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## From The Presidents Desk

Hello to all ARMS folks around the country! I know you're out there somewhere. Hi hi

We have celebrated another anniversary, #62, and I think I heard the popping and booming from the fireworks in all the sections' celebrations.

Mary and I have been enjoying the winter here in Tucson while watching blizzards in western Montana during these winter months. We all signed up for 70's and 80's but I didn't hear any complaining when the temperatures sagged below 50. Of course one of the highlights during our time here was a visit with Dave ( W7PTL ) and Sharon ( KA7DAC ) at their QTH for lunch .

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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	3.902
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 ..... Mike, K7PTL, Stevensville, MT

Tuesday ..... Jerry, K1GUP, Carmel, ME

Wednesday ..... Frank, AGØM, Cherokee, IA

Thursday ..... Denis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN

Friday ..... Open

Saturday ..... Dean, K0TVJ, 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 IS A DAY THAT YAHUAH HAS MADE, I WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.....***

***PSALMS 118;24.....THIS HAS BEEN A MOST INTERESTING PERIOD OF TIME I'VE***

***HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WITNESSING....AND THE WAY YOU HAVE WORKED YOUR WAY THROUGH IT IS INSPIRING.....WE'RE LEARNING THAT WE ALL HAVE TO HELP TO GET THE JOB DONE.....I PERSONALLY DONT GET TO HEAR A LOT OF PEOPLE BUT WITH YOUR HELP THE JOB GETS DONE.....ISAIAH 60;1 ARISE SHINE; FOR YOUR LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF YAHUAH IS RISEN UPON YOU....THOUGHT THAT VERSE JUST FITS THIS PERIOD OF TIME....***

***THE " BARNA GROUP" WHO LOOKS INTO THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCH MADE THIS OBSERVATION . THE PROBLEM FACING THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS NOT THAT PEOPLE LACK A COMPLETE SET OF BELIEFS; THE PROBLEM IS THAT THEY HAVE A FULL SLATE OF BELIEFS IN MIND, WHICH THEY THINK ARE CONSISTENT WITH BIBLICAL TEACHINGS AND THEY ARE NEITHER OPEN TO BEING PROVEN WRONG, NOR TO***

### **South Central Section Report**

***LEARNING NEW INSIGHTS.....AND I TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS DOSEN'T APPLY TO ME.....***

***THESE LAST FEW YEARS AS NET MANAGER HAS BEEN A GREAT ADVENTURE FOR ME...***

***BUT I AM RESIGNING AS NET MANAGER.....HOPE YOU CAN GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT...***

***WILL STILL DO NETS ON FRIDAY AND HELP IN ANYWAY I CAN.....THANKS TO ALL....***

***K5VSP; BOYCE GUFFEY...***

***Your work will be missed Boyce ..... Editor NQ7L***

**Voice of the Martyrs**

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

**Open Doors**

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

**Voice for Christ Ministries**

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

**World Radio Network**

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





## **Southeast Section Report:**

**Denis Parker, WD4ACH.**

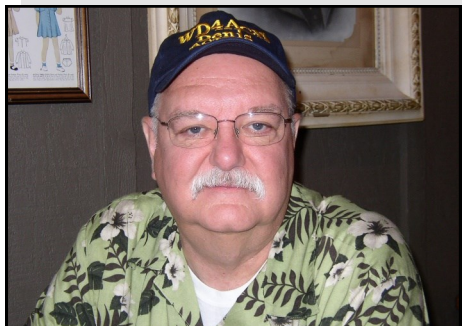
The S.E. Section of the ARMS Net got together at the Dalton Hamfest in Dalton, Georgia, on Feb 22 and 23, 2019.

We gathered in the lobby of the LaQuinta Inn on Fri evening then went out to the Cracker Barrel for supper and a lot of talk.

There was nine of us. After dinner we met back at the motel and Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR, our S.E. Section Chaplain did a wonderful Bible study about

"If Christ be lifted up" from John 3:14.

On Saturday morning, we headed over the the Dalton Hamfest, where we all had a great time looking, talking, meeting, greeting and wishing, as we picked up a few Ham supplies and a few goodies. Was nice to meet up face to face with each other and chat with friends from the Ham community.



We loaded up with a big dinner - that would be lunch for y'all that ain't from the South:) over at the Western Sizzlin' and then everyone headed for home afterwards.

The fellowship was great again and it was good to see everyone. We're all getting older but we are all blessed above measure.

Please pray for one another that the Lord be glorified thru all of us in the Southeast Net and we lift up Jesus every time we get the opportunity.

Looking forward to next year. Hope you can join us. Keep your eye on the eastern skies,

Bro Denis

Seated R to L.

Debbie Newell,  
Dick Newell WA4ZIZ  
Bobby Howington KC4DOG  
Ed Bradley W4VGI ( Hidden)  
Dave Gillespie WA4LLR  
Ervina Gillespie N4 PFZ  
Annagaye Newell  
Dave Newell WA4DUP  
Denis Parker WD4ACH



## Eastern Section : Larry Hodge W2PT



The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net meets Mondays at 7:15 am and Saturdays at 9 am on 3907 Khz. We have suspended the Thursday net due to the lack of net controls. Tom(N7GBH) and Bill (WB1DQT) take Mondays and Larry (W2PT) takes Saturdays. Recently Duane's (AA2JI) wife went to be with the Lord Please remember Duane in your prayers. He has been faithful on both the 75m and 20m nets. We continue 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. 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 in the coming days. We believe the Lord's return is soon. Even so come Lord Jesus.

Larry Hodge W3PT

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It won't be long till we pack up and head back home and I'm looking forward to seeing what's left of my station after the record-setting winter.

At the risk of sounding like a stuck record, the propagation hasn't been the greatest. However, we have been successful in keeping the 20 meter net operating. I have been able to navigate the 2 hours with the help of those who hang in there with me for the time they can to relay. Some days get pretty slim because folks aren't there to relay for each other. Do you remember the "lonely" Maytag repairman

commercials on TV from years ago? Try your hand at Net Control for a couple hours without help.

Even though conditions have been a challenge, I have seen 16-19 check ins on some Mondays. Can you imagine what we've have going on if several of us were available to relay?

The new chat room we are using has been working out very well. Go to the ARMS web site, click on "Chat room", click on the ARMS logo, click on the "Guest" box, type your call sign and ENTER.

Pretty handy way to stay in touch. Is it RADIO? No. Is it fellowship? Yes

I hope to see "newsy" contributions from each of our sections for this issue of The Beam.

The solar data has indicated ZERO sunspots for several days/weeks. I've noticed that number has increased all the way up to 11 ( ahem ) so maybe we'll see an upswing soon.

Take care ARMS brothers and sisters. May our Lord bless you all and make you a blessing to those you're near.

Sincerely in Christ,

73 / 99

Mike - K7PTL





## **Canadian Section Report :Roland Corkum**

*Greetings in the  
name of Jesus:*

*Acts 4:12*

*It is an honour  
to represent the  
Christian Hams  
north of the 49th  
as the Canadian  
Director,*



*(by Acclamation)*

*This all happened when Frank, AG0M suggested I  
take the position, of course when I heard go the  
great benefits package, I had to say YES!*

*The one constant apart from the Lord in my life has  
been Ham Radio, and having checked into the  
ARMS net from the Atlantic to the Pacific over the  
past 4 decades I should have many things to report.  
However, I'm afraid I don't.*

*I will say I have reached out to those VE & VA's  
who occasionally check in and encouraged them to  
do their best to be regular. Granted the atmospher-  
ic conditions have not been very great...an under-  
statement! More recently I have called for a relay  
and even though I could hear a couple signals on  
the SDR in UTAH, they couldn't hear me. I would  
like to suggest this wonderful feature (SDR) be-  
come everyone's second 'ears' and maybe it would  
result in better connections.*

*The Link is WWW.SDR.ORG (Scroll down the list  
to UTAH, there are several servers to choose from,  
The Green server includes the 20m band. You'll  
figure it out! I suggest you take the time to register  
and make a small donation if you are going to  
make use of it. These guys have put a lot of work  
into it.*

*In closing, through the years I have had many op-  
portunities to lead others to accept the wonderful  
gift of God's saving grace. Recently a fellow ham  
and dear friend received word that his lump under  
the arm was the indication that he has Lymphoma  
cancer.*

*His name is Claude and I'm fairly sure he is on the  
Prayer list.*

*The good news would be that he & his wife*

*Dominique have both accepted the Lord and gained a  
new level of acceptance (of the diagnoses) and Peace  
regarding the whole matter.*

*"To God be the glory, great things He has done!"*

73 & 99 Roland Corkum VA7RA

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<https://www.feba.org.uk/>

**HCJB Reach Beyond**

<https://reachbeyond.org/>

**HCJB Reach Beyond Australia**

<http://www.reachbeyond.org.au/>

**Sonset Solutions (HCJB Tech Center)**

<https://sonsetsolutions.org/>

**Trans World Radio**

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

**Far East Broadcasting Company**

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



## Midwestern Section Report by Tom—AA0LF

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD” Psalm 31:24

The Midwest Section of the ARMS net continues to be very active. We meet Saturday's at 7 AM CT on 3905.5 with 12 to 14 check-ins. We also continue to attend local hamfests around the state to promote ARMS. February 23rd was our first gathering at the National Guard Armory in Perry Iowa. The attendance was low due to ice and snow on the roads, but we had quite a number of hams come by the table to see what we were all about. We are getting the word out that we are here and the Fellowship nets are a great place to meet. Midwest members who attended were Tom, AA0LF, Midwest Section Director, Craig, KC0YHU, Midwest Section Assistant Director, Barb, KD0NEZ, and Bill, KE0DQQ.

One of the greatest inventions for a net control station is the SDR receivers located in different parts of the country. <http://www.websdr.org/> will bring up all the receivers. You will have to pick the one that works best for your part of the country. <http://websdr1.utahsdr.org:8901/> is the one I use for the 75 meter net, <http://websdr2.utahsdr.org/?tune=14250/> for the 20 meter net. When the band is long I hear all of the stations calling. The unfortunate problem with this, not all stations can copy net control. That is when we call on our DX station, Rich, WB0AKV, who assumes net control until the band becomes shorter and the local net control can resume. Rich has been a great asset to the Midwest Section. I encourage all net control stations to use the SDR receivers to enhance their readability of the net.

We are in the planning stage of this year's Midwest Section get-together. Suggestions are requested from Midwest members.

DMR has come to ARMS. Here in the Midwest we have several persons using the digital VOIP mode of DMR. If you are not familiar with DMR there are plenty of YouTube and Internet sources available to explain it. <http://www.dmrfordummies.com/> is one such resource.

The decision was made to start our own Talk Group on the TGIF Network (<http://tgif.network/index.html>). Talk group number 7399 was chosen for Amateur Radio Missionary Service to reflect how we sign with fellow ARMS members at the conclusion of a QSO.

TGIF Network is one of the main 3 networks available on DMR now. The 2 principal Networks are: DMR-MARC and Brandmeister. Any ham is welcome to use the 7399 Talk Group. In no way would/or does this replace our HF Nets but just another tool in Ham Radio Communication. If enough interest is shown there could be a World Wide Net held on 7399.

If you would like more information or have comments feel free to contact:

Craig Rose @ [kc0yhu@arrl.net](mailto:kc0yhu@arrl.net). We look forward to having a QSO with you on HF or TGIF TG 7399.



## Chat Room

### We have a new Chat Room from Rumble talk By Lew N0CXY

It is a work in progress so please bare with me as we work out the bugs. It looks to be a better one than Para Chat so hope that all proves right.

#### Instructions:

Refresh your browser so you are not going to the old chat room instead of this new one. Then go to our page and refresh your browser again and then click the chat room words in the header to get to the next page and then click on the ARMS image to get to the sign in. Here sign in as a guest using your name and call sign: Example= lew-N0CXY. You may also sign in using the username box generating a password so your sign in is protected but you need to remember that password to use that sign in again otherwise you will need a different sign in as a guest. I am not able to get or change passwords if you go that way and forget it. When done chatting you can logout or disconnect at the bottom of the sidebar on the left by clicking the circle with the line up from the center. Have fun!

### A note to Chuck from Wayne Borthwick

Hi Chuck,

Thank you for your upbeat note from Sunnyside. I almost feel guilty sitting here in Huánuco, Perú with the strong sent of flowers wafting through the open window while reading your description of John and your recent experiences with the great outdoors. But indeed God is good and we too are experiencing that as we travel and live in S. America. We arrived safely from Ecuador to my high school classmate David Weber's place here in central Peru. David and Diana came here in the 70's to translate the scriptures into Huallaga Quechua and 48yrs later are still helping the the people with literature, teaching, and radio programs, with the Bible translated. Interestingly, each year the Christians throw a big celebration commemorating receiving the Bible in their language. Wonder if we shouldn't be doing that!

Monday, Felix, pastor to his people, is taking me out to a small locally built FM Christian station that isn't getting out too good. Not sure how much I will be able to help but know it will be an encouragement to them just to have the visit. They produce several programs in Quechua for weekly airing on stations around the Province and have had many come to know the Lord through them.

Dianna is enjoying the mild weather here at 6000' altitude in the Andes. Our next trip will be in a week to Pucallpa where I grew up, then a few days later on to Bolivia where we will rebuild the antenna for 10kW Radio Mosoj Chaski. Will be meeting K4LWJ there too.

Greetings to our ARMS brothers on the NW net. Maranatha,

Ralph (Wayne) Borthwick VE3NWB





**Far East Broadcasting Company—FEBC**  
**Sandra Jensen      FEBC Communications Director**  
**FEBC-USA    562-448-1758    [www.febc.org](http://www.febc.org)**

FEBC currently broadcasts in 124 languages, of which 86 are to ethnic people groups around the world. We can be heard in 49 countries (52 are SW, while 70-72 are MW or FM). We broadcast 842 hours per day. The number of transmitters/stations utilized by FEBC are 265 (65 are proprietary, 200 are not).

The newest language we added is the Kim Mun, which can be heard in Southeast Asia.

In 2017, (most recent data) FEBC received 2.26 million listener responses through traditional means and 5.2 million responses online.

Countries where we've most recently added stations: Korea, Ukraine, Philippines, Mongolia, Mozambique, Indonesia and Kyrgyzstan.

**Transmitter site in Kyrgyzstan.**



## Northwest Section report by Chuck N7AAG

Newspaper journalists and TV reporters ran out of superlatives to describe the “Winter of 2019 in the Northwest.” As I write this I’m looking out at a perfectly white landscape covered with what has been a record-breaking 32 inches of snowfall here on “my” hill in Sunnyside. Sadly another record was set here in the Lower Yakima Valley when the first blizzard struck: 1,800 dairy cows were lost when dairymen were caught by

surprise and couldn’t get them under cover. But our Lord has promised that spring will come and as someone penned: God said it. I believe it. That settles it!

Our NW Section has had members move away, some right now are Snowbirds in Arizona. And several are struggling with problems in their ham shack. But a hardy few continue to check in to our Thursday NW Section ARMS Net. Last week there were just two of us - John, K7BXF and myself, N7AAG. We had a good “DX QSO”...John is about 35 miles west of my QTH! But I had an e-mail from Ken, AL7AX, in Spokane. He regularly listens to the ARMS 20m Net on an SBR station in California. This spring he hopes to put up a mobile whip for 20 and 75 and hopes his neighborhood noise level won’t put a damper on that project. Stan, KD6WZA, pastors the Happy Camp (CA) Bible Church. This winter has seen his office , with his ham rig , so cold he can’t even make an attempt to get on. He does make it on CQ-100 when he can. Pray for he and his XYL, Virginia, who both struggle with health issues which often require lengthy trips “out” to medical providers.

Wayne, VA7GF, and Diana have relocated from B.C. to Ecuador. A recent e-mail was sent from Huánuco, Perú where he said he could smell “the strong scent of flowers wafting through the open window. But indeed God is good and we too are experiencing that. We arrived safely from Ecuador to my high school classmate David Weber’s place here in central Peru. David and Diana came here in the 70’s to translate the scriptures into Huallaga Quechua and 48yrs later are still helping the the people with literature, teaching, and radio programs, with the Bible translated. Interestingly, each year the Christians throw a big celebration commemorating receiving the Bible in their language. Wonder if we shouldn’t be doing that!

Monday, Felix, pastor to his people, is taking me out to a small locally built FM Christian station that isn’t getting out too good. Not sure how much I will be able to help but know it will be an encouragement to them just to have the visit.” Pray for the Borthwicks as they take advantage of open doors for

ministry. Dave, W7PTL, and Sharon, KA7DAC, are enjoying days in Tucson and taking advantage of the presence of Mike, K7PTL, and Mary, K3PTL, Rafferty to have some fellowship time. Both of these snowbird couples will be wending their way back to the NW before too long. George, KA7HGE, and Elsie Wood in Puyallup, WA haven’t been immune from the winter snows that have set records on the west side of the state as well. George has been having rig/antenna issues and we hope

he can soon join us again. John, K7BXF - he of the “gangbusters signal” - from Glead WA has anchored the NW Section Net on more than a few occasions as he fills in for some of our missing NCS members. I know he would appreciate your prayers for his wife, Vi, who has several vexing health issues.

Peter Touhey, KG7MVH, is the busy Pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in the farming community of Harrah, WA. Again our winter weather was responsible for his having to cancel church services for three consecutive Sundays. Even a recent ladies program at their church, called “Mug ‘n Muffin,” had to be cancelled due to dangerous road conditions. .

Peter enjoys working QRP and has racked up some impressive low power DX contacts. As for myself, N7AAG, Voice restrictions limit my hamming usually to our Thursday morning 75 Net. I do make occasional forays on 20 when conditions allow. I would appreciate your continued prayer intercession for my oldest son, Brian, KA7IAC, and his family. He is the recently retired Yakima County (WA) Sheriff battling ALS, Lou Gerhig’s disease. His inability to walk necessitates the use of a wheelchair. But there’s the hangup. He has a VA provided electric wheelchair still in the crate in the garage. He and his wife are



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awaiting a promised small lift van and modifications to their home to make it wheelchair accessible. A pastor friend said of Brian, "He's a man on a mission given by a sovereign God, to be played out on a public platform."

That's a "wrap" for this NW Section report, 73/99s.

## Bio Request

Lou Orcutt would like ARMS Members to send their BIO information and a picture to him so he can put it on the ARMS Webpage. A picture of you in front of your ham shack equipment looks nice. Any information about ham equipment, licensing, old calls, work, and family would be of interest to the group.

Email to :: [l.c.orcutt@juno.com](mailto:l.c.orcutt@juno.com)

Howdy!

Green Valley, AZ. Titan missile museum radio operation with several of our club members ( and our wives ) at the huge discone antenna.

About 12 contacts all around the country and one mobile in Oahu, Hawaii. This annual trip then takes us all to a favorite Mexican restaurant. Can't beat that with a stick!

73 / 99

Mike - K7PTL



## Editors Report by James Fisher

Spring has come with warmer temperatures and we are enjoying being outside.

We have lost quite a few members in the last few years. Be sure to fill out the renewal form.

Is anyone willing to go to the Dayton Hamfest this Spring ? Is anyone willing to take over the Editors job ?

Please contact one of the officers about either of these subjects. Thanks to all for your work for Christ !





## Membership renewal

☐ Regular or Associate member (only one fee per household) ..... \$10.00

☐ Missionary or Associate missionary (full time missionaries are fee exempted).....\$0

(Associate missionary members are not licensed amateurs)

☐ ARMS tract, "Your Best Contact" (\$3.00 per one hundred for postage)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ARMS lapel pin (\$3.00 each) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Additional contribution to help with the work of ARMS..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please remove my name from the ARMS membership Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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