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From the President's Desk:

Greetings from the sunny and warm south land of Tucson!



Mary and I have enjoyed the time we have spent here over the winter months. Each season finds us reconnecting with folks who are also abandoning the colder country and setting up housekeeping here at Rincon Country West.

It goes without saying that the propagation has been grim on 20 meters. I have been looking at the Solar Propagation data and see approximately 50% of the days this first quarter there have been ZERO sunspots. Low activity/low ionization has produced a continuous "HF conditions" forecast of "POOR" for 20 meters. That's not a surprise for any of us who have been on the air.

Speaking for all who check in, or try to check in, I appreciate the fortitude exhibited by each net control station as they remained steadfast in the effort to keep the net running each morning throughout this extended solar cycle trough.

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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	3.899.5
Midwest.....	Sat, 0700	3.905.5
Central.....	Thu, 2000	Not fixed
Rocky Mountain..		
Southwest.....	Sat 0945	7.233
Northwest.....	Thurs, 0720	3.965
20-Meter.....	Mon-Sat, 1000 ET	14.3075
	0900 CT	
	0800 MT	
	0700 PT	
Halo Net.....	Daily, 1800	21.390

20 Meter Net Control Managers

Monday.....	Open
Tuesday.....	Jerry, K1GUP, Carmel, ME
Wednesday.....	Frank, AGØM, Cherokee, IA
Thursday.....	Denis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN
Friday.....	Boyce, K5VSP, Cash, AR
Saturday.....	Dean, KØTVJ, Mesa, AZ
	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 Manger Report: Boyce Guffey, K5VSP

This has been a very interesting time for our arms net.

Not being able to hear people that are trying their best to get in is quite hard to do.....so I will say thanks to all of you that participated in the Net. Our Net Controllers have been pulling double duty these last few months.

And we appreciate your patience as participants in the net. I especially thought the 40 meter would fly, but we couldn't seem to get it off the ground. Another round of thanks to all who participated in the 40 meter nets.

A couple of verses from ISAIAH 55:10 The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry: v 11. It is the same with my word, I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

I'll try to remember those verses as I try to send His word out. Blessings to all.

Boyce Guffey NET MANAGER

If you ever get a chance to visit Boyce it is sure worthwhile. How enjoyable.



South Central Section Report



Southeast Section Report:

Denis Parker, WD4ACH.

The S.E. Section of the ARMS Group met on Friday Feb 23rd in Dalton, Georgia for our annual get-together.



We met in the Lobby of the LaQuinta Inn Friday and took off for the local Cracker Barrel for dinner and fellowship. They were busy so we had to split into 2 groups.

After dinner we met back at the Hotel and Dave Gillespie WA4LLR our S.E. Section Chaplain led a devotion on the tragedies going on in America and how our moral decline was paying its toil on our society. Such things as abortion, taking prayer out of public schools, fake news and lack of Bible preaching in our pulpits. It sure was good and the fellowship was sweet.

We met on Saturday morning for the breakfast they provide at the hotel and had round tables of various subjects.

We met at 9:30 AM in the parking lot and took off for the Dalton Hamfest. Lots of new equipment vendors were there and a great bone yard for the junkyard dogs.

We all picked up various toys for our collections.

About noon we met at the entrance and took off for Western Sizzlin Buffet for Lunch and yes, more fellowship and food.

After lunch we said our goodbye's and headed for home. We sure had a good time and getting to see everyone was a blessing as always. Were looking forward to next year, Lord willing.

Keep looking toward that eastern sky, Jesus is coming. I Thess. 5:1,2

Denis Parker WD4ACH S.E. Section Manager

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I'd like to encourage all of you to continue making the effort to hang in there and possibly do some relaying for others who find themselves in the same predicament.

I was saddened to hear of George's passing in October. (NZ8H) I will always remember fondly the morning many years ago when we lived in Denver and I mentioned that morning on the net I would be in McAllen, Texas for the overnight. George spoke up and gave me a greeting. I thought he was home in Traverse City but in fact they were in McAllen on an RVICS assignment. He and Dot picked me up at the hotel and took me back to their RV where we had a great meal and worship with the entire RVICS group that night. What a blessing! Overnights don't get any better than that.

I have had the pleasure of leading a men's group through the discipleship course the last several weeks.

You can imagine what a blessing it is to work with 8-10 fellows as we study God's Word together.

Keep up the good work and please continue to communicate with your section director regarding your activities. The rest of us across the country want to keep up to date on what the Lord is doing in your part of the world.

In closing, I'd like to submit some familiar words to my fellow brothers in ARMS.

Galatians 6:9

"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."

Lord bless you all.

73 / 99

Mike - K7PTL

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 10 check-ins on Mondays, 8 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 Wil, WA3OJN, Duane, AA2I, Don, K3RYV, Bill, WB1DQT, John, WB2SQX, Tom, N7GBH, Don, WA3CMT 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. We continue to praise the Lord for his goodness and trust God's blessings will rest on each of you.

Larry Hodge

Editors Report by : James Fisher NQ7L

Almost all of our snow has melted after a long and snowy winter in Billings.

We go to the YMCA for water aerobics most mornings when the roads are drivable. This winter we enjoyed watching our grandson play high school basketball. My time on the net has been limited with my morning routine, but I seem to almost always connect with someone when I do get on. Lately it's been Boyce.

I am willing to continue as Editor for the Beam, but would relinquish the job if someone is interested and would step forward.

I will not be attending the Glacier Hamfest this year due to time conflicts. I hope/think this is going to a busy summer.

God's best to all and many thanks for your service to Christ and ARMS.

What Can God Do?

When we depend upon organizations, we get what organizations can do; when we depend upon education, we get what education can do; when we depend upon man, we get what man can do; but when we depend upon prayer, we get what God can do.

Dr. A. C. Dixon

Evan Roberts, God's chosen leader of the great revival in Wales, said this:

"Secret intercessors make it possible for public laborers to do their work and win. They do as much for the Lord's cause who intercede like Moses on the mount, as they do who fight like Joshua in the thick of battle.

Prayer based on God's Word is the only weapon man can use today to touch the invisible foe!

The individual members of the church of Christ will not know until they reaching eternity from what they have been saved."





Bio: Roland Corkum—VA7RA

I was the typical boy growing up, loved Cowboy heroes and pretty girls. As my Bio states, I quite literally dug my way from under an Atlantic ocean coal mine to the Pulpit. By the way that was NOT what I set out to do! Electricity literally ran through my veins. My dad being my inspiration and mentor. VE1AUJ s/k

Having said that as an intro, I was always searching for 'meaning to life'. Like, why are we really here? You know, the proverbial staring into the night sky, and desperately trying to figure out how it all started and where does it end. Well, after a few career paths completed, I found my 'Dream Job', at CBC Radio, I thought I was in heaven!

Roylene & I have two sons, Brian & Bruce and a chosen daughter, Fayedra Lynn. We built our second house on a one acre wood lot out side Fredericton, New Brunswick. I quickly erected a sixty foot tower and planted a home brew three element Quad on top. Life was Good. But my soul was in turmoil! Roylene offered a solution. "You never officially joined the church, so why not give it a try?"

A ham buddy up the road sang in the choir, so I'll give it a go! After all we were 'taken' to church, I was married in the church & My folks were members, sang in the choir, Scout leader etc.. I was given a booklet 'For Adults Only', A complete guide to membership! I read it over, was given a date, called forward...answered a few questions and extended 'The right hand of fellowship'. My ham friend shamed me into joining the choir. Turns out he made a mean batch of 'Home brew'. So, here I was, singing in the choir with a 'hangover'! Nothing had changed in my soul! I smartly quit going.

Another neighbor & I were doing our regular weekend pastime, sharing a case of beer, I came in for a couple more and the TV was on, Roylene was watching her favorite Sunday program from 'The Cathedral of Tomorrow', Rex Humbard had a guest speaker, Bob Harrington, The Chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans. For the first time I heard the message of Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness ... I literally fell on my face on the living room floor. Tears of conviction flowed freely!

New life came into my soul! I arose, as it were from the 'miry clay of the old life, to a new life of Faith in Jesus', that miraculous fall day in 1970.. No more searching!! That's why Jesus describes it a being 'born again' to Nicodemus in John chapter 3: This moment led to seven years of personal study and growing in knowledge of the scripture.

On Feb 9, 1976 as I was getting ready for my shift, as the Master Control technician for the Information Morning show, I received my second 'Calling' as it were... it would result in me resigning CBC radio and pursuing a path to Ordination. (This happened on our wedding anniversary April 27, 1982)

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Within a year we were off to Bible college. and within a month I was call to 'Student pastor' a parish of three churches. Having served a half dozen parishes in eastern Canada from /77 to 90, we followed our children to BC. Here I have helped launch 'Mission Possible' in the down town East side of Vancouver, was appointed associate pastor of a Nazarene church for a few years, Youth pastor of Chown Memorial & Chinese United Church in Vancouver.

I served as Military Chaplain to the 744 Comm Regiment (Militia HQ) and more recently retired as Chaplain Emeritus to the BC Corp of Commissioners. I performed many weddings and funerals (still do when called upon) most notably to the RCMP, (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) where I spent over a decade as a civilian employee.

Now, I provide 24/7 care giving to my dear wife and play lots of radio! 73/99

"I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son

I'm receiving a commendation from Relocation Services Department of the RCMP while employed as Shipper/Receiver.



Note on Charlie Cox

On March 23rd Charlie and Emily Cox celebrated their 77th Wedding Anniversary. Charlie, K7AQ, is a long-time member of ARMS.

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<http://www.galcom.org/>

HCJB Reach Beyond

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Sonset Solutions (HCJB Tech Center)

<https://sonsetsolutions.org/>

Trans World Radio

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

Far East Broadcasting Company

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



Midwestern Section Report

By Tom Hauskins , AAØLF

“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.”

Psalm 145:18-19

I would like to start out by telling of the sad news about my younger brother Tim, who departed from this world February 14th and now is in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Years ago, Tim had his stomach stapled to help him lose weight. The procedure kept coming apart so he ended up having 8 surgeries. Infection finally set in, and he lost the battle. Please pray for Tim’s wife, Shawn and 8 adopted children. Tim loved the Lord and was part of the family’s southern gospel trio, “The Hauskins Singers”, who traveled around the Midwest for 22 years starting in 1975.

The Midwest Section ARMS started out by attending our first 2018 hamfest on, February 24th, 2018 at the National Guard Armory in Perry, Iowa. The hamfest was well attended, and we had a productive time showing ARMS is out there and witnessing for our Lord.

There was exciting news from the Midwest Section during the Hamfest in Perry, Iowa. One of our ARMS officers took part in the ARRL VE session to upgrade his Amateur License to Extra.

Congratulations to Roger Stubbe, WØZMU!

I was given a plaque by the widow of the first Midwest Section Director, Francis Finck. She now holds his call WØQCB. I would like to know if there were other plaques given to the Directors for their service in ARMS. I was trying to find out who all the Midwest Directors were and came up with a few, but have blank spots. If anyone can help fill in the names and dates of the Directors it would be appreciated and results included in the next issue of “THE BEAM”

ARMS Midwest Section Directors

Francis E. Finck WØQCB 1957 to ???

Dan Nordell WAØLUV 1982 and 1993

Frank Brodale AGØM 1983 to 1986

Chuck Brockmeyer WØETA 1987

Dean Nordell WBØHJG 1988 to 1992

Don Berggren KØOAV 1994

Arnie Kopischke WAØDFT 1995 to 2010

Keith Sykora WAØJGT 2010 to 2013

Tom Hauskins AAØLF 2014 to present



73/99

Tom—AAØLF





***Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Perry, IA
Roger WØZMU, Tom AAØLF, Dennis KKØDJ, Barb KDØNEZ, and Craig KCØYHU***

A WORD FROM THE (Founding) PRESIDENT

From “THE BEAM”, Volume 1, Number 1

Just what does the word “Missionary” mean in our title? It certainly means that we want to service missionaries, whether they are at home or abroad in any way that is possible and legal for us as amateurs. By so doing, we can be of great help and aid the cause, of spreading the Gospel the world around. We hope that by the fall our authentication system will be functioning in such an effective way so that we might be servicing a number of individuals and organizations within the limits of F.C.C. laws.

But, the word in our title has another very important meaning which we should not overlook. It refers to OUR being missionaries on the Amateur bands! That is, our taking opportunities that are given to us to represent the Lord; The other day in QSO; a fellow asked me what I thought of Billy Graham. He was in for a surprise because Billy and I had taken a degree together. I was able to speak directly on the subject and get a word in for the Lord. I overheard my 'contact' chatting with another fellow after our QSO, relating the whole tale. Let us move in on these opportunities, and be real missionaries ourselves!

That doesn't mean we should just jump in without the exercise of due caution: Let us be tactful and subtle; but let's get that message in for the Lord.

Then follow up with the printed Word. If a fellow enjoys a conversation with you on the air, he will be happy to get your card, and if it contains a Scripture portion or a tract he will accept it graciously and read it.

May the Lord grant from your that hobby the work of spreading the Gospel worldwide will be facilitated and also that we shall have the pleasure of bringing many precious souls to Him.

Dr. William A. Mierop - K2JEI,

Founding President of ARMS, June, 1957



ARMS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

BUSINESS MEETING

July 22, 2017

The ARMS business meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Essington, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Gerry Brunk – K4RBZ at 9:00 AM. John Babbitt WB2SQX brought a short history of ARMS from its beginning. Gerry also brought apologies from Larry Hodge, W2PT which gave more details about the beginnings of ARMS.

Attending were: James Fisher – NQ7L and his wife Rhonda, David Newell – WA4DUP and his wife Anna Gay, Roger Stubbe – WØZMU and his wife Joyce, Donald L. Birx - K3RYV and his wife Adele, Gerry Brunk – K4RBZ and his wife Shirley, Jerry Burns – K1GUP and his wife Gail, Paul Hammond – K2KCG and his wife Jenny, Tom Hauskins – AAØLF and his wife Deb , Tom Church – N7GBH and John Babbitt – WB2SQX and his wife Sue.

Tom Church – N7GBH brought greetings and a welcome along with a devotional from I Chronicles 22. He brought out that our witness is not to be underestimated. We should be making preparations for service as we have opportunity.

He then detailed a few “housekeeping” items concerning the venue and meal arrangements.

Gerry Brunk, K4RBZ then opened the business portion of the meeting. A table of history items was available, with past issues of the BEAM available back to the beginning of ARMS

Gerry then proceeded with the installation of the new officers of ARMS. Frank Brodale - AGØM and Mike Rafferty – K7PTL were contacted by telephone. The three officers, Mike Rafferty, President, Frank Brodale, vice president and Roger Stubbe - WØZMU, secretary/treasurer, were installed in their offices by pledging to serve to the best of their ability, with the help of God.

Roger - WØZMU presented the financial situation and the membership situation of ARMS. The financial report is annexed to these minutes. He reported that ARMS currently has 129 active members. If no dues or contact is received from a member for three years, the member is moved to “inactive” as stipulated in the By-laws.

Gerry raised the possibility of how we might decide if we want to help with mission efforts in a financial way. A concern was expressed as to how we decide who, what and how we get involved? A cap on how much could be given was suggested. It was suggested that one of our members draw up proposed guidelines on how this might be carried out.

This discussion continued, with the concern that, with the limited resources available to ARMS, we might promote missions activities in ways other than financial contributions. One way suggested was to bring mission needs to the attention of our members. This might well be done during our net time, bringing prayer needs and ministry to the net. The consensus was that this was a more viable way to keep missions foremost in the minds of our members.



Convention Business Meeting (Continued)

A discussion was engaged concerning dues and services which are provided. Gerry asked if \$10.00 should be continued. It was stated that “\$10.00 wasn’t much these days.” By consensus it was decided to keep the dues at \$10.00 annually.

Reports were received from those sections whose people were present. John Babbitt – WB2SQX reported for the Eastern Section, and Tom Hauskins - AAØLF for the Midwest Section. Tom brought some items that are used in the Midwest Section to represent ARMS at the various hamfests and swap meets in the area. This included a rack with tracts, including those of other Christian organizations and a display board and banner. There was interest from other sections, especially for the banner and signage used. Tom shared that they are available for around \$15.00 plus shipping, adapted for the section that is interested. Contact Tom for further information.

Ways of getting more exposure for ARMS was discussed. Jim Fisher suggested a presence at the Dayton Hamvention. Advertising, a designated Facebook page and other possibilities were discussed.

Gerry asked how we might be able to recruit new members, as well as keep current members. It was agreed that the Section level is where the real fellowship and life of ARMS resides. The Sections are urged to continue the face-to-face meetings and interactive work of ARMS.

Do we want an advertisement in QST magazine? We have had an ad in the “classifieds” in CQ for some time. Nobody seemed to know who put this ad there, nor who is paying for it. Roger shared that he has not seen any invoices during the time he has been treasurer. Roger was asked to see about placing some ad in QST to make ARMS better known. A suggestion was received that a one-time display ad might be more effective than a monthly test ad in the “classifieds.”

Problems with the 20 meter transcontinental net were discussed. Due to poor propagation, this is a problem that is not easily solved. It was thought best to let the net controls and those checking into the net work on possible solutions. We were reminded of the “chat room” on our Web site as a place to communicate under poor propagation conditions. ARMS already has a presence on CQ100 and this is another possibility for a “virtual” net.

Communications were read from Dick Harris – K7VCD and Frank Brodale - AGØM, both of whom were unable to attend the meeting.

The time and place for the next general meeting for ARMS was discussed. Because of the geographical dispersion of our membership it is difficult to get many members together in one place at one time. Internet meetings, using technology such as SKYPE , “Go to Meeting” or Google Hangouts are possibilities available to do this. The new leadership will check into possibilities.

This list of the ARMS members who have now passed on to glory was read. Those present took a moment of silence to remember them.

The ARMS membership business meeting ended at about 11:20 AM on Saturday, July 22, 2017.



Northwest Section News by Charles Winter

As NW ARMS member Mike, K7PTL, is fond of saying: Greetings “brothers in ARMS!”

We only missed one Thursday NW Section ARMS 75M Net due to lack of propagation over the past months. We find the rotation schedule for NCS is working well. For the time being we have changed our Net time to 7:40AM local time. Some of our regulars are “Snow Birds” and others have relocated away from the Northwest. Mike, K7PTL, and Mary, K3PTL, are in Tucson for these months. Mike has been enlisted to lead a men’s discipleship class there and they both keep active in ministry.

I receive regular text messages from Bob, “Big Yellow Dog,” WA7BYD, in Grants Pass. He has been an ARMS member for “many moons.” We were all saddened to learn that Charlie, K7AQ, in Arizona is no longer able to communicate due to dementia. A recent visitor reported that Emily is doing fairly well at their retirement home at the Glencroft Retirement Community in Glendale.

Several of us from the NW check into CQ-100, virtual ham radio, on Mondays (14.307) and that includes myself and Stan, KD6WZA, at the Happy Camp CA Bible Church. Stan is in hopes of getting back on HF. His son, Jerry, KG6SFV, also of Happy Camp, after over a year’s wait for medical intervention, has finally had shoulder surgery to restore the use of an arm.

Speaking of surgery, Sharon, KA7DAC, Port Angeles WA, is recovering wonderfully well from open heart surgery and is in a cardiac rehab program. Dave, W7PTL, is our 2nd Thursday of the month NCS.

Ken, AL7AX, is getting closer to “hanging a wire” at his QTH in Spokane. Last week he listened in to our 75M Net by way of “WebSDR.” Afterwards he e-mailed this: “That KFS WebSDR site is something to dream about. An old commercial radio site with an unbelievable antenna system and very quiet location. Check the radio site on the Net at <http://69.27.184.62:8901/>.”

John, K7BXF, and wife Vi, are seriously considering moving their usual RV travel schedule up a month due to the fantastic warmer winter we have had. John is our 1st Thursday NCS.

My oldest son, Brian, KA7IAC, and Sheriff of Yakima County WA, has been diagnosed with ALS. His doctor has cleared him to work into mid-year. The cause of the disease, as documented by the military, likely dates back to his two deployments to Iraq with the USMC. Toxic fumes from burning oil fields is a prime culprit. We would appreciate your prayers for he and his family.

Wayne, VA7GF, and his wife, Diana, are at SIL Center (Wycliffe) Dallas TX. They are volunteering in several ministry areas. He has mounted his Outbacker mobile antenna on the back of their RV and has been able to check into to our 20M ARMS Net.

One of our regular Thursday check-ins is George, KA7HGE, in Puyallup WA. Once in a while he kicks in his amplifier, but most of the time barefoot does the job. He and Elsie are retired after many years as missionaries in Thailand. George is our 4th Thursday NCS.

The “Voice of Harrah WA” is Peter, KG7MVH. He is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church there. He loves to tinker with his radio gear and has had some fantastic QRP contacts. Peter is our 3rd Thursday NCS.



Mike Rafferty also added to the North West Section Report.

It is going well here in Tucson. Mary is making preparations for a ladies' retreat in Prescott, AZ. I was asked to lead a men's discipleship training study at church on Monday nights. Monday of this week was our first session with 11 men present. What a blessing! It just does your heart good, doesn't it? I have a 12-week course I lead for those who have that time available (especially new to the faith) and I modify it for opportunities that require a shorter time frame. This will be a 6-week study.

Also, a few weeks ago I organized a class of Technician class folks who wanted to upgrade to General. We have been working through that and they expect to take their exams at one of the Tucson sites during the first week of March. I have been suggesting they plan on doing another upgrade to Extra next winter season but you can imagine the grimaces!

ARMS Bio: Tom Langer KD9FPC

A relative newcomer to my own rig, I have been licensed since 2015. It was at the same time I was “put out” with a medical disability after 30+ years of self-employment. Must share a praise. In 2007 I received my initial diagnosis of a terminal, long term illness. In 2009 was told I had two years to live. Obviously the Lord still had work for me here!

Back in the 1970's I raced stock cars. My profession of faith was with two long time Christian friends I raced with who witnessed to me for three years. I was 20 then, and I have not looked back.

My ham radio interest was “genetic”. My father was a ham when I was growing up. He was in the Navy, and as a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy with a degree in engineering, was assigned to a number of mission control systems. We moved to SAC Air Force bases. In fact, I was born at Smokey Hill AFB in Salina, KS. The rig back then was a WWII surplus transmitter thru a long wire out the window, and an old Heathkit receiver. There was a small HF rig in the car through a very long whip antenna.

I have been blessed with the most amazing wife who has stuck with me for 35 years now. She goes to every MD appointment or test session, which typically amounts to 1 or 2 each week. We have two sons. One started a custom cabinet, furniture and trim business a number of years ago while still in college. He is married and has a month old baby... officially made me a grandpa! The other completed his PhD last year and is well along in his MD studies now, and will no doubt end up in trauma and/or surgery. My wife, sons, daughter in law are all Christians.

Locally I do volunteer with a very strong hospice organization. From visiting people to working in Final Hours, the patients I work with give me so much more than I give them. Most interesting is my work in hospice with veterans during their end of life process and issues.

Finally, I wish to thank God for the ham radio hobby that brings me together with so many awesome people such as each of you. MD's won't let me travel, so the rig on my desk becomes my window to the world. In addition to ARMS I am active in SATERN, the Salvation Army network and emergency site team. I am also active with a number of clubs locally.



From your Webmaster

In the shadow of the recent school shootings we must open our eyes to where our world view has evolved as we remove God more and more from our society. There are no words to explain these shootings or the shape we have put our beautiful planet in or the shameful actions we as humans commit against each other and our creator. As our God is daily being removed from our lives, we see more child sex abuse, opioid/drug addiction, violent crimes, crimes against nature, terrorism, police being murdered, abortion clinics and the list goes on and on and becomes too large to list.

Our ability to make no course corrections as history repeats itself, yet we continue to make the same decisions as we have in the past and expect a different outcome. This is mind boggling to me. We make opioid and drugs illegal, where did that get us? Crimes with guns are illegal and we want gun control, has that changed anything? Child sex abuse is illegal, immoral and just sick, should we ban children to correct this? Our police are attacked at every turn. Should we get rid of police to clear up that problem? Abortion clinics working under the guise of woman's health have murdered millions of lives since Roe vs Wade, which makes it ok, so do we ban women, men, children, or all to correct this?

I hope you can start to see a pattern and the point here. Our problems are not opioids, children, guns, police, abortions, or any of the complete problems list! Our problems are criminals, mental issues, politics, money, and yes at the very top of that list is the removal of God in our lives! Sum it all up to say that the problem is SIN. Look up Sodom and Gomorrah in the bible and recognize we are there again and our trying to control the tools of crime; drugs, abuses, guns, crimes and so on will harvest us nothing! We must bring God back to our nation, our government, our society, our lives and He will guide us to overcome the problem instead of our trying to correct these problems on our own. The real issue to me seems be because we have left God out of our life in the guise that we can handle all things better than Him! Guess where this has left us.

A good reading: 1 John 3:11 KJV

“ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

A great verse and we are to love everyone according to the Word, however, this does not mean we must accept and go along with all the bad, dumb life choices that are made. Without Jesus Christ we are lost forever so let's forget about items used in the commission of crimes and focus on the real problem: Bring the Lord back in our world. Most, or all of these criminal issues, should require life in prison without parole and maybe it is time we give unto Caesar what is his and return to capital punishment.

Lew Orcutt



AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE ARMS

Financial Report June 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018

Opening Balance Jun 1-2017 \$ 5,519.31

Income

Dues	\$	653.09	
Tracts and Pins	\$	10.00	
Gifts	\$	14.00	
Total Income	\$	677.09	

Expenses

Office Supplies	(\$161.65)	
Postage & Delivery	(\$211.44)	
Printing & Copies	(\$249.36)	
Total Expense	\$	(622.45)

Convention*

Income/Expenses net for the year*	\$	(2,273.35)	
Convention Year to Date	\$	(2,273.35)	

Bank Balance
Feb 28-2018 \$ 3,300.60

** Most of the Convention income was during the previous fiscal year. While nearly all Convention expenses were made during the current fiscal year.*

MEMBERSHIP

Honorary	1
Missionary	12
Active	125
Total Membership	138



Top: Lou, N0CXY in his shack. Bottom. Lou camping

NOTE

The membership year for ARMS is from June 1 to May 31 of the next year. Our by-laws state: "Failure to pay the annual dues for three years automatically suspends the membership of a person and places the name of that member on an inactive membership list." We really don't want to do that for a member, so you are all encouraged to make payments current. If you aren't sure if you are up-to-date or not, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer, Roger Stubbe – W0ZMU at w0zmu@outlook.com.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018

- ☐ **Regular** or **Associate** member (only one fee per household) \$ 10.00
- ☐ **Missionary** or **Associate** missionary (full time missionaries are fee exempted)
(**Associate** missionary members are not licensed amateurs) \$ 0.00
- ☐ ARMS tract, "**Your Best Contact**" (\$3.00 per one hundred for postage) \$ _____
- ☐ ARMS lapel pin (\$1.00 each) \$ _____
- ☐ Additional contribution to help with the work of ARMS \$ _____
- ☐ Please remove my name from the ARMS membership

Total: \$ _____

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Telephone _____

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