

# The BEAM

ARMS Christian  
Fellowship Group



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## From The Presidents Desk

Greetings from Western Montana,

What a year we've all been through. The pandemic restrictions that have been imposed and the necessary adjustments we made have had an impact on folks in various ways.

I trust you are all doing well and are finding yourselves back to a more normal routine in your daily lives.

Mary and I had a very nice winter in Tucson. Due to the COVID threat there were several folks who did not make the snow bird trip south this season. As a result, the activity and traffic in and around the RV park was dramatically reduced which made for a more relaxed stay.

Solar cycle 25 hasn't been very kind to us so far on 20 meters. We have had to put out more effort to conduct the net each day. The reports I have heard regarding the section nets on 75 meters indicate better conditions and good participation. That is so good to hear.

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## ARMS Christian Fellowship Section Nets

(Local time: Frequency in MHz)

Eastern.....	Mon 0715	3.907
	Sat, 0900	3.907
Southeast.....	Sat, 0900	3.902
Midwest.....	Sat, 0700	3.905.5
South Central	No net at the present	
Central.....	Thu, 2000	Not fixed
Rocky Mountain..	No net at the present	
Southwest.....	Sat 0945	7.233
Northwest.....	Thurs, 0730	3.965
20-Meter.....	Mon-Sat, 1000 ET	14.3075
	0900 CT	
	0800 MT	
	0700 PT	

### 20 Meter Net Control Stations

Monday.....Mike, K7PTL, Stevensville, MT

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

Wednesday.....Frank, AG0M, Cherokee, IA

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

Friday.....Lew N0CXV, Carroll, IA

Saturday.....Frank, AG0M, Cherokee, IA &  
Dean, K0TVJ, Mesa, AZ

### **RELAYS ARE NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED**

(We still need a regular Net Control for Fridays. This can be one person, or two people to provide good coverage.)

## Luis Palau

On March 11th 2021 Evangelist Luis Palau went to be with the Lord he had served faithfully for more than 50 years. Luis was known as the "*Billy Graham*" of the Spanish-speaking world - although his Missions were Global.

*(Editor's note: We had the privilege of being involved in brother Palau's ministry for years while at HCJB and carried his radio program daily during peak morning hours as well as broadcasting a number of his large evangelistic campaigns throughout Latin America—Roger, W0ZMU)*

## Somalia

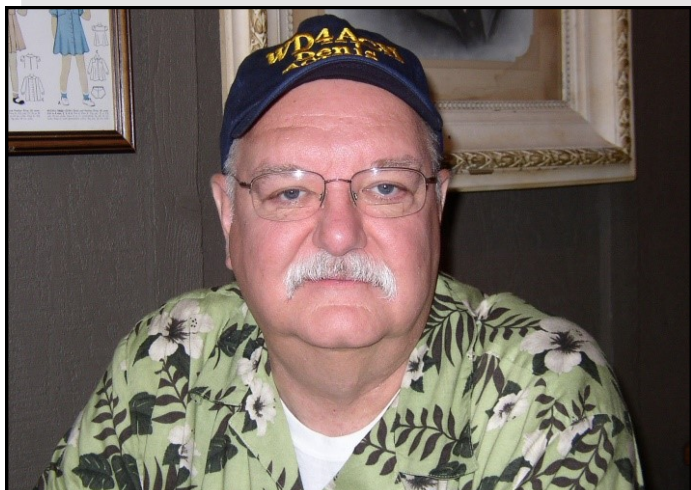
Somalia is one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian. There are no church buildings in this country, which is almost 100% Muslim.

The tiny Christian community, made up almost entirely of converts from Islam, faces pressure and violence. The 2012 provisional constitution declares Islam to be the state religion, and promoting any religion apart from Islam is illegal.

**Contact: [info@barnabasfund.org](mailto:info@barnabasfund.org)**



## Southeast Section Report



The Southeast Section had to cancel our get-together this year due to Cvvld-19 Virus. Right now everything is still up in the air and when we decide to have a get-together we will announce it on the Net.

We have been having 10-13 people very faithful to check in on the net. Our Net frequency is 3.902 MHZ at 9:00AM on Saturday mornings. KC4DOG Bobby Howington is our Net control.

We have good fellowship each and every Saturday. We have a good group of Saved guys that love the Lord and want to lease Him in any manner we can.

Keep looking up, The Lord Jesus Christ is Coming!

**Bro Denis Parker WD4ACH**

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### **Chat Room**

A quick reminder on how to use the chat room:

- Go to our Web page: <https://www.qsl.net/arms/> and click on the "Chat Room" spot on the second row, to the right.
- Click on the ARMS logo. On the page that comes up, click on the "Click here to join the conversation" found at the very bottom of the page.
- Log in, using "Guest." Enter your name and call, and click on "Log in." No password is needed. You have arrived! Type your comments at the bottom and "Enter". So easy!

## **From the President (Continued from page 1)**

As has always been the case, there are people listening to our nets who do not check in but monitor the transmissions we make on the air. I was reminded of that just this morning when I received a text message from a station in the east who said he was hearing me and wanted to know what antenna configuration I was using. None of us even knew he was on frequency. I have had a few conversations with friends who are outside the ARMS group who indicated to me they have often monitored the ARMS net. I am encouraged when I get reminders of those listeners out there.

With that in mind I would like to encourage all of you to keep that in mind when you participate in any of the ARMS nets. We often have the situation where a station has checked in and waiting for their turn to transmit and no one hears them when their turn comes up. If we have the tools, and we do have them in many of those cases, to reach that person to take their turn ON THE AIR any way.

Even though "we" don't hear them, there are others who do out there in the radio world. So, please give each station the opportunity to transmit their turn on the radio.

Lord bless you all and I look forward to all the future contacts we'll make with each other and the new folks who will join us on the air in Christian fellowship.

*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.* Colossians 4:5 (NKJV)

**Mike—K7PTL**

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### **ARMS Membership Update**

**Missionary 7**

**Regular 113**

**TOTAL 120**



## From the Vice-President

Not a lot of news from the Vice President's front. A big event in Cherokee, Iowa is their Rodeo, a Professional Cowboy Rodeo Association sanctioned event. The rodeo draws participants from many miles around and brings four to five thousand spectators to the city.

On Saturday, the last day of the three day event, a parade takes place, running 3-4 miles through town, ending at the County Fairgrounds.

Frank, AGØM, the ARMS Vice President, designed a parade float some years ago. He, along with several members of the congregation there put it together. Frank is still involved with getting the float ready for its appearance, at the rodeo and on other occasions..

This float is a 1/18th scale model of the church that he and his wife Vicky attend. It was quite a project and includes many small details, including the stained glass windows. They are actual photos of the real windows of the church. The model even provides for lighting the windows when used in night time parades.



I guess this isn't directly related to ARMS activities, but does show one way that our ARMS members can be involved in their communities and make the Church a little more visible to them

**Roger—WØZMU**  
(Using information provided by Frank—AGØM)

## And From California

### To All Our Faithful Friends

We had a rather mild winter, no snow to speak of and little rain but in Happy Camp the long, hot days of summer are beginning. These past two weeks we had 70 degree daytime temps and at night it is still in the middle to upper 30's and here in town it has been a bit breezy.

After the devastating summer fire where many lost everything, clean-up by the forest service has removed an unbelievable amount of trees from our area. Much of the forest between Happy Camp and Cave Junction, OR. was destroyed as well as 10 miles east toward Yreka, CA. and now we have one fire burning 7 miles southeast of town. It is in steep terrain and is about 70% contained with 200 people fighting it.

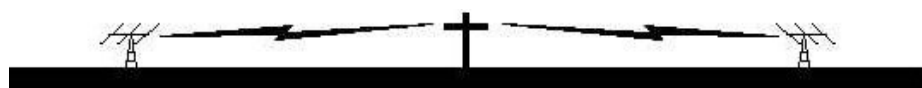
Our Resurrection Sunday was wonderful. Our Sunrise service at the airport couldn't have been any better. As we started the community service the sun just started coming over the hills to the east. It was a cool morning with 20 plus people attending. I had the opportunity to read many of the Easter songs and share Scriptures from Job 19:25-27 and 1 Cor. 15:12-17. Because of the covid virus we didn't have a community breakfast, but one of the ladies in our church fixed a big breakfast for our church. What a blessing she is to us and many in the community. This was followed by our Sunday School and morning worship service.

About the church, even though numbers are small, God has been good to us in many different ways. We continue to meet for all our services even during the virus. Several have stopped coming and a middle aged woman is starting to come. Another lady that moved to Seiad, 20 miles from Happy Camp, has figured out a way to start coming to church again. She wants to be baptized in the near future.

So, that's about it from Happy Camp. We are so thankful for all of you and remember you in our prayers for your continued blessings as you serve Him.

Kept in His loving care,

**Stan (KD6WZA) and Virginia Poeschel**





## Canadian Section Report

- My morning walks now include taking my son's dog, Boogie, to the Park.



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour:

With the victory of Easter behind us and as we slide away from cycle 24, it is encouraging to see our numbers on the ARMS net holding & even increasing!

From my perspective in the Pacific Northwest, signals have been few & far between, depending on SDR receivers on the most part. Special thanks for the return of past members, such as Wayne, VE3NWB, & Joe, VY2JC who has now finished his winter trucking services & providing powerful relays for us all.

I'm pleased to report, our other 'Joe' VE7PYE has changed his call to VE7JOM. Both of us have been visiting Ed, VE7BQM at the Madison Care home. As reported previously, Ed has retired his HF operations, permanently. Last week I was able to register on their site and have an eyeball visit. Ed is happy in his new room on the Ground floor, overlooking the parking lot. Now Joe & I can park outside his window & have a chat over two meters or cell phone and see him as well.

On a personal note; I have had my first vaccine shot with no repercussions...Praise The Lord! Roylene is on hold until our Health Services can administer it at home during the regular Life Labs visit.



With the temperatures up in the 70's antenna projects are on most of our minds... So I went to Home Depot and bought 200 feet of 14awg, stranded & ran it around the rain gutter of our garage.

The idea came when I fed the rain gutter direct with my SGC-237 Auto tuner & received 5&7 reports out of OK & TX with 100 watts. So I thought wire would produce better results...I laid it on top of the gutter 120'. Yes it tuned better but no better receive or signal reports. Proof that, where there's a will; there's a way!

In closing, I encourage all Canadian members on or off the air to be in touch with stories & pictures & I will incorporate them in my Directors report to appear in the Beam.

73/99

Roland Corkum VA7RA



## Midwestern Section Report

**Tom—AAØLF**

***“Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:4***

The Midwest Section of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service continues to be very active. Our net meets Saturday 7:00 AM Central Time at 3905.5 kHz. We average 15 to 17 check-ins each week. April 10<sup>th</sup> the net was blessed with 19 check-ins which is a new current record.

Net control duties are shared by net members who have been very faithful in seeing all nets are covered. Net controllers include: Frank, AGØM, Tom, AAØLF, Bill, KEØDQQ and Bruce, KØGE. The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday net controls are now shared by Craig, KCØYHU and Dennis, KKØDJ who also fill in when a net control cannot make their scheduled Saturday.

Prior to net start on Saturday Morning, Midwest Section members who have Digital Mobile Radio, DMR, contact each other on the TGIF network, Talk Group 7399. We start at 6:00 AM Central time until the HF net at 7:00 AM Central time. We also log into the ARMS chat room to chat with Members who do not have DMR. We get 6 or more on each mode. Anyone who would like to join us on either DMR or the ARMS chat room, you are very welcome. If you have not checked into the ARMS Chat room, please see the instructions on how to check in..

The Midwest Section has not been to any Hamfests so far this year. The next scheduled one was to be on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Mason City, Iowa. This has been cancelled, but rgw previously planned Midwest Section Get-Together is a “go” with our host KKØDJ Dennis. He has done an excellent job on setting up and coordinating the event there in Mason City, IA.

I pray everyone remains safe, I encourage all to wear your mask, social distant, and hopefully this pandemic will end soon.

**73 & 99—Tom**

## Eastern Section Report

**John—K2GQG**

The Eastern Section of ARMS continues to meet at 0700 Eastern Tim on Mondays and 0900 on Saturdays on 3907kc. Due to the Covid situation in person gatherings with ARMS members have not taken place.

We would like to recognize one of our long time members who has done much to contribute to the Eastern Section. Dr. Don Birx, K3RYV, and his wife Adele, WA3ASE, have been a vital part of ARMS for many, many years.

Don was an Engineer for the Public Utility Commission in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and was first licensed in the early 1960's.



For years Don acted as an intermediary for missionaries thousands of miles away who wanted to stay in contact with families here in the states, providing them assistance in emergencies and passing along information and news to them. Don had a speaker in the kitchen and many a meal was interrupted when a call came in for help.

Often Don would monitor frequencies while on his way to work or at home so missionaries who might need help knew he was listening and available to help.

Don has been a faithful Net Control for the Eastern Section of ARMS since the 60's.

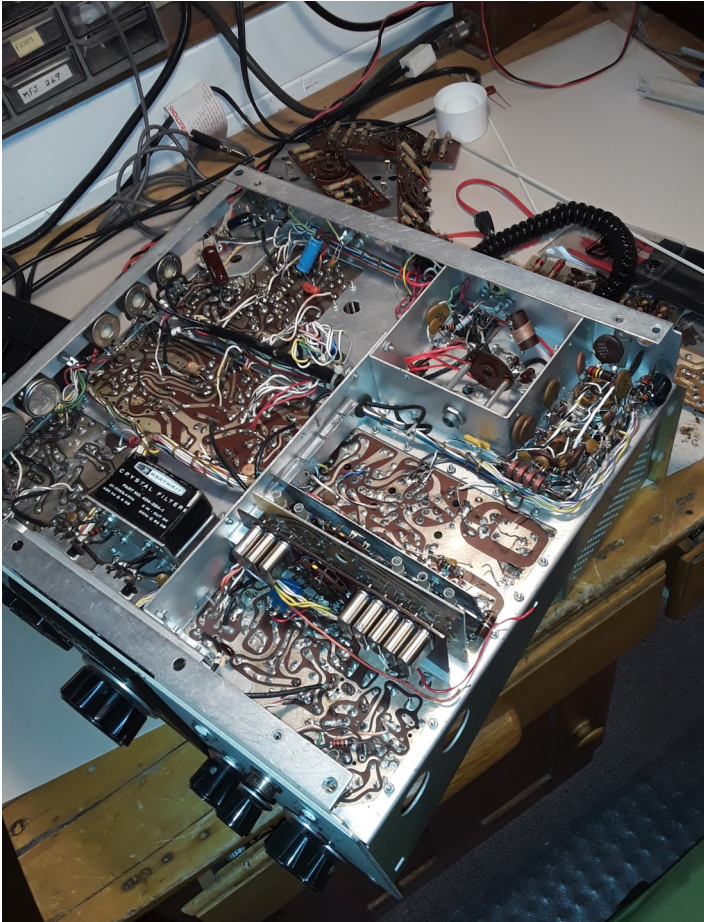
The Eastern Section of ARMS would like to THANK Don and Adele for their many years of service to ARMS.

**73 & 99—John**



## **Rocky Mountain Section Report**

My life has been a bit mundane here in Montana. We had a fairly mild winter, I did start work on a Heathkit HW-101 restoration but it still has a way to go.



Covid is having a limited effect on us here in Montana now. There sure are a lot of people moving into this state.

House prices are "through the roof". Rhonda and I are both Pfizer Shot so we have a certain amount of freedom.

I have had a lot of antenna problems this winter and even now my 160 meter dipole has a leg down. Hope to have repairs to it in several weeks.

My loop antenna keeps me on 75 meters and my one dipole leg keeps me on other bands including 20 meters.

It is nice to hear Mike is back in Montana.

I do not plan on going to Glacier Hamfest this summer. Rhonda and I will be leaving for Los Angeles in early May to visit our daughter.

We have been taking short drives of a half day duration and often run mobile which we enjoy. I did get an aux battery installed in the truck.

We also have plans to be in Jackson Hole WY in June. We both have real bad cases of cabin fever!

Thanks to the net operators for their work in tough conditions and God's best to all.

**James Fisher (NQ7L)**

## **LTGL Call unto Me** **By N7AAG—Chuck**

Some Christians have a notation in their Bibles next to Jeremiah 33:3 – "SOS." The verse?

Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Being a ham radio operator, I'm well acquainted with the distress signal, "SOS." It was the first "message" I learned to send in Morse Code. I never had to use it on the radio, but I've "sent" many an SOS to our Heavenly Father.

Years ago, while we were pastoring in Harrah, Washington, I was trying to make contact with a medical missionary friend in Honduras. This would be my first long-distance contact and I repeated his ham call sign over and over and with no response. I was just ready to shut down and give up when I heard a faint "Chuck, is that you?"

I had a small tape recorder running and later I listened to the tape. It would reveal my loud, joyous voice crying out, "He heard me, he actually heard me!!!"

What a sharp contrast between communicating on the radio and calling out to our God. We may call a fellow ham and never receive an answer. But He never fails to hear and answer us...after all, we're His beloved children.



## Northwest Section Report

As I write this a pleasant thought is floating around in my mind: next Thursday morning on our NW ARMS Net we'll hear the pleasant check-in from Montana of Mike, K7TL, and Mary, K3PTL, safely home from their wintering in Arizona.

These past winter months in our part of the country has witnessed a variety of weather conditions. Thankfully, here in the Yakima Valley the snow fall was not bad at all. I was blessed by a crew from our church family that came and had the driveway cleared off in no time. Even my chauffeured trip to University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle on early February found clear sailing across what can be a treacherous Snoqualmie Pass.

The photo on the right shows long-time ARMS member Dave Shortess, W7PTL, standing next to one section of the almost finished vinyl fence project in he and Sharon's (KA7DAC) back yard. Dave spent months measuring, re-measuring, planning, to figure out what materials he would need to order. Then he had to remove the old fence and dig out some sod that had grown over the original cement fence line foundation. They are now almost done with this extensive project. Sharon was his "right hand man" in all of this.

Stu, KA7ALM, has had some medical issues that have slowed him down just a tad. Extensive eye surgery was successful, and he continues Physical Therapy for a hip.

Last Thursday Peter, KG7MVH, pastor of the Harrah, Washington Grace Brethren Church, gave a glowing report of a QSO he had with Korea on a kit-built radio running all of five watts. Their church has been selected by Samaritan's Purse to distribute a quantity of Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe boxes on the Yakama Reservation.

A couple of weeks back we had a horrendous windstorm in our Valley. Here in Sunnyside winds gusted more than 55 MPH whipping sheets of dust and dirt down our street. That meant one N7AAG would break out the hoses and nozzle and wash the filth off the house and driveway. (Note: he slept well that night!)

John, K7BXF, continues to be our faithful NCS, fielding check-ins from the NW. He has a five-acre spread near Gleeed, Washington and is kept busy with that, let alone giving some time to ham radio. Pray for his wife, Vi, who struggles with several health issues.

Dave Immell, KE4EW, Sandpoint, Idaho, retired Wycliffe missionary, checked in recently and we hope he will be able to come back regularly. He and wife, Patsy, served for years in the air arm of Wycliffe in Peru. Dave also served for years as president of JAARS.



Howard King, WA7SXM, of Longview, Washington, has been checking in on a regular basis. Propagation has improved and he puts a good signal into the Yakima Valley.

Gene Knight, K6YIS, Leaburg Oregon had not been "radio active" for some time, but it's good to hear him check in from Leaburg., which is east of Eugene.

That's a wrap for this report from the Northwest.

**73 & 99—Chuck— N7AAG**



## Missions Report

COVID- 19 still dominates the news! Praise God His work is still going forth. We have been able to continue with Ethnic Radio via WhatsApp, phone, email, etc.

Listener reports from Venezuela are coming in from the short wave station we helped set up early in 2020. One person sent a very clear recording of a Bible teaching.

From Pastor Jairo in Chazuta, Peru: “ Ray, I want to confirm to you that Radio Logos is being a great blessing to the communities of Quechua del Pastaza and Achuar.” Rick Herr and Ray were able to troubleshoot a transmitter problem in Chazuta via a WhatsApp conversation.

Planning is going on for Ethnic Radio stations in Bolivia and Peru. The Lord willing, Ray hopes to travel to Colombia, Peru and Bolivia this year if things open up again.

One of the greatest blessings of ministry in these countries in the last 45 years is the wonderful friends that we have. That makes it all worth it. We are indeed “co-laborers in Christ.”

Ray’s eye surgeries for cataract/glaucoma went very well. The pressure is down and with glasses he sees much better than before. We have both had the COVID vaccinations.

It has been over a year since we have seen our boys and families. Both have had members come down with COVID. Our oldest grandson planned to be married this month but postponed until July. We look forward to being with everyone for this celebration.

In spite of the turmoil of this past year how good it is that we can rest in the promise from God’s Word,

***“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble...” Psalm 46:1***

Thank you for being a blessing to us with your prayers.

***Ray (K4LWJ) and Doris Rising***

## Papua-New Guinea

MAF Technology Services PNG was launched in 1956, five years after MAF first established its operations in Papua New Guinea. David Spendlove, one of MAF's first technicians, says: *"In the olden days, before computers, satellite, mobiles, solar power, emails and WIFI, if a mission wanted to send a message to Australia, it could take days before they got a reply."*

It became clear that PNG needed a reliable communications network. Initially, the team set up a hydro-electric power station to transmit radio from Rugli in the country's Western Highlands.

In addition to spreading the Gospel, MAF's technology has proved critical in life-saving emergency situations. When MAF installed a high frequency radio and alarm system for *The Hands of Rescue Foundation* last year, Dr Barry Kirby's work was transformed enabling him and his team to reduce drastically maternal mortality across the 600 islands of Milne Bay Province.

MAF recently broadcast a live COVID-19 Q&A with Dr James Gahare to some 80 radio stations throughout PNG.

## Words From The Editor

### A Note from the Secretary/Treasurer

ARMS membership runs from June 1 of one year to May 31 of the following year.

If you haven't renewed, be sure to do so. Our By-laws state that if a member gets three years behind in dues payment, he is moved to “inactive” status. We really don't want that to happen! If you don't know where you stand, contact me and I would be glad to look up your record. There is a form for renewal on the last page of this BEAM.

We are blessed to have received several new members over the past year. At the same time, we have lost a few. I trust our new colleagues will find ARMS something to which they can relate and find our fellowship a blessing to them.

**Roger—WØZMU**

**w0zmu@outlook.com**



## Membership renewal

*(Membership runs from June 1 to May 31 of the following year)*

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

☐ Missionary or Associate missionary (full time missionaries are fee exempted).....\$0.00

(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..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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