

THE BEAM



WINTER 1969

DENVER COLORADO CHOSEN AS '69 SITE FOR ANNUAL MEETING JULY 26-27

ARMS board of directors, in a special radio meeting held Feb. 1st, acted upon the recommendation of the site selection committee choosing Western Bible Institute near Denver as location for this year's annual business meeting.

The committee also suggested a later date for the meeting rather than the last Saturday in June as called in the By-laws. This suggestion was prompted by the fact that weather conditions in the mountains often are not favorable at this time and those traveling to the meeting as a part of vacation plans would better enjoy the trip if it could be in mid-summer. In as much as the By-laws do provide for setting a different date, if so designated by the directors, a decision was reached with the dates being set as July 26th & 27th.

With nearly five months yet to go, it is hoped many of you will be able to include this meeting and fellowship together in your summer plans. The next issue of THE BEAM will contain more information as to what is planned. However, it can be stated now that Western Bible Institute is making their facilities available to us, including housing and meals, at a most reasonable cost. A treat is in store for those coming to enjoy the beauty of God's creation in this majestic mountain area and the western hospitality extended by the Rocky Mountain section of ARMS.

ARMS 12TH ANNIVERSARY RALLY PLANNED

Sunday, March 2nd, marks the twelfth anniversary of the founding of ARMS. Plans for a Rally on the Thursday evening net, March 6th beginning at 9 pm EST on 3907 kc. are being made. This has been done for the past several years and you are cordially invited to check in and join in making the Anniversary Rally a success!

STEERING COMMITTEE SEEKING NOMINEES

Last Fall each section chairman was invited to name a representative on the committee with their first task being that of recommending a site for the annual meeting. With this part of their work well done, they now turn to the important task of selection of nominees for officers of ARMS.

The committee is headed by Francis Finck W0QCB, chairman. Others include Harry Brobst WB2L0A, Floyd March WA8LJL, Charlie Cox K0GKR and 'Walt' Buckwalter WA6VOR. We ask the Lord to direct these fellows.

APOLOGY

Due to the illness of our editor, THE BEAM has not been published on scheduled the past few months. This issue, the first since May, 1968, combines what would be the regular Fall and Winter editions.

EDITOR RESIGNS DUE TO ILL HEALTH

Mary Rittgers KØELX, has been ill the past few months but in word just received is presently much improved. However, it is advisable that she undertake no projects where there are pressures to meet deadlines, etc., as is the situation with any publication. Reluctantly she has submitted her resignation as editor to ARMS president, Don Petersen.

During the past two years Mary has done an outstanding job in editing and setting up each issue. Working in every phase of its production, she not only did the editing but prepared masters for the off-set press and assisted in the folding and mailing. While she did have some help from other ARMS members nearby, THE BEAM was primarily her project and when unable to continue, there was no one else readily available to step in and do the job as she did.

All of us in ARMS appreciate her fine efforts, and it can be said as the apostle Paul did in his letter to the Romans concerning Phoebe, "She has herself been of great assistance to many." Pray with us that she may be fully restored to good health and actively participate again in our fellowship.

ROGER STUBBE HC1RT INJURED IN ECUADOR

ARMS member, Roger Stubbe WØZMU/HC1RT, was injured last November by an electrical explosion at the transmitter building of missionary station HCJB in Pife, Ecuador.

Roger and Ray Isabelle were changing a breaker in an electrical panel. It was of foreign make and they were exchanging it for an American-made breaker. Something didn't fit properly, and in the juggling process, one of the copper wires became detached and fell across the 480 volts with several thousand amps. Roger said it was like 50 ace welders all turned on at once in front of their faces.

Both men received burns, but Ray was not so bad and was dismissed in a couple of days from the HCJB hospital in Quite where they had been taken. Roger was burned on the face but glasses protected his eyes. His glasses were ruined. The most severe burns were on the left shoulder when his shirt caught on fire. His upper left arm also was burned.

The news of the catastrophe was received in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by Francis Finck WØQCB, who reported it on the Midwest ARMS net Saturday morning. The accident had occurred the previous Tuesday.

On Saturday evening Jay Sudenga KØGAZ, ARMS member at George, Iowa, made contact with Roger via the Halo Net through Mac McCloud HCLMX. Mac, who is also with HCJB, called the hospital and soon Roger's father, Mr. Enno Stubbe, of George, Iowa, was talking with his son directly by HAM RADIO. KØGAZ then called Roger's optometrist in Worthington, Minnesota, to order a new pair of glasses which he received by airmail within one week.

While Roger was hospitalized for several weeks, he had a transmitter in his room and a beam installed so he could talk with his friends and family stateside. He is now doing fine following skin grafts and is back at work where he is engineer and superintendent in charge at the Pife site.

We praise the Lord for Amateur Radio and the help it gives to loved ones in times like these.

NEWS FROM ARMS SECTIONS

MIDDLE-ATLANTIC SECTION

George Bullwinkle K3UNU/EL8E, missionary with the Lutheran Church in Liberia, is presently stateside on a three month furlough. George and his wife Marsha, also a missionary, each went to Africa single; but Cupid saw that their safaris crossed. Until March they are busy getting acquainted with each other's families in Philadelphia and Michigan.

The 3.907 net on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings continues to have a good number of regular check-ins and can be heard quite well during the winter months as far as the mid-west.

This section plans to hold meetings twice a year, but no dates or locations have been announced as yet.

It has been suggested there be a Mid-Atlantic newsletter or Mini-Beam. To some extent newsletters of this nature have been used in the other sections but not on a regular basis. It's a good idea if someone is willing to do it - - but who?

Jack Buck K2AXO, ARMS communication officer, has requested to be relieved. Van, W2RJQ has indicated he may be able to help a little later in the Spring. The communications officer is responsible for keeping an up-dated list of missionary schedules of the membership. The task could be relatively easy if each section chairman would see that the section communications officer regularly reports schedules to Jack or Van. How about a little cooperation here, fellows?

CENTRAL SECTION

Harry Baumgarten, W9KWJ, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, has been in Yarinacocha, Peru, since last November assisting the Wycliffe Bible Translators with communication installations and maintenance. Harry is an electrical engineer and for many years has been active on ARMS nets and with missionary skeds. Some of you may recall that several years ago he and his wife had just gone to Peru when she suffered a stroke and they had to return. Earlier last year she went to be with the Lord and now Harry has returned to fulfill their ambitions. In a letter recently received he tells of the contrast between Christmas spent in the jungles and that of the frozen landscape back home. Always with a word of testimony, Harry closes by saying, "The Lord is very precious to me, and I thank Him for His love and daily help."

Claude Beachy, W9BNI, of Goshen, Indiana, who is familiar as NCS station for the Thursday evening cross-country ARMS net on 75, played an important part in the preparation of an album of songs by missionary children of Haiti. This interesting story, together with a picture of Claude, is in the article 'The Picazo Singers' in the Feb. '69 issue of 'The Missionary Standard', official publication of the Oriental Missionary Society.

Members of this section met last Fall for an 'eyeball' get-to-gether and picnic in Kenton, Ohio. Host was Lowell Miller W8QIY, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. The welcome mat is always out at the Millers and anyone passing through western Ohio on US 30 will find a stop-off here spiritually refreshing to say the least. With less than 5% vision, Lowell with the Lord's help and that of his good wife, carries on a ministry and activities that would put many of us with two good eyes to shame.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF 1968 - HOUGHTON COLLEGE, HOUGHTON, N.Y.

Members present represented the Mid-Atlantic, Central, Mid-West, Rocky Mountain, West Coast, and Canadian sections of ARMS. Speaking at the Friday evening fellowship were Hershel Reese and his wife from radio ELWA in Liberia who showed pictures and David Solt YS1DSE ARMS member and missionary from El Salvador.

The annual business meeting was held Saturday, June 29th. Results of the election of officers which was held the preceding month by mail from the 108 ballots received re-elected all incumbents for another year.

ARMS official station's call K3CBM to be retained; probably at QTH of K3RYV for the time being. This was necessitated by the need for class room space at the site in the Philadelphia College of the Bible.

The official mailing address of ARMS is now: 560 Main Street
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

The official mailing address of THE BEAM remains: PO Box 1003
University Station
Ames, Iowa 50010

Membership dues for paying members is due in June of each year; e.i. at the time of the annual meeting. The portion of dues returned to each section will in the future be remitted only when so requested by the section and limited to fifty cents for each member paying dues during the year.

ARMS has received notification from the Internal Revenue Service of its status as a tax-exempt non-profit corporation. Thanks to Bob Dickinson W2CCE for his time and efforts in helping to make this possible.

Section elections should preferably be held in the Spring of the year prior to the annual meeting.

Each section should name a reporter for THE BEAM. This would be a great help to the editor in getting the issues out on schedule.

Discussion was held on the need for an ARMS brochure, the edition of a new directory of the membership (to be ready by annual meeting of '69) and operation of the various nets. 'Walt' Buckwalter WA6VOR encouraged more interest and participation in the Saturday morning transcontinental net on 14.310.

The Saturday evening banquet was attended by some fifty persons with the speaker being Rev. George Metcalf W0JH of the Missionary Radio Foundation, Stillwater, Minnesota. George (formerly W0CQY) along with K2AXO and K2CAC, has for a number of years faithfully held schedules with EL2F of the Sudan Interior Mission in Liberia.

Our thanks to host Al Smith K2CAC, Mrs. Smith, and Houghton College for arranging and making the lovely facilities available for our use. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship on this campus in the beautiful hills of western New York. Some of us were able to include a side trip to nearby Letchworth State Park to view the magnificent scenery created by the Seneca River with its waterfalls and deep gorges.

MID WEST SECTION

The annual picnic and business meeting was held last August at Bethany Fellowship near Minneapolis with about 40 in attendance including members and families. Current officers for the section are: Ken Finch, KØKCJ Chairman; Arnie Kopishke, WAØDFT Vice-chairman; Glen Peterson, WØEYL Secretary; Ray Miller, KØRGO Treasurer; and Ed Nordell, WAØOUY as Communications Officer. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been selected as this year's meeting site.

George Metcalf, for many years known under the call WØCQY, recently received a new two-letter call and is now WØJH. That officially should make him an old-timer. George has been very active in handling missionary traffic to and from Liberia and last year was banquet speaker at the annual ARMS meeting in Houghton, N.Y.

When Jim McChesney, WAØPFV, Methodist minister in Minneapolis, put out a call for an all-band receiver for a missionary, there was little heard. Then Fred, KØFHH, also of Minneapolis, a Lutheran with keen interest in missionary endeavors, heard about the call and contributed an extra National he had in his shack. New missionary John Schevenius, just returned to Rhodesia, will be able to tune in on local mission ham nets and Voice of America broadcasts. John is a civil engineer and will be building schools and hospitals for the Methodist mission in the bush country near Salisbury. Jim thanks the ARMS net for helping to locate this gear.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION

Rev. Richard D. Long KØFMF, former section chairman and his wife, are presently at the Missionary Training Center, Stoney Point, N.Y. They will be leaving soon for assignment in the vicinity of Singapore. We wish them Godspeed and will be looking forward to hearing from them on the field.

While we've lost one 'Long'--we've gained another. Rev. James B. Long, former missionary to Peru where he was OA4MM, and until last Fall as XEØMM in Mexico, is now in Littleton, Colorado, on a one-year furlough.

Chuck Brockmeyer WØETA, presented a paper before the American Astronautical Society in Denver last Summer having to do with problems encountered with corona on the antennas of Mars and Venus probes. The article was scheduled to appear in the November issue of Engineering Design News. Chuck is an engineer for the Martin Corp. working on Titan missile projects.

WEST COAST SECTION

ARMS Vice President, "Walt" Buckwalter WA6VOR, has recently moved from Upland, California, to take a pastorate in Grants Pass, Oregon. We know this will not interrupt his net operations for long. It is expected that there will be a lot more ARMS activity in the Pacific Northwest with Walt in the area.

Dr. Ed Brunemeier, Ex-W6HSP of Placentia, California, as many of you know, is no longer physically able to be on the air. In a recent news letter from his wife Cora she says that he has his ups and downs with hospitalization occasionally. He was one of those who could always be counted on week after week and all of us miss him on the nets. (continued)

WEST COAST SECTION (contd.)

Ed Harwell, USN, KH6GAY and formerly W5WVX, tries to keep in touch with ARMS wherever he has been located. Now operating out of Kailua, Hawaii, Ed is currently keeping in contact with some of the fellows here on the coast.

The West Coast ARMS nets on 75 and 40 remain active with Norm Churchill, WA6WQT as NCS. Checkins are sometimes few but the fellowship and traffic exchanges make it well worth while. We are all thankful for the missionary contacts we maintain and for the opportunity to be of service. The day draws on so we remind ourselves that we must carry on more faithfully.

INCREASED USE OF RADIO TELETYPE BY ARMS MEMBERS NOTED

Do you know that ARMS is now active in RTTY? Write or QSO K2AXO or WØJH (ex-WØCQY). RTTY ARMS stations now include EL2N (at ELWA), K2AXO, W2CCE, W8IHU and WØJH with K1GUR preparing. The next issue of THE BEAM is scheduled to have more news concerning this mode of communication which has already proved to be of great value by Wycliffe and JAARS (see THE BEAM for May, 1967).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO ARMS

Bill Porter KP4ALC Santurce, P.R.	Walter Dunlap WB4FRX, Decatur, Georgia
Kenneth Gillon VK3AZF Victoria, Australia	Paul E. Morris WAØKON, Yuma, Arizona
Rev. Dick R. Inlow CE3IF Santiago, Chile	Gord C. Pearce VE5HP, Regina, Sask.
Richard I. Haxton WA3IVB, Boyds, Md.	Matti K. Salomaa K1DCB, Wallaston, Mass.
Daniel A. Savilla WA2WIT, Succasunna, N.J.	Dave Schierman VE6ARU, Vulcan, Alberta

CHRISTIAN QSLs AVAILABLE

ARMS member Russ Sackers W8DED PO Box 218, Holland, Mich., offers QSL and Gospel tract (for hams) samples free to any ARMS member.

SET YOUR BEAM WITH ACCURACY

Christian ham Claude Spring of Des Moines, Iowa, has developed and placed on the market a Globe Plotter. It provides a rapid means of dialing the great circle route to anywhere in the world by a simple turn of the attractive desk-top globe. For more information write: Megart Co., P.O. Box 2097, Des Moines, Iowa, 50310.

IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?

WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR NOTIFYING US PROMPTLY OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS IN ORDER THAT WE MAY LIST YOU CORRECTLY IN THE NEW DIRECTORY AS WELL AS KEEPING OUR MAILING LIST UP TO DATE.