

# The BEAM

ARMS Christian Fellowship Group



Spring 2026

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## From The President's Desk

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*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”*

—Ephesians 2:8

Greetings to all ARMS members and visitors.

Please continue to keep several members and their families in your prayers. We ask for prayers for Gerry, K4RBZ, and Lew, NØCXV, as they continue their treatments; for Andra, KD4CLF, and Roland, VA7RA, as they recover...

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## **ARMS Christian Fellowship Section Nets**

|                     | <u>Local Time: Frequency in MHz</u> |               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Eastern             | Monday 0700                         | 3.907         |
|                     | Saturday 0900                       | 3.907         |
| Southeast           | Saturday 0900                       | 7.185         |
| Midwest             | Saturday 0700                       | 3.9055        |
| South Central       |                                     |               |
| Central             | Thursday 2030                       | 7.233         |
| Rocky Mountain      |                                     |               |
| Southwest           | Saturday 0945                       | 7.233         |
| Northwest           | Thursday 0730                       | 3.965         |
|                     |                                     |               |
| <b>20 Meter Net</b> | <b>Mon-Sat 9-11 Central</b>         | <b>14.307</b> |

### **20 Meter Net Control Stations**

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

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

Wednesday..... Roland Corkum, VA7RA, Vancouver BC

Thursday..... Lew NØCX Y, Willey, IA

Friday..... Ron Kassen, W0RVK, Harrisonville, MO

Saturday..... Tom Hauskins, AA0LF, Marion, IA &  
Dean, KØTVJ, Mesa, AZ

**RELAYS ARE NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED**

## **ARMS Section Map**



**Have something for the next beam?**

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## Continued from the President

from hip replacement surgeries; and for Libby, XYL of Geno, AL7GQ, who is dealing with ongoing skin and pain issues. Please also remember everyone on your personal prayer lists.

Deb and I took a trip to visit my son and daughter in Tucson, Arizona. My son, Tyler, has his amateur radio license, KK7YDF, and is an ARMS member. My daughter, Kelly, works as a radiology technologist, providing mobile X-ray services to patients in nursing homes, private residences, and correctional facilities. We were expecting to get a great suntan, but the weather did not cooperate. It was cool, and we had to wear light jackets most of the time. We did, however, enjoy the opportunity to share breakfast with Mike, K7PTL, and Mary, K3PTL, during our visit.

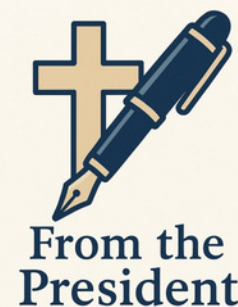
This year marks ARMS's 69th anniversary. Looking ahead, I would like to plan a 70th National ARMS Convention in 2027. Two potential locations have been suggested: the Olivet Event Center in Farmington, Minnesota, by Neale, KØLHJ, and Denver, Colorado by Mike., K7PTL. It will depend on how many people plan to attend. Hosting the convention via Zoom has also been proposed. Your feedback on these options is welcome. We have attended two hamfests so far this year. The first one was in Perry, Iowa

with four ARMS members attending: Tom, AAØLF, Bruce, KØGE, John, WØBIZ, and Woody, KAØMHJ. The second hamfest was in Oskaloosa, Iowa, with Tom, AAØLF, Craig, KCØYHU, and Barb, KDØNEZ. Additional events are planned, and more details will be shared in the next Beam.

As the weather improves, I am focusing on installing improved antennas. I also continue to participate regularly in the 20-meter ARMS net and would like to thank our net control operators for their dedication. Average participation has been strong, with approximately 20 check-ins each day and several new stations joining us.

ARMS dues support the ongoing operation of our club. Annual dues of \$10.00 are collected by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please submit your payment to Larry at the address listed on the renewal application.

73 and God bless,  
Tom, AAØLF



From the  
President

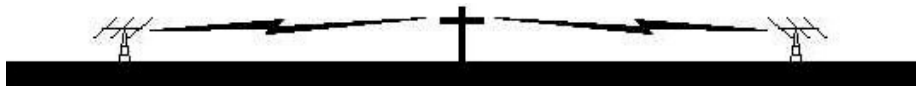




**Perry, Iowa Hamfest with Tom, AAØLF, Bruce, KØGE, John, WØBIZ, and Woody, KAØMHJ.**



**Hamfest in Oskaloosa, Iowa, with Tom, AAØLF, Craig, KCØYHU, and Barb, KDØNEZ.**



## From Lew Orcutt Webmaster

### Update from Dave Newell



I, Dave, continue to recovery from the heart attack I experienced last May and have completed 36 sessions of Cardiac Rehab. I am able to continue to serve on the board of Neighborhood Gospel Missions (NGM) and also as NGM Mission Consultant in a limited way. I am helping newly appointed NGM Executive Director George Callister as he actively assumes his responsibilities. Anna Gay and I have have opportunities to minister to the residents here in our retirement community. Praise the Lord, right now both of us are cancer free (Anna Gay, blood lymphoma and Dave, bladder cancer) and regular scans are conducted to detect any possible reoccurrence.

Please note that we have changed our email address from [denagn@peoplepc.com](mailto:denagn@peoplepc.com) to [wa4dup@gmail.com](mailto:wa4dup@gmail.com) and also confirm that our current address is: 1600 Bethany Road, Unit 3028, Madison, GA 30650.

In His service,  
Dave Newell (WA4DUP)



Let me first start off with the praise and honor my Jesus deserves for his faithfulness to me and us all. 1 1/2 year ago I was found to have Gall Bladder cancer and started on a chemo treatment regiment. I was truly blessed with no side effects at all except for the upper, the steroids to prevent nausea put you on, and the let down at there end that left you in a fatigued state. This I over came by convincing him to cut back some steroids and it was still there to a lesser degree I could manage well. Monday the 23rd I was told the cancer was not there in the scans anymore and my blood readings were back to a much better state and we would change to a maintenance treatment only doing one dose of chemo instead of the three we were on and would do those only every third week so it is a huge cut back in time and Chemo. Praise the Lord! Thank you all immensely for your prayers and caring for and about me.

I apologize for my not doing the best on our web page as it was a big challenge while ...



going through all this but I will try my best to be some improved with it. As time progresses we may need to hand off the Webmaster duties and the Chat room as well, not sure how long I will be able to keep them up. Also for me it seems like we are counting on the chat room and SDRs more than is a normal operating procedure and just leaving the Net Control station out some causing a lot of confusion. It does for me anyhow. We need to keep the control station in charge and do the relays etc. like Ham Radio worked. If we hear a station on SDR but not OTA that info is not useful. Hearing and SDR but not able to contact them is surely not helping them or net control. Then all those posts in chat really confuse net control, or at least me. I am not the best Net control on my best day and may need to just step away as I do not multi task well. I will just continue to do the best I can and fall back to my wife's favorite verse for strength:

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Almost 2 years now since she went to be with the Lord, and it is still a daily struggle.

Please let me know of things that can improve our web site and any corrections, changes, or deletions I need to make.

Peace be with You

N0CXY Lew Orcutt

## From the Secretary / Treasurer



Greetings from a warmer South Dakota!...It has been an interesting winter for us. We really needed the snow but we didn't get the snow. The Lord is in control and we know He knows best!

We would like thank everyone who has been praying for Darlene since her cancer journey has begun. Darlene's cancer numbers are slowing moving up. We are trusting the Lord for each day. She was able to go to a Ladies Retreat that our church has each year. This is the first time in several years she has been able to attend. Thank you so much for the prayers that have been given on her behalf. Our prayer is to honor and glorify Him through this journey.

We have had an update to Darlene's health since I originally wrote this "From the Secretary/Treasurer". Darlene's cancer is active again. She is going to be receiving another Car-T treatment this summer. We are praying that it lasts as long or longer than the original treatment. Again, thank





## Eastern Section Report

The Eastern Section of ARMS continues to meet Mondays at 0715 AM and on Saturdays at 0900 AM. Our numbers have decreased and we usually have 3 or so check-ins on a net day but we continue to have a great time of praise and scripture.

73s & 99s

John (K2GQG)

## Southeast Section Report



Greetings from the South East Section.

Our net continues to meet on 7.185mhz, Saturdays at 9:00am EDT. Band conditions have been mostly good, with some exceptions due to space weather. Our checkins typically range from 7 - 10. Our regulars are Bobby, KC4DOG, Denis, WD4ACH, Raf, AI4RA, Cecil, WD4DNE, Dick, WA4ZIZ, Dave, WA4DUP, Buffalo, KB4DQG, Ray, K4LWJ, Dave, WA4LLR, and Gerry, K4RBZ via the chatroom.

We have had only one get-together this past year, mostly due to health issues. Raf, Bobby, Diane, Ervena and Dave met at the Chattanooga Hamfest for a time of fellowship

this past October. We hope to have another meeting this year in a location where more can attend. Other activities by net members include Ray's continuing work in South America to help activate and maintain radio stations to spread the gospel to the indigenous people groups. Bobby and the Gideons have been blessed with the opportunity to distribute Bibles to some schools in Georgia. Dave, WA4DUP has a Bible study in his retirement community, Raf does online Bible teaching for a group of believers in India, Cecil and his wife has a prayer ministry from their home, and the rest of us are active in our churches.

As we look at world events, we see scripture being fulfilled every day. Jesus told us that when we see these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draws nigh! Lets us be found about His business when He returns!

73 and 99,

Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR

Director, Southeast Section ARMS



# Central Section Report



First, I want to apologize, yet again, for getting this edition of The Beam out later than planned. I am grateful for your patience and understanding. Life, ministry, schedules, and responsibilities have a way of piling up, and sometimes even good work takes longer than we hoped. Thank you for bearing with me.

As spring gives way to summer, I have been reminded that not every season is meant to be filled to the brim. Longer days can quickly become fuller days, and if we are not careful, even good commitments can crowd out the most important things.

That has been on my heart personally. I recently stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer of our fire department, not because it was unimportant, but because I have simply been too busy. I am trying to slow down a little and be more intentional with the time and responsibilities the Lord has given me. There are important things that need attention: faithfulness to Christ, care for family, service in the church, and meaningful fellowship with others.

I share that with you because I suspect many of us understand the pressure of busy seasons. Amateur radio itself often teaches us the value of patience, attentiveness, and good listening. We tune carefully, wait for the right moment, and listen through the noise. That is a good reminder for life as well. Sometimes we need to quiet the static, slow the pace, and make room for what matters most.

I also want to encourage you in your participation in the nets. Your involvement matters. Every check-in, every conversation, every prayer prayed for another operator strengthens the fellowship we share. We are not merely a group of people with radios; we are Christians with an opportunity to encourage one another and serve the Lord through a unique means of communication.

Thank you for your patience and encouragement. My hope is to have my DX Commander up soon and to be involved in the national nets at least weekly. I would also love to see us make another attempt at getting a weekly Central Section net going. I am grateful for each of you, and I count it a joy to serve Christ alongside you on the airwaves.

Doug Campbell, KW9Q



## Rocky Mountain Section Report

What a nice winter. I could go for those warm temperatures again. I have spent a lot of time fixing wire antennas (Dipole & Loop). A lot of wind. Have gotten together with some local ham's some who are Christian. There is a Tech Net which meets once a week which I check into (2 meters). There are two HF Nets (Montana Net & Cowboy Net) which I regularly make. I also made the South Dakota Net some. With too much daylight, SD and a 160 Net are on a summer break.

I still write Christians who are Prisoners, read texts from Daily Dose of Hebrew and Greek, talk over archeology with a friend, go to Senior Center for lunch and fellowship, pool at Y, and fix a radio. A friend gave me the Kenwood R/T-599 twins.

The pool is open at the same time as the HF Net making check in spotty.

Sure is good to hear you all on when I do get in.

I am getting old. Slowing down. Probably will not make the Glacier Ham Fest.

We visited my Daughter in LA this Spring. Went to Yosemite, a play, Getty villa, and many other places. Sure was crowded.

My Jam Session is going well. We often have 3-6 singers/players.

Hope to put a group together and go to an assisted Living Center.

I took my iron sights off several rifles and added scopes.

Been reading the Psalms lately. Telephone conference weekly with a Ministry in Alaska and Team with a group of hams mostly from South Dakota.

Still recording tides and weathers for KYKD in Bethel, AK.

Thanks to all who serve ARMS and Christ.

James Fisher  
NQ7L



## North West Section Report



The Northwest section has been active during this past semester. Our section has been working with the VE section director Roland VA7RA . We have a group of members from the NW, and VE plus members join us from across the US, including the East Coast, the Midwest, Australia, New Zealand, and Chile. We meet every Monday at 00:00 Zulu on the Internet at

at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82407071751?pwd=4H5WPk29DTTkv72Te3AhEdf7accQTW.1>

Meeting ID: 824 0707 1751

Passcode: 032690

We have around 12 each week where we share about our weather, give a Bible verse, and pray for each other. Of course, there is always time to do a little rag chewing. The thing I like is being able to see each other, which makes it feel more personal on Zoom.

Some of us in our area have met in person for lunch, and you might try it too. Look around

for Arms members within 150 miles of you and see if you can get together for an hour or so. I am looking forward to our national meeting in 2027.

During the 80's, I ran phone patches for missionaries in Chile on a weekly basis so they could talk to their loved ones. At that time, a phone call was four dollars a minute, and missionaries were always on a tight budget. Those days are long gone as everyone uses WhatsApp to make local and international calls.

Our Arms constitution states that a main purpose is to help missionaries, but, as mentioned, there is no immediate need now, except in the event of a massive earthquake and all communication is cut off. Since joining Arms in 2017, I have found its strongest value lies in Christian fellowship. It is always a joy to gather with some of the members, and I look forward to our times together.

At present, in our Zoom group, we have two active missionaries and one former one who join our meeting each week. There are also more missionaries on our ARMS membership list, but the list is dwindling.

As we get older and our equipment gets dusty, our members seem to drop out. According to someone who can get into the HF 20-meter net, said only around 20 people show up. Where is all the rest? Maybe they don't have equipment now, an antenna, or have moved into an apartment. We need to contact our



## North West Section Report

*Continued...*

members who aren't showing up to find out why. If they have problems with equipment, antennas, or other issues, and give them alternatives on how they can keep in contact with us. A Zoom meeting might be the answer for them.

I will have to admit that in all the years I have been a member of ARMS, I have never been able to get into the 20-meter net from Chile. It is not because of poor equipment as I use a Yaesu 950 transceiver with a kilowatt amp and my 6-element Mosely sits on a 65-foot tower. It mainly has to do with the time and band conditions of the net. For me, Zoom was the answer to actively participating in ARMS.

Jesus talked about the shepherd who went out to look for his lost sheep. This should be our example: we should look for our lost members, bring them back into our fold, and help them get active again. The first step is to contact them either by calling or writing a note and asking what problems they have for not checking in and whether they would like to participate again. We need to show compassion and understanding to those who are not able to join us. They may have medical problems and need our prayers.

Of course, to join our Monday night Zoom meeting, you don't need to have a radio

license or equipment; all you need is a Cell phone or a computer.

Our Net control is in Western Canada, and the technical control is located in Chile. You can join us anywhere in the world. There is no noise, no QRM or QRN, and no fading in or out. It is just like talking on 2 meters with a friend on simplex, a block from your house.

I am hoping you will join us on Zoom soon!

Blessings,

Jim Thurston

XQ3PC

NW Section Director

[jim@thurston.cl](mailto:jim@thurston.cl)

PS. In the next Beam, I want to talk about antennas you can build.



## Canada Section Report

Greetings brothers and sisters at-Arms:

As the old saying goes, the pictures is worth 1000 words:



This says it all from southern British Columbia, namely Coquitlam, where I live.

Once again we can boast of a 'no snow winter. I lost count of the atmospheric rivers. I believe we've had four maybe five of them lasting over a week each thus the umbrella became the favourite weapon of choice.

Nothing much new in the Radio world, the bands have been pretty much the same everywhere, some days great other days not so good.

Whereas I live in a senior manor on the fifth floor of a 10 story building the only Radio from here is a VHFUHF with a 5/8 vertical in the window.

I continue to be blessed with remote control of my club station. VE7SCC.

This allows me to assist the 20 m ARMS net and be NCS on Wednesdays.

I also host the zoom meeting Monday afternoon 23:00-00:00z, all are welcome.

One major change for British Columbia, our government has discontinued time change. So this spring when we move ahead to daylight saving time, that was the last move, we'll be making.

I continue to serve the Legion as their Chaplain for services such as celebration of life and remember Day, November 11; as well as other cenotaph services.

This has become one of my best fields of evangelism! So many hurting & lost old soldiers!, sailors an airman.

Please pray for me as I go, where Jesus would be found.

I will close with a favourite of mine.  
For I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, yet not eye, but Christ that lives in me"  
Galatians 2:20

73/99  
Roland Corkum VA7RA  
(604) 817 9112



# 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 members are not licensed amateurs)
- ARMS tract, “**Your Best Contact**” Go to [qsl.net/arms](http://qsl.net/arms) Handouts..... Download
- ARMS lapel pin (\$5.00 each) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional contribution to help with the work of ARMS..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please remove my name from the ARMS membership Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Call(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country (non-US) \_\_\_\_\_

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- This is a new call sign
- This is a new E-mail address
- This is a new postal mailing address
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Please mail check made out to ARMS, with form to:  
Larry Brock N0LRB  
615 Farlow Ave  
Rapid City SD 57701





*Application for Membership*  
**Amateur Radio Missionary Service**  
**ARMS**

The Amateur Radio Missionary Service (ARMS) was organized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 2, 1957, by a group of Christian amateur radio operators, interested in Christian fellowship on and off the air, and in facilitating the spreading of the Gospel and the teaching of God's Word, by assisting missionaries and Christian workers with their communications and with other services growing there from.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Handle \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ When first licensed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Previously held calls \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Home church \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Check the class of membership desired: Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs who are interested in the activities of ARMS. Associate membership is open to interested persons who are not licensed amateurs. Annual dues for regular and associate members is \$10.00. Missionary membership is open to full time missionaries who are licensed amateurs, and associate missionary membership is open to non-licensed missionaries. Full time missionaries pay no dues.

Regular  Associate  Missionary  Associate Missionary

If you are a full time missionary, name the mission board or organization under which you serve:

\_\_\_\_\_

ARMS Doctrinal Statement

- We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal and visible return in power and glory.
- We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he was tempted by Satan and fell, and that, because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and by whom the Church is empowered to carry out Christ's great commission.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost—those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. I have read the above doctrinal statement and subscribe to it without reservation. I have accepted the Lord Jesus

Christ as my own personal savior from sin, and hereby apply for membership in ARMS. I purpose to serve as I have opportunity, and to bear true witness for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, both on and off the air.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this application, with \$10.00 dues, (if applicable), made out to ARMS, and a **self addressed, stamped envelope** to:

Larry Brock N0LRB  
 615 Farlow Ave  
 Rapid City SD 57701

**NOTE:** Please give a brief testimony of your Christian experience in the other side of this application.

