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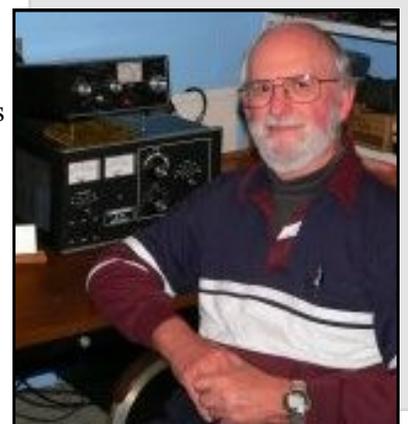
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## From the President's Desk:

**Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ**

Greetings to all in the ARMS family. This past year has seen both gains and losses in our membership. I have been impressed with the number of new members I have been informed of by our secretary. I am not sure what factors may have contributed to this, but members of the Mid-West section have been faithfully making ARMS known to hams by the displays they have erected at hamfests at cities like Milwaukee, WI and Des Moines, IA.

Anyone who would like to take similar displays to ham fests you attend may request information from Tom, AAOLF, and he will be glad to assist you.



We have also lost two good friends who faithfully checked into the 20 meter transcontinental ARMS Christian Fellowship Net. Bob Watson, W0RGW, and Don Jensen, KC7WV, have now checked into the Glory Net to be with their Lord for eternity. There may be others of which I am unaware. While they will be sorely missed, we celebrate their home-going with sorrow and joy. I have been told that Sharon, KA7DAC, Don's XYL has checked into the 20 meter net. We will look forward to that, for we need more female participation in the nets.

I am pleased with the activity in the section nets. I personally have the pleasure of checking into three of the section nets on Saturday mornings--the Eastern Section on 3.907 MHz, the South Central Section on 3.925 MHz, and the Southeast Section, now on 7.215 MHz.

My thanks to all who continue to help move the Amateur Radio Missionary Service into the future.

73 & 99 to all!

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**ARMS Christian Fellowship Section Nets**

(Local time: Frequency in MHz)

Eastern.....	Mon & Thurs, 0700	3.907
	Sat, 0900	
Southeast.....	Sat, 0900	7.215
Midwest.....	Sat, 0900	3.9035
South Central.....	Sat, 0800	3.925
Rocky Mountain..	Sat, 0700	3.805
Southwest.....	Sat 0945	7.233
Northwest.....	Thurs, 0720	3.965
20-Meter.....	Mon-Sat, 1500 (ST)	14.3075
	1400 (DT)	
Halo Net.....	Daily, 1800	21.390

**20 Meter Net Control Managers**

Monday.....Jay, KCØORJ, Bolivar, MO  
Tuesday.....Ora, KE7BF, Grandview, WA  
Wednesday.....Ken, AL7AX, Congress, AZ  
Thursday.....Denis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN  
Friday.....Boyce, K5VSP, Cash, AR  
Saturday.....Gerry, K4RBZ, Harrisonburg, VA

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In 2001 Don met Sharon Brown, who placed an ad to sell some ham radio equipment. Sharon learned that Don was a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators - an organization she had known since she was a child. Their chance meeting developed into a friendship and led to Sharon's being called to serve the Lord with Wycliffe also. She joined the Mexico branch in 2003 as mailroom manager. After dating for over two and half years, the Lord made it clear that Don and Sharon should serve Him together as husband and wife. So Don and Sharon were married on May 15, 2004.

Don will be missed for his humble service, his kindness, his strong faith, and his gentle sense of humor, even in the midst of suffering. At a memorial service for a lady who had a love for dancing, the pastor commented that she would be dancing in heaven, and Don said he would be first in line to dance with her! It's comforting to know that Don is now in heaven, experiencing the joy of walking with his Savior - and dancing.



## Net Manager Report:

**Boyce Guffey,  
K5VSP**

*What a wonderful Lord we have who looks over us for good.....who makes war in Righteousness Rev. 19:11.*

*This is a day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.....Psalm 118:24.....*



We have managed to have good fellowship on the Net, have been able to enjoy all the Scriptures that have been read and studied....And we say thanks to all who checked in through the year, as we thought it was a good year.....I suppose almost all have had some health problems, and again we thank you for all those prayers..... We were saddened to hear about Don KC7WV, as he was our inspiration....he will be missed greatly.

Our thanks goes out again to all those who helped relay everyone that they could hear.....Until the propagation gets better that seems to be all we can do.....again thanks to all for the help....I also want to thank everybody that checks in, because without you there would be no net at all....Since this is a fellowship net its always great to get to visit with each one of you....I do feel that all of our Net control operators do a great job.

## Midwest Section Report:

**Keith Sykora, WAØJGT**

Midwest Section ARMS members, Craig, KCØYHU, Tom, AAØLF, Frank, AGØM and Pat, KCØYHV, gathered at the 2013 Des Moines Hamfest held on Saturday, April 20th in the Elwell Family Center on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Craig's XYL, Barb, KDØNEZ took the picture and XYL Vicky Brodale was present with Frank. A great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all ARMS members. ARMS was well received and a large number of information brochures/tracts were handed out.

We also had a couple of hams who just passed their technician license at the morning VE Session show interest in ARMS. The Midwest Section would like to see pictures

from other sections setting up at local hamfests, and any section needing help with their first hamfest, please contact Tom at aa0lf@msn.com.

This was given to me at the Milwaukee Superfest by Ken, K9BKJ. It was put together by Ken and his XYL. You will see that it mentions The Amateur Radio Missionary Service. Ken said we could add to it if we wanted too.

This is the first time, as I know it, ARMS has attended the



AES Superfest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Many questions were asked. Some who came by the table said they have heard us on the air and wanted to know more about us. A large number of information brochures and the tract "Our Best Contact" were handed out.

ARMS members helping with this event were Tom, AAØLF, and John, WØBIZ. The picture was taken by John's XYL. Also helping was Claude Linder, N9BKA. The picture was taken by KC9EFM, Jonathan, who is attending Moody Bible and brought Claude to the Superfest. ARMS has been invited to attend next year.

Once again the Midwest Section attended the Winter RF Fest in Perry Iowa. Members set up a table and passed out information promoting ARMS. We had many curious hamfest attendees stop by the table and ask questions.

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Craig, KCØYHU, set up his HF radio for the team to check into the 75 meter Midwest Section and the 20 Meter ARMS nets. Members who made this event successful were Craig, KCØYHU, Tom, AAØLF, and Pat, KCØYHV.

The Midwest Section is continuing to remain active with our Saturday morning net. Our net meets at 7:00 AM central time, on 3903.5. Frank Brodale is our net director and does a great job. Net control stations are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Frank, AGØM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Tom, AAØLF, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Fran, AAØCE, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Bruce, KØGE, with KØØIC and KCØØYHV serving as alternates.

Tom Hauskins, AAØLF and Frank Brodale, AGØM have continued promoting ARMS at local Hamfests. These efforts in Wisconsin and Iowa have generated several opportunities to share about ARMS and make connections with other amateurs that are brothers and sisters in Christ. ARMS informational brochures and tracts are well received by hamfest attendees. Please feel free to contact Frank or Tom for information about duplicating these efforts in your section, it's a great way to promote ARMS.

The Midwest section met September 2012 and all officers were reelected for another term. We will be planning a 2013 get together for place, date, time to be announced via email and the Saturday Morning net. I owe AGØM & AAØLF thanks for picking up the slack while my wife Beth has been struggling with her health. Please continue to lift her up in your prayers.

## Central Section Report:

### **Doug Schipull, KC9OMS**

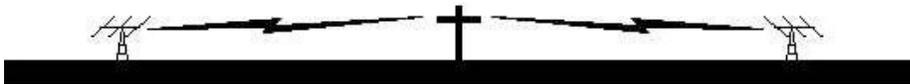
I would like to thank the ARMS leadership for deciding to list our organization in the QST and CQ magazine listings. This is a great advertisement opportunity for us.



Another great idea was sent to me earlier this year by Tom, AAØLF, the assistant director of the Midwest Section. This idea is to have a few ARMS members of each section to set up a table at various hamfests in their areas. All that would be required is a banner with the ARMS logo on it (a big poster board would also work—like those science fair project boards), some ARMS handouts, and a couple of folks to set and talk with people passing by.

Most hamfests will provide a small table and a couple of chairs for free. If a table and chairs are needed, you can get a small table and folding chairs at Home Depot or the like. My problem locally is that the majority of the 25 plus hamfests in my Illinois area are held on Sundays and I am involved with Sunday activities at my church. The hamfests in Indiana and Wisconsin are usually held on Saturdays but they are farther than I can drive in one day. But I would like to pursue this activity more. I did this type of advertisement for my private school when I was its headmaster and it does work. Also, my church does a table at our town's local business fair every summer.

On a personal note, my wife and I are very involved with Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) in Addison, IL. They are the folks that send the "Comfort Dogs" to the disasters that have happened lately. We volunteer with the office paper work at the LCC home office so the staff can take "Dogs" where they are needed. I hope all of you have seen the TV news coverage of the Comfort Dog activities at various disasters that have happened.

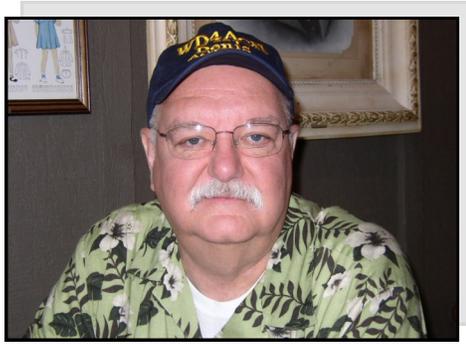


## Southeast Section Report:

### **Denis Parker, WD4ACH**

Greetings in the name that is above all others, Jesus Christ our Lord!

I hope this report finds all of you in good health and blessed above measure.



We are planning our yearly get-together in a few weeks at the Atlanta Hamfest on May31st-June 1st. We have plans of arriving Friday, May31st, at the Sandy Springs, Georgia Hampton Inn and having dinner Friday night together. We plan to return to the motel and having devotions in the lobby by our S.E ARMS Pastor Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR. On Saturday June 1st we will have breakfast in the morning together and head off for the Hamfest. We are looking forward to this year's activities since we did not have a get-together in 2012.

Please remember Dave Newell, WA4DUP in prayer as he has had a heart attack recently and is in cardiac rehab.

Also remember Bobby Howington, KC4DOG our Net Manager in prayer as he has his hands full with his parents who are quite elderly and have health problems.

We have been having lots of check-ins lately on our Saturday morning net on 7.215 MHz. Matt, KJ4TN, Dan, W4MGZ, Raf, AI4RA, Bobby, KC4DOG, Dave, WA4LLR, Dave, WA4DUP, Herb, N4PHC, Randy, N4SX, and Ed, W4VGI. We miss several others who for various reason cannot check-in with us regularly.

I wanted to mention how much I miss Don Jensen, KC7WV who is with the Lord now, and his big signal from Tucson on the Transcon Net. His dry sense of humor going on with Boyce always kept the net in laughter. See you in the morning Don.

Psalms 30:5. Please remember Sharon in your prayers.

Keep looking up, Jesus is coming.



*Seated left front to back.* Sharon Eagen, Mike Eagen, K0RRP, Bobby Howington, KC4DOG, Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR, Randy Joiner, N4SX, Randy's grandson Seth, KJ4ZXX, Randy's grandson Jacob. *Seated right front to back.* Raf Ahmed, AI4RA, Ed Bradley, W4VGI, Ervina Gillespie, N4PFZ, Andra Parker, KD4CLF, Denis Parker, WD4ACH, Randy's grandson Nathan.



## **Eastern Section Report:**

### **Larry Hodge, W2PT**

The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to be very active. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 AM Eastern Time and Saturdays at 9:00 AM Eastern time at 3907 kHz. We average nine check-ins on Mondays, six on Thursdays and from four to eight on Saturdays.

We maintain a prayer list which is updated and e-mailed to those who want it. 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 Bob, W2CYO, Wil, WA3OJN, Wally, VA3WIT, Duane, AA2I, Don, K3RYV, Bill, WB1DQT, John, WB2SQX, 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 or support. The name of the missionary, their field, and a brief description of their work is shared.

We continue to praise the Lord for his goodness and trust God's blessings will rest on each of you in the coming days.

## **Northwest Section Report:**

### **George Wood, KA7HGE**

Bob Hambly, WA7BYD, was on Iwo Jima as a Naval photographer in February of 1945. The Marines fought determined Japanese defenders and would take the Island but at great cost.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> five Marines and a Navy corpsman raised the American flag on top of Mt. Suribachi. AP photographer Joe Rosenthal was there and snapped what would become one of the most famous photographs taken during the war years.

Later that day Rosenthal approached a Naval photogra-

pher who had a small dark room and asked if he would develop some film for him. Bob Hambly was that photographer and at the time didn't realize the significance of his skills in developing those negatives.

Later, Joe Rosenthal, would present Bob with a signed copy of that historic event and that framed photograph hangs in Bob and Mae's home in Grants Pass, Oregon.

We averaged about eight check-ins each week including: Chuck, N7AAG, Ora, KE7BF, George, KA7HGE, Dave, W7PTL, Wayne, VA7GF, John, K7BXF, Mike, K7PTL, Bob, WA7BYD, and Wayne, WB7EIF.

We've had a few new check-ins but they haven't become regulars. Bob, WA7BYD recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Stan, KD6WZA has had problems with his antenna because of a severe snowstorm early in the spring. We're looking forward to his getting back on the net soon.

### **A Step back in ARMS history:**

#### **Submitted by Chuck Winter, N7AAG:**

Dr. Sam Marx, WB7ARA/SK and his XYL, Grace, served for many years as medical missionaries at the Moravian Clinic in Eastern Honduras. We met when they came back to the states in the 70's and settled near where I was pastoring the Harrah (WA) Grace Brethren Church. We became friends and discovered we both had an interest in amateur radio.

After a time staff needs called them back again to the Clinic in Honduras. We were able to establish contact with them by way of my radio shack, located in an upstairs classroom at the church. The roof held my Gem cubical quad antenna and propagation was great.

Usually the Clinic sent biopsies, pap smears and other tissue samples by mail to a lab in the states. Turn around time could be a month or more. The Lord raised up a Christian pathologist in Yakima, Dr. Jay Johnson, NC7D who did the tests, gave the results to me and I radioed that information to Dr. Sam. We were able to cut the turn around time to less than 2 weeks, which was a blessing to both Dr. Marx and his patients.

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In the early 80's the MAF pilot stationed at Ahuas made an unusual request. He told Dr. Sam that he had a small dog that he wanted to have spayed, but the cost in Tegucigalpa was prohibitive. Would Dr. Sam even consider doing that procedure? Sam's reply was he thought they could do it but he would need to talk to a veterinarian. Our little town of Harrah had a vet, whose name happened to be Dr. Harrer! Several phone patches between Harrah and Ahuas gave Dr. Sam the information he needed. Dr. Harrer even advised a visiting anesthesiologist at Ahuas what anesthesia to use.

Dr Sam and his anesthesiologist set up an operating table under an outside lean-to and performed the procedure. A week later I talked with Dr. Sam and he said it all went well but it was a bit harrowing because the organs were so small. Needless to say the MAF pilot was very grateful.

Several months went by and I was ready to sign with Dr. Sam when he said, "By the way, the little dog is pregnant. What happened in the surgical procedure I have no idea."

### **Missionary Report:**

#### ***Tim & Gloria Hagquist, KEØQ***

Just to bring everyone up to date, Gloria and I officially retired as WorldVenture overseas missionaries to the Philippines on March 31. We are now back in Minnesota and making the transition into a new culture and a new climate. Shoveling snow and wearing long underwear in April was a shock, but we don't regret returning to the town I grew up in, Milaca, which is located about 65 miles north of Minneapolis. We love Minnesota and I don't think the weather and the Minnesota State Bird (the mosquito) will dampen our desire to live here. The Lord has blessed us with a nice home, an exceptional local church, new friends, and great neighbors. He's also opened the doors for a new avenue of ministry as part-time Missions Coaches with WorldVenture in the North Central Region. We'll be working with young couples and singles preparing to serve overseas, and helping local churches strengthen

their mission programs. The Lord is good!

Returning to the U.S. also provides an opportunity to get back into Amateur Radio. Although I had a reciprocal license in the Philippines, I had little time to get on the air. I'm just completing the installation of a 43 foot Zero-Five Vertical Antenna and a radial field (44 radials). I'm also working on setting up my hamshack. Once the antenna is in place I hope to check in to the ARMS Net.



#### **SK Don Jensen, KC7WV**

Don Jensen suddenly went to heaven to be with his Savior on Saturday morning March 30 (the day before Resurrection Sunday!) as a result of a brain hemorrhage.

Donald Leslie Jensen was born on February 23, 1942 in Vallejo, California, the oldest of three children, with one brother and one sister. His father, Eiliff Jensen owned a candy making factory and his mother, Lillian worked with his dad and was known for chocolate dipping. Don's mom was Jewish, and before she married his dad, she had studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music to be a concert pianist and to teach, but instead dedicated her life to serving her husband and raising her children. Don's mom became a "completed Jew" at the same time that Don was baptized in 1945.



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## Missionary Report:

### **Leon Winter, WX6I**

Our good friend Gary is responsible for archiving and other things, and he forwarded this story.

Melanie is a Kagayanen speaker who works with translator Jacqueline. Since the Kagayanen New Testament launching in 2008, the Kagayanen team has been working to digitally archive 32 years worth of Kagayanen materials. Recently, Melanie was working in the studio alone on audio file transcription. That day's task turned out to be a re-

recorded testimony of another Kagayanen woman named Bing.

At first this tape was no different than any other transcription Melanie had worked on. But then, as she strained to make out the poor quality of the 22-year-old recording—rewinding and re-listening many times—it was like God was repeatedly talking directly to her.

Melanie, too, was pretending to follow Christ, just like Bing on the tape. As Melanie's ears and fingers worked on the transcription, her heart knew what she needed to do. Tears streaming down her face, she gave her life to God, just as Bing had done.

Melanie was only 6 years old when that tape was made. Yet 22 years later, God spoke His love to this Kagayanen and she responded. All because of an archiving task in her own language!



Leon and Sally Winter



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The most significant event in Don's life was a diving accident at the age of 13 1/2, on August 25, 1955. His broken neck left him paralyzed and changed his life forever. Before the injury, he enjoyed swimming, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and golf, and HE built three Soapbox Derby racing cars with his dad, one of which won the prize for best-constructed car (and was called "The Chocolate Drop"). His mom home-schooled Don for a couple of years, and Don was in and out of high school until he graduated. After the accident, he learned about ham radio and Morse code. Having handled some of his father's bookkeeping, Don realized that business and accounting would be a good direction for his life, so from 1961-1964 he studied by correspondence through International Correspondence School and the International Accounting Society, and took courses in taxation from Golden Gate College in San Francisco. In 1964 Don heard Morris Watkins of Lutheran Bible Translators speak at church, and he learned there was a need for people other than in linguistics.

Don married Margaret Stoelting on July 12, 1969, and in 1971 the couple were accepted by Wycliffe as Short Term Assistants for one year of service in Mexico. In 1973 they were accepted as Members In Training and assigned to the Mexico branch and went to Norman SIL in 1973. Don began serving as an accountant and Margaret taught primary grades in the branch school. David was adopted in 1974, the same year that Don became Finance Office manager. And then in 1978, they adopted Johanna and brought her home on Father's Day! That same year, Don became Supervisor of Services.

In 1979, the Jensen's were among the first to relocate to Tucson when the branch received news that members' visas for work in Mexico would not be renewed, and Don was instrumental in helping to establish the Tucson center. Margaret helped to organize and operate a pre-school in a local church, which benefited many Mexico branch families that had moved to Tucson. Over the years, Don also served the branch as controller, associate director, and treasurer, and assisted many of our members with their taxes and financial planning. In 1997 Margaret left Don and the Mexico branch. In the next few years, the family expanded as their son David married Sarah in 1999, and daughter Johanna (mother of granddaughter Tayler) married Adam Gale in 2000. Don's family later expanded to include another granddaughter, Lily Gale, and two grandsons, Logan and Hunter Jensen.

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