

## RADIO POWER

Modern Radio technology makes this kind of programming possible. The output of radios has mushroomed astronomically since TWR began in 1952. The perfecting of the transistor has completely altered the broadcasting scene. Tiny sets, bought for little more than two dollars, have brought the world witfin earshot of millions of 1isteners.

Backing up this reception power is the nuts and bolts power of the vast steel antennas, the monstrous diesels and the powerful transmitters that move the Good News into the air.

Monte Carlo in Southern Europe and Bonaire in the Southern Caribbean are Trans World Radio's two outposts of superpower broadcasting.
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"ELECTRONICS DATA", A TOOL/TRACT
For the past couple of years we have been searching for a device to make a natural transition from the usual QSO content of weather, QTH, rig and antenna to the more important subject of the purpose and plan of God in our lives. The pocket size folder ELECTRONICS DATA, which accompanies this issue of the BEAM, is an attempt to provide such a device. It deals with the basic formulas that

## MISSIONARIES MUST REMAIN MOBILE


#### Abstract

"During the recent visit of JAARS Executive Director, Bernie May, here at our base: we were asked to prayerfully consider a short change of assignment to Bolivia to help start a new DC-3 program. After much prayer and thought on our parts both separately and together and in consultation with our Branch Administrators; it was decided that we would be released from our assignments here in Peru for a 4 month period (from February 1 - June 1, 1973). So as plans begin to form at this date, we'11 be leaving Yarinacocha around the middle of January stopping in Lima for paperwork, then flying on to Bolivia (probably Cochabamba where we had our Spanish training 7 years ago) to get settled before the DC-3 arrives February 1." OA8AQ Eddie Lind


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form the foundation of our hobby and has something to say about the orderly way in which God controls His universe. We encourage you to use ELECTRONICS DATA as a tool/tract. Additional copies are available from the Secretary, WФETA, at five cents per copy. It has been suggested by some who have seen it, that by adding the usual QSL format under the ARMS information, you can use it as a QSL card and provide a point of ARMS contact at the same time.


Let me introduce to you WB5BRD Ray Hooper--the man (Ham) in the picture. Ray made the effort to pose for us in a sitting position, but he operates his station while lying down and this is just a part of his inspiring story.

Like most of us Ray began life by being born. UnIike most of us this event, for Ray, took place in Mena, AR which is his present QTH. At the age of twelve he went through the formality of joining a church and being baptized, but now, as he looks back on those days, he realizes that he was not a true believer at that time--there was no real change in his life.

As a young man he joined the U.S. Navy and became a typical swabby-going with the crowd and living a worldy life. One day he regained consciousness in a Navy hospital following a very serious operation to repair a severed blood vessel. The little WAVE nurse told him that he had died three times the preceding night during surgery, but each time the doctors had managed to bring him back to life. "When she told me that," says Ray, "I knew that if they hadn't revived me, I would have gone straight to HELL." That's when he began to realize that God was working with him. Under the conviction of the Holy Spirit he cried himself to sleep many nights. Still he held back and resisted, because "I was afraid I couldn't live a Christian life for God."

Several months later he made a blind date with a YL who said she would date Ray if he would go to church with her. Ray went to church with her and again the conviction of the Spirit came upon him. During the altar service he hurried to the altar and turned his life over to GOD. "I'11 never forget the load that rolled off my heart that morning," explains Ray. It is not surprising to learn that a few months later that young lady became his XYL. They were married on Mothers Day in the Church of the Nazarene in Hastings, Nebraska.

After his discharge from the Navy he went to work for Swift $\mathcal{G}$ Co. and later was transferred to Ft. Smith, AR. As a young couple they helped in the church and worked with young people. After a time he met a salesman who was a Gideon. This man sold Ray on the worthwhile work of the Gideons and encouraged him to join the Gideons International. His service with the Gideons helped him very much in a spiritual way and launched him into Christian witnessing. In time he served as chaplain and treasurer for his Gideon group.

While at work on January 10 th, 1965, a piece of heavy equipment began to topple and Ray attempted to hold it. The result was that Ray sustained severe back injuries--the nerves on the left side were severed and the spinal cord was nearly severed. For eight days there was little hope, according to the doctors, for his survival. Christian friends formed a prayer chain and 24 hours around the clock prayer was being offered for his recovery. Praise the Lord, God brought him through and after several surgeries he was able to walk a little. In 1969 he fell and again injured his back when some of the fusions were torn loose. So much arthritis had set in that the specialists said they couldn't do anything more than give him drugs to combat the pain. He is to sit only briefly and a car ride of any distance must be done while lying down.

Lying down all the time became tiresome and doing nothing but reading all day became boring. With this, discouragement and depression began to creep in. Then a fellow who lived 6 or 8 blocks away began to visit Ray. The fellow talked to Ray about Ham Radio and soon gave him a manual and a code oscillator. Two weeks later he gave Ray the Novice test. Ray passed the theory portion and also the code at seven words per minute. "I was thrilled to no ends," says Ray. The fellow set up a rig and an antenna and Ray went to work. As he began working people from all over, requests started coming for QSL cards from Arkansas. The thought occurred to Ray, "why not put scripture verses on them?" And so he did. In seven months he had sent scripture verses into all the 50 states. By the time he received his General Ticket this past February, he had sent cards with II Chronicles $7: 14$ and Romans 8:28 into 76 countries of the world. "Praise the Lord," says Ray, "now I have sent them into over one hundred countries."

It all started out as an ordinary contact with a VE7--but as the QSO continued Ray learned that the man thought of himself as an atheist. Ray witnessed to him on the air and then sent along his QSL card. Three months later Ray heard him on the air and contacted him again. After a friendly QSO Ray closed with another witness. A few days following the second contact, Ray received a letter from the VE7's XYL thanking him for his witness. She said her husband had started going to church with her and the children. She reported that during the altar call he appeared to be under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and had just stood and gripped the seat until his knuckles turned white. She asked Ray to join her and Christian friends all over in praying for her husband. Recently Ray has received another letter from the man's XYL. She reported that she had given birth to a child that the doctors said could not possibly live. She said, "Bro. Ray, I witnessed to the doctors all through the delivery and kept telling them that God was with us and that I and the baby would be o.k." Now the baby is growing like a weed and is as strong as a little mule. As wonderful as all this has been, she went on to report an even greater miracle--her husband has now surrendered his life to God. "Praise His wonderful Name," exclaims Ray, "if my afflictions were for just this one soul, it is worth it all. But I'll keep on witnessing and sending cards as long as God lets me live."

Ray lives on a small farm in a $14^{\prime} \times 70^{\prime}$ mobile home. He has a lovely little lake about one hundred yards in front of his home. Every once in a while, the XYL goes out and catches some nice fish from this lake. His youngest son is a licensed Assembly of God minister. He and his wife are working in Oklahoma City. Ray's oldest son has been missing since August 2, 1972. Please pray for him.
"In closing," says Ray, "I want to affirm my love for the Lord and my desire to be used of Him as He sees fit."

In the BEAM nine years ago --
"The word 'amateur' has--in many respects--1ost its original and beautiful meaning in this current materialistic age. For today the word connotes a meaning that suggests lesser skill and ability than a professional. In reality, however, I believe that the word amateur suggests something more than a professional; because the word means 'love for one's work'. There seems to be a certain professionalism today that indicates a lack of vital concern for others. One answer to this area of materialism is a re-surgence of good oldfashioned amateurism. True amateurism. Amateurism that means love as these men of ARMS are expressing it..."

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"OOPS," .... says your red-faced Editor:
The last issue of the BEAM carried a picture of those who attended the 1972 ARMS Convention at Northwestern College in St. Paul. Some of you may have noticed that there were more people in the picture than there were names in the caption. The name of Convention Chairman, K $\varnothing$ GAZ, Jay Sudenga (front row right) and next to him, K2CAC, A1 Smith, who hosted the Convention at Houghten, NY in 1968.
Also missing was a big THANK YOU to WøEYL, G1en Peterson and KøELX Mary Rittgers for supplying the pictures of the Convention.

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## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

March 2, 1973 will be the 15 th : Anniversary of ARMS. I wonder $\therefore$ if some sort of on-the-air ac: tivity might be in order to : recognize the event. Perhaps : we could have a rally and try : to get the original group on the air for a rag-chew or something like that...

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION TO HOST
1973 ARMS CONFERENCE AT WESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The 1973 annual meeting of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service will be held July 27. 28, and 29 on the campus of Westarn Bible Institute near Morrison, Colorado. WBI is located in the very gateway to the West. It is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains just above Denver, on 52 acres of virgin land, just two miles south of the town of Morrison. Plan to come and enjoy the fellowship of the conference and the beauty of God's handiwork.

The new 1973 ARMS DIRECTORY is being sent with this issue of the BEAM to all stateside addresses. It will be sent to foreign addresses upon request.

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