision of the tremendous need for the Gospel of the Kingdom, and act accordingly, then we will see real revival.

In January we acquired a two-way satellite dish which gives us direct internet access, "24/7." The service is extremely fast and reliable, but it does require a complex set-up each time we move and in some areas a \$50 fee. Meantime, we're getting more active with prayer ministries via email, and we're using the internet to stay current with other ministry work. We also can email one full-color poster to people who've scheduled us to minister, instead of printing multiple copies

to "snail-mail." When they receive this email, they can print up the number they need, in any size they want.

Because of this increased use of the internet as part of our daily ministry life, and because of soaring fuel prices and other increased expenses, we're trying to keep our motorhome parked in one area longer taking only our van to our concerts. Last summer we did this for a month, staying with gracious friends who had a "full hook-up" for us. We plan to stay in one location here in southern California until June.

—Bobby, with Carol, Dorchester, KD6ZXZ

Silent key

Abe C. Van Der Puy

Abe C. Van Der Puy of Keystone Heights, Florida, died Thursday, April 3, 2003 at his residence. He was 83. Although Abe was not a member of ARMS, he devoted his entire adult life to missions and Christian radio, and will long be remembered as a true of missionary statesman and scholar.

He served as president of HCJB/World Radio for 20 years, the voice of missions for *Back To the Bible* for 12 years, president of *National Religious Broadcasters* for four years, and president of WRN (World Radio Network) for 17 years. He also served on the board of I-TECH (*Indigenous People's Technology and Education Center*) and has authored six books.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Saint Van Der Puy at home, six children, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

—transmitted by Bud Owen, KG8BK

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Section Reports

Southeastern Section

The Southeast Section of the ARMS Group will meet in the Atlanta, Georgia area on the weekend of June 6-7, 2003. Bobby Howington, KC4DOG, is hosting our annual meeting this year, and details are still in planning stage. If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail me at wd4ach@juno.com for details as they become available.

We are planning to tour *Source of Light Ministries* in Madison, Georgia, HRO in Atlanta and Stone Mountain. These are tentative plans and may change according to what happens with the price of gasoline. We hope all of you Southeast Section members (and anyone else) will be able to attend.

73 and 99,

—Denis Parker, WD4ACH

Eastern Section

The Eastern Section is still functioning well. I haven't been as active as I would like.

Adele's mother passed away Feb. 28 after a long illness that kept us at the hospital almost every day during February. As a consequence we moved into their townhouse so that we could keep an eye on Adele's father. He has a bad heart condition, and for awhile, we had both of them in the hospital together. He is doing pretty well now, but we do have oxygen in the house for him. I go home to the farm to be the 75-meter net control on Saturdays. Monday and Thursday I manage to get on from the townhouse via a wire strung out the window.

Charlie, WA3FOR, is rejoicing in the fact that at the recent missionary conference at his church, the faith promises for his work with the *China Outreach Ministries* substantially exceeded that which he had hoped for. This means that he will be able to expand his minis-

tries now, particularly with the overseas broadcasts.

Corky, WA2KKF, and Duane, AA2JI, are keeping busy with their MARS work up in New York state. And, of course, you know that we are lending you Gerry, K4RBZ, to help out as net control on the 20-meter net on Saturdays.

Roy, W3ZIF, is leaving his hometown of Allentown to move to Mechanicsburg to be close to his son. It will be nice having him for a neighbor. Harry, W3TEB, checked into the 75-meter net recently to tell us that he had sold his hardware store. That will make for a big change in his life.

The Eastern Section is planning definitely to get together this summer. We met at Gene's, W3EAN, last year. We haven't set a location for this year's meeting yet. They have an invitation to come to my place, but some would prefer a more northerly location.

73 and 99,

—Don Birx, K3RYV

Midwest Section

On Saturday, August 9, the Midwest ARMS Section will hold its annual convention, starting at our home (Midwest Section Director, Arnie Kopischke, WAØDFT, and his wife, Vicky). The coffee pot (and lemonade, too) will be on at 9:00 a.m.

Our QTH is located on the south edge of Mankato, Minnesota, about two miles east of the Minnesota State University campus, and within three blocks of the intersection of highways 22 and 83. From the University, go east on Stadium Road until it dead-ends with Foley Road. We live at 20795 Foley Road.

I will be eager to share my latest ideas regarding my stealth antenna system and "attache case" portable station. I'll also have some thoughts on my cheap RF amp meter, too.

At 11:45 a.m., the group will go to

the Old Country Buffet, about two miles north, for our noon lunch, business meeting and program. The Buffet is located one block south of the River Hills Mall.

So mark your calendars and save these directions, since no notices will be sent out announcing the event. Hope to see you all there.

—Arnie Kopischke, WAØDFT

Northwest Section

The Northwest Section of ARMS continues to move along with up to 12 to 14 check-ins each Thursday morning on 75-meters. Reception should improve now that the days are getting longer. We don't miss the Mexican broadcast station on 3985 that is so loud during the dark mornings of winter.

We have been happy to have Bob, VE7TRC, up on Salt Spring Island, B.C., Canada checking in with us lately. I think this makes us the only international 75-meter net in ARMS. Welcome aboard, Bob!

We're always happy to hear the cheery "Good morning!" from Frank, W7CVL, in Molalla, Oregon. We get a little concerned when he reports that he has been up on his roof working on his antennas. At 92 years old, he really shouldn't be doing that.

The big news around our household is that we now have e-mail access. I resisted it for as long as I could, but, as Dave, W7PTL, said recently, welcome to the 21st century. My typing isn't so hot, but I'm beginning to get the hang of it. I always let Mae do all my typing in the past. My e-mail address is hamblywa7byd@webtv.net.

We do miss some of our old members whom we haven't heard from in some time. We would appreciate hearing from you folks once in while, so we know you are okay. Even an e-mail would be greatly appreciated.

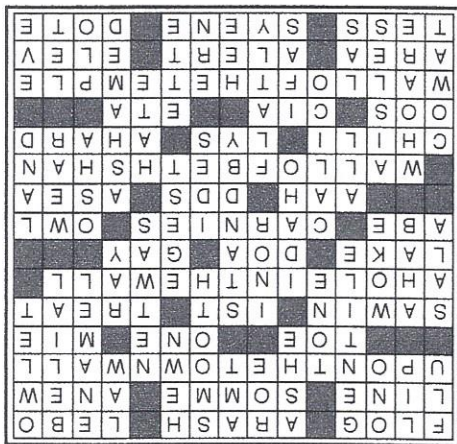
73 and 99,

—Bob Hambly, WA7BYD

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Rocky Mt. Section

—Geno McGahey, AL7GQ



From our members here and there

The "Big Bang" at the Campbell's ranch

The wind was so strong it nearly tore the tower down from my house. It did tear the 27-foot reflector off the beam and dropped it to the ground. I got that back up while the radios were being repaired.

—Lloyd Campbell, KZ6B

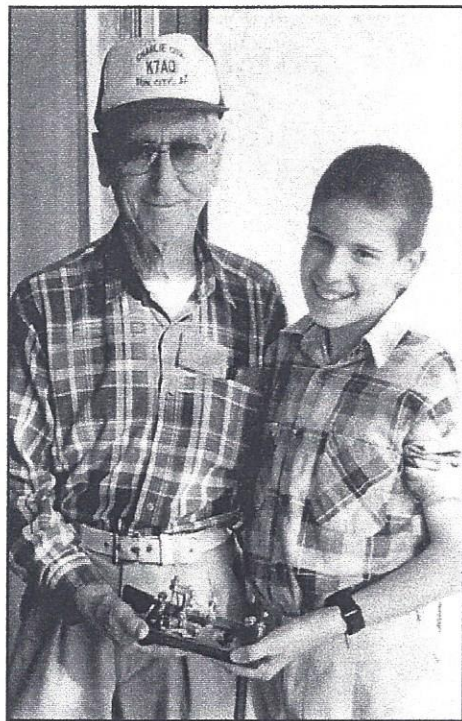
Nominating Committee report

Secretary/Treasurer — Ora Gifford, KE7BF, Grandview, Washington

ARMS members in recent QSTs

Recently three ARMS members have appeared on the pages of QST, the official publication of the ARRL.

In the January, 2003 issue, page 79 (How's DX?), ARMS member Paul Wyse, W4PFM, with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Waxhaw, North Carolina, appears after volunteering for six months in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia in eastern Africa. While there he operated with the call ET3PMW (for Paul M. Wyse). Although Paul enjoys DXing, you can be sure that he didn't spend all his time on the air. Perhaps Paul will give us some details of his experience for a future issue of The BEAM. He has also held the calls 5Z4FO (Kenya), 5X4F (Uganda), and OA8V (Peru).



On page 55 of the February, 2003 issue, 12-year-old ARMS member Dan Bates, KD7LHF, did himself proud by

getting an article he wrote published in QST. The title of the article was "A New Ham's Dipole Adventure," and it described his trials and tribulations in getting his 20-meter dipole to function as well as possible. A picture of Dan sitting at his rig appears not only on page 55 with the article, but also on page 4 with the Table of Contents. As though that weren't enough, the second page of the article shows Dan with his Elmer, ARMS President Charlie Cox, K7AQ, as Charlie passes his bug on to Dan, the next generation. (See the photo at the left.)

Dan, with Charlie's help, received his General license in December, 2000. The next month he upgraded to Amateur Extra. But it didn't stop there. Charlie eventually helped Dan's whole family get their licenses. His father is KD7MRM, his mother is KD7LNU, and his sister is KD7LNT.

Congratulations to one and all! -- --

Parks, W7PKS, and XYL Wanda visit New Zealand and Australia

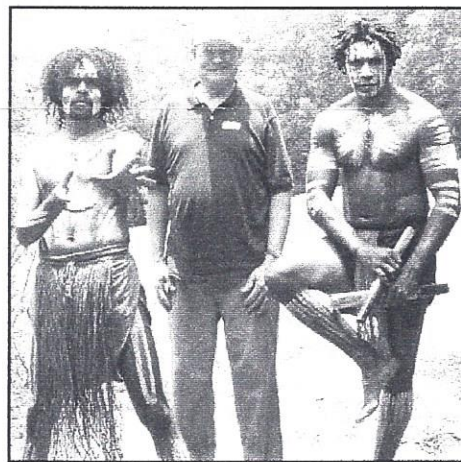
Last November, Parks, W7PKS, and Wanda Squyres made a trip to "Down Under." Their first stop was Hamilton, New Zealand where they dropped in on Malcolm Williams, ZL1UE. Malcolm is a regular check-in on the 20-meter ARMS Net.

Parks was fascinated with Malcolm's shack (below). Malcolm says he knows

exactly where everything is. It just may take him a few minutes to find it.

After spending several days touring the area and visiting a few of the locals (right, with Parks in the middle), they left for Australia. They drove down the east coast and returned to New Zealand the end of December.

Have you ever wondered what Mal-



colm does for a living? He raises sheep. Here are a few of them (below). -- --





Climbing the walls

May there be peace within your walls and
security within your citadels. Psalm 122:7

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

Across

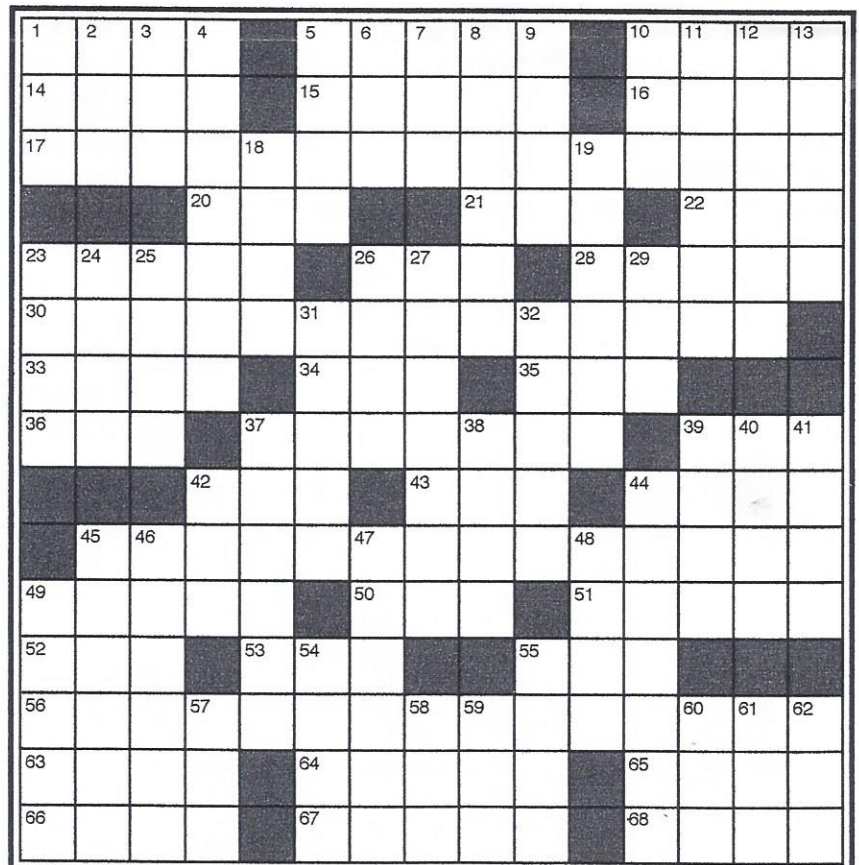
- 1 "... a mocker,"
(Pr. 19:25, NIV)
- 5 "...a swelling, ____
or a bright spot,"
(Lev. 14:56, NIV)
- 10 "...Rehob, toward
____ Hamath."
(Num. 13:21, NIV)
- 14 "...the scarlet ____
in the window."
(Josh. 2:21)
- 15 French river up north
- 16 "By ____ and living
way," (Heb. 10:20)
- 17 Location of
Rahab's house
(See Josh. 2:15)
- 20 "...and upon the
great ____ of his
right foot."
(Lev. 8:23)
- 21 "Have we not all
____ father?"
(Mal. 2:10)
- 22 With Lara, found in
Wyoming
- 23 "And I ____ a
vision;" (Dan. 8:2)
- 26 Novel or romantic
ending
- 28 "____ younger men
as brothers,"
(1 Tim. 5:1, NIV)
- 30 What Ezekiel saw
by the door of the
court (See Eze. 8:7)
- 33 "...were cast into
the ____ of fire."
(Rev. 20:14)
- 34 "Behold, I will ____
new thing;"
(Is. 43:19)
- 35 "...to him that
weareth the ____
clothing," (Jas. 2:3)
- 36 Lincoln
- 37 Circus workers
- 39 "...I am like an ____
of the desert."
(Ps. 102:6)

- 42 Sound from a
massage recipient
- 43 Orthodontist's deg.
- 44 "Am I ____, or a
whale," (Job 7:12)
- 45 Where they put the
body of Saul
(See 1 Sam. 31:10)
- 49 Salsa base
- 50 Another northern
French river
- 51 "...Thou hast asked
____ thing:"
(2 Kgs. 2:10)
- 52 Endings for
switcher and tab
- 53 G. H. W. Bush was
once its director
- 55 Greek H
- 56 Where Ezekiel saw
cherubims and
palm trees
(See Eze. 41:20)
- 63 "The ants ____
people not strong,"
(Pr. 30:25)
- 64 "All of you be on
the ____."
(Josh. 8:4, NIV)
- 65 Relative of alt.
- 66 Hardy heroine
- 67 "...from the tower
of ____ shall they
fall..." (Eze. 30:6)
- 68 "...and they shall
____:" (Jer. 50:36)

Down

- 1 Winter bug
- 2 "...they shoot out
the ____," (Ps. 22:7)
- 3 "...lead ____
Benjamin."
(Hos. 5:8, NIV)
- 4 "...and also of the
____;" (Rom. 2:9)
- 5 "____ that setteth
snares;" (Jer. 5:26)
- 6 "...as light of foot
as a wild ____."
(2 Sam. 2:18)

- 7 Relative of qty.
- 8 "...and I am a ____
man;" (Gen. 27:11)
- 9 "...was ____ in
stone;" (Lk. 23:53)
- 10 "...will not do the
____ of thy God,"
(Ezra 7:26)
- 11 Cloisonné
covering
- 12 "...the children of
____," (2 Chr. 13:7)
- 13 Hooter's chick
- 18 "...you now and
change my ____,"
(Gal. 4:20, NIV)
- 19 "...with so many
the ____ not torn."
(Jn. 21:11, NIV)
- 23 "...which was the
son of ____,"
(Lk. 3:35)
- 24 Son of Omri
(See 1 Kgs. 16:28)
- 25 "Then I ____ up."
(Gen. 41:21, NIV)
- 26 "...took thee ____
naked;" (Mt. 25:38)
- 27 "Which say, ____
thyself," (Is. 65:5)
- 29 "...without a ____
of brightness?"
(Am. 5:20, NIV)
- 31 Utah neighbor
- 32 Discharge
- 37 Multicolored cat
- 38 July 15th, for one
- 39 Gov't. safety grp.
- 40 "Thou wilt surely
____ away,"
(Ex. 18:18)
- 41 "...hard to bring it
to the ____;"
(Jonah 1:13)
- 42 "Hear, ____ ye
people;" (Mic. 1:2)
- 44 "...let me not be
____," (Ps. 25:2)
- 45 "...and said, ____
those with thee?"
(Gen. 33:5)
- 46 Bridal paths
- 47 Categorically
- 48 "...for either he
will ____ the one,"
(Mt. 6:24)
- 49 "...every ____ that
which is before
her;" (Amos 4:3)
- 54 "____ one people
speaking the same
language..."
(Gen. 11:6, NIV)
- 55 Major ending
- 57 ____ Cruces, N.M.
- 58 Haw's TV partner
- 59 Directional suffix
- 60 Arafat's grp.
- 61 "____ there be
light;" (Gen. 1:3)
- 62 Mother of Cain
(See Gen. 4:1)



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