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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world. Acts 1:8



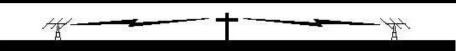
From The Presidents Desk

Good afternoon from sunny Tucson, Arizona.

Mary and I had good drive from Montana in the middle of November. We are settled in and getting reacquainted in this RV community as well as our local church. There was a large percentage of the RV residents who did not come south last winter season due to the Covid threat but that has changed dramatically this season.

Propagation conditions have improved greatly and that is evident by the increased participation on the various nets. It has been gratifying to observe increased interest on the 20 meter net but also on the various section nets. I trust your eyes and ears are open for those who would be interested in joining us, especially on the section nets. Do we use VHF and/or UHF to invite younger people to check out ARMS? It has been a topic of discussion for many years but my hunch is that our average age has increased.

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Passing of Herb Mills—N4PHC

Just as I was preparing to send out this issue of the BEAM, I learned of the passing on to glory of a brother and long-time ARMS member, Herb Mills, N4PHC of Corryton, Tennessee on December 5. Herb was 83 and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Herb joined ARMS in August, 2008 and was and regular participant in the 20 meter net each morning.

He died as a result of injuries sustained from a fall from his tower. While we might mourn his passing and miss him on the net, we can rejoice that he is enjoying eternity praising the Lord!

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 pres	ent
Central	Thu, 2000	Not fixed
Rocky Mountai	n No net at the pre	esent
Southwest	Sat 0945	7.233
Northwest	Thurs, 0730	3.965
20-Meter	Mon-Sat, 1000 E 0900 C 0800 M 0700 P	T IT
20 Meter Net	Control Stations	
Monday	Mike, K7PTL, Sto	evensville, MT
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ThursdayDenis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN		
FridayLew NØCXY, Carroll, IA		
Saturday	Frank, AGØM, C Dean, KØTVJ, M	
RELAYS	ARE NEEDED A	ND ENCOURAGED

Jesus came into the world when no one expected Him. Things were not going well in the world (sound familiar?). But what He brought was the light of hope and salvation, and we want to honor and celebrate Him.

So what are your hard questions? Bring them to Jesus this Christmas season and expect that He will answer them.

Merry Christmas, friends, colleagues and brothers in Christ! Make some time to set aside some quiet family time to reflect, share, and hear the story of the birth of Jesus Christ – our Savior of the world.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21



From the President (Continued from page 1)

I know some of the sections have an annual (or more frequent) rendezvous. BBQ's etc. are an enjoyable way to spend time with fellow Christians folks. Is there a possibility we can invite younger people from our local church to those ARMS gettogethers and plant the seeds of radio operation that result in increased on the air check ins?

We have lost several of our ARMS brothers over the last several months. We are saddened by the loss and miss the fellowship with them on the air but we know they are precious in the sight of our Lord. Ed -VE7BQM; Will - WA2OJN; Don – K3RYV; Jay – KCØORJ; Dave – WB9GGK; John – K7BXF. We will always have great memories of all the contact we had with them, both on the radio and in person.

We can all be thankful for the work Lew, NØCXY has done to maintain our ARMS web site and Roger, WØZMU who has faithfully served as our treasurer and secretary, including publishing our The Beam newsletter. Roger has asked for submissions to The Beam and I would like to add my voice along with his to encourage you send articles and photos of activity in your section. We would like to get to know you better and hear what is happening in your part of the world.

I must say THANK YOU to those who have been willing to serve as Net Control on the various nets. It takes some effort and devotion to what we consider is a ministry to those who participate as well as those who are listening "in the shadows". I have asked before but please make yourself available to step up to the NCS position. Perhaps you could relieve some who would like a little break or possibly take 1 hour of the 2-hour net on one of the days. You've read it before but please give it some serious consideration. It would be appreciated.

We are about to head into a new year and with that is always the anticipation of what our Lord has in mind for us. He has the plan and a purpose for the plan. (Jeremiah 29:11) We will abide in Christ. To Him be the glory. Amen?

73 / 99 Stay healthy

Mike - K7PTL

Food for Thought

Hebrews 11:1 says "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. The chapter goes on to describe people like Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, and even Rahab, who did things for God "by faith."

What were these heroes of the faith thinking as they decided to take those steps by faith—especially when the steps were not easy?

God puts us in situations where we have no other choice but to take a step by faith. We am reminded that God calls us to walk by faith and not by sight.

While I like to see where I am going, I've learned that the more I trust God, the easier it is to step out by faith. The beauty of trusting God and stepping out by faith is knowing that we are not alone because He is faithful. I pray you are able to praise God for His great faithfulness to you

ARMS Membership Update

Missionary 7 Regular 10 TOTAL 114

Roland, VA7RA shared the following regarding his experience on Armistice Day, November II.

"As for our Cenotaph service, officially there wasn't one! However, several hundred were unaware of that fact, including myself. (Ed. Note The Cenotaph is a memorial to honor those who lost their life during World War I and later conflicts.)

"So with time fast approaching the 11th hour and no one taking charge, I stepped up to the monument I called everyone to order, announcing a 'one minute silent prayer'.

"Unknown to me a lady fired up the bagpipes and played Amazing grace. & on cue, a four plane formation did a 'fly-past'. I then wrapped it up with a benediction.

"Many folk later expressed appreciation for the effort."



From the Vice-President

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Our son made it home for a couple days, so we had a good one.

I don't have anything much to send you but will share a couple of personal thoughts. We had a large silver maple tree cut down last week. It was planted about 45 yrs. ago. It is very much missed by us and the squirrels,

There was a squirrel yesterday going up and down the stump and really acting confused. He would do this repeatedly and sit on the top of the stump looking around. Evidently his world was upside down and he was having a hard time adjusting.

This same squirrel would climb my Rohn 50 ft tower by jumping from side brace to the next until he got to the 40 ft mark on the tower and then hop over to a branch of the tree we just had cut down.

It made me think of events that happen in our lives that leave us at a loss, not knowing what to do. Then we take it to the Lord in prayer and turn it over to Him. The Lord hears our prayer and comes to us with comfort and care to get us through. This is an example of us having a loving Heavenly Father who listens to our prayers and delivers us. It is also an example of our applying God's Word to difficulties we have in life.

73/99, Frank—AGØM

Midwestern Section Report

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

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 10 to 15 check-ins each week. The band conditions have not been ideal, although going to Standard Time has improved this.

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 connect 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 the ARMS website about how to check in.

The Midwest Section has been to 4 ham fests so far this reporting period. August 7th and 8th, Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club Ham fest in Central City, Iowa, August 28, Midwest ARMS attended the Davenport Area Radio Club Ham fest in Davenport, Iowa, October 3rd, the SE Iowa Ham fest, and Oct 30th, The 3900 Club Hamboree in Boone, Iowa.

We passed out many brochures, handed out the tract "Your Best Contact", visited with attendees about ARMS and Jesus, and had a great time.

I still pray everyone remains safe, especially with the additional variants. I encourage all to wear your mask, social distant, and consider getting vaccinated. Hopefully this pandemic will end soon.

Tom—AAØLF.



L-r Tom—AAØLF, Barb—KDØNEZ, Craig— KCØYHU, Dennis—KKØDJ, John—WB9RXK and Dennis' wife Nola



Canadian Section Report



Greetings to all from Canada.

Whereas it is Thanksgiving (USA) as I begin, Happy Thanksgiving to all south of the border.

"Oh give thanks unto Jehovah, for He is good, For His mercy endureth for ever." {Psalms 107:1)

The main news from here has to be the weather. At this moment we are experiencing the third "Atmospheric River", simply said: A lot of water! i.e. 6" in 24 hours.

This has resulted in great hardship for many, with major highways washed out and farmlands turned into lakes. Many cattle have drowned and thousands of poultry have perished. The military have been deployed to assist with rescue & restoration. PTL

On a personal note, our QTH is warm & dry except for the living room window springing a leak allowing a bucket of water to enter.

With band conditions being all over the place, we have proven that amateur radio will prevail through relays & SDR's. One example of this happened the morning NCS, AG0M Frank couldn't complete the contact with Chuck N7AAG. We had Chuck move to 3,965. and the traffic was passed.

I'd like to touch on the subject of antennas. I live on a 60' wide city lot, and have a laneway behind the house. So with the help of a tree on the one cor-

ner & a mast on the corner of my neighbour's lot I have 120 feet to work with. That brings me to my present installation, a B&W (Barker & Williamson) Folded dipole at 30'. This is the quietest antenna I've ever used. Its broad banded, covering all HF and is used by the Military and other government agencies. In my case, a dear friend left it behind when he was called off to glory. It was in bad shape, so I replaced the Balun and completely rewired it its. 45' / leg, folded back on itself. I don't have a good picture to share, so please look it up on their web site.

I run 500 watts with an AGC Smart Cube solid state linear. However, I've just received a FT-7000, a 1200watt solid state linear to match the FT-1000 MARK V field main transceiver. Looking forward to making your S meters go over the 9 mark. (Not you Frank, For some reason your report is always 40 over) Hi... Love that Kenwood!

Well, in closing Merry Christmas to all, and praying the Lord has mercy on us with this virus plague.



"Let all things be done with charity." (agape', love)

Roland—VA7RA Canadian Section Director

Rocky Mountain Section Report

Summer and fall sure went in a whirlwind. A hot summer with nice fall temperatures. In early June my wife Rhonda with our daughter Mickie were in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. There were people everywhere and prices to match the tourist pocketbook. Saw a number of moose and dramatic mountains.

In early Sept Rhonda and I were near Hyattsville Wyoming at an archeologic site with a group of hams, mostly from there. Lots of used equipment to buy and a nice lunch with beef brisket provided. On the way back to Billings we took the road over the Bighorn Mountains. I could live there if it weren't for the snow.

In mid Sept. Rhonda and I drove to Cut bank, Montana to meet a ham I had talked to numerous times but never met. He gave us a tour of the WWII Radio Museum at the Cut Bank Airport. My Dad used to fly B-17's so we saw the radios that would have been in that airplane. The next morning we drove to Kalispell and picked up our daughter. All three of us toured Glacier National Park for several days. When you get on top it just takes your breath away. We also toured around Flathead Lake. Then after driving to Missoula to visit our Grandson, we dropped our daughter at the airport and drove home. A great time but a bit expensive.

When I am home I am busy with a Greek Reading Class as well as a Hebrew Reading Class, visits to several elderly ladies/couple, and a couple of phone calls to several bachelors. One lady has since died. She was almost 101 years old. I used to teach the Bible at an Assisted Living Center but COVID put an end to that. I have been unable to get back in. I do miss teaching. I have tried to get into several other Assisted Living places but all doors are closed. We have occasionally attended a Church in Hardin, Montana where a friend has taken over Pastoral Duties to give him some support. I have driven to Hardin to play Harmonica with the Church group in a Jam Session. Also attend my own Church once a week and water aerobics most days except Sunday.

Just recently I have been recording the weather for radio station KYKD in Bethel, AK. I record the weather about 7pm and transfer it to KYKD. This weather then gets broadcast Thursday night and early Friday morning. You can listen to KYKD on the internet at this link: http://www.vfcm.org/kykd-listen-online/

I check into several nets morning, noon, and evening with some regularity. Sure is good to connect with the ARMS group when I can.

God's best to all and thanks for all of your work for Christ.

James Fisher NQ7L

Eastern Section Report John—K2GQG

I am here at Fort Meyers airport with our Florida Church group ready to take off for a trip with our Pastor to Israel, the Holy Lands and Egypt. We will not be home till Dec 9th.

Little activity for the Eastern Section of the ARMS group. We do gather on the air Mondays and Saturdays at 9AM on 3907. We rotate being net control, share prayer requests and some Bible verses. Our numbers are small on Mondays (4-5) and Saturdays (7-8).

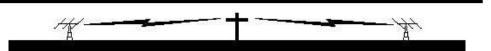
Due to covid and health problems we have not gathered for our yearly picnic. Hope this helps.

Thanks, 73 & 99

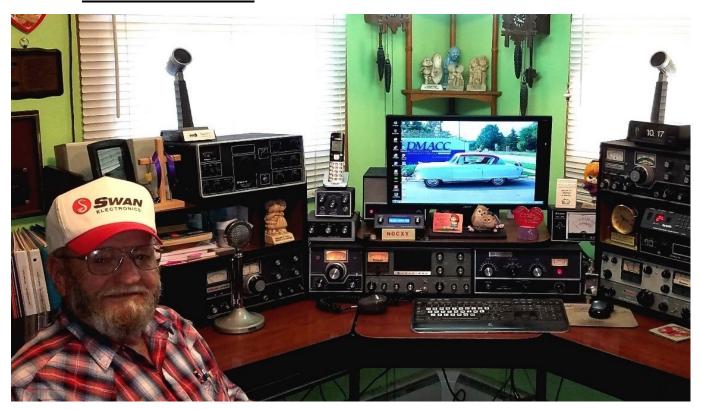
John S Babbitt - K2GQG

Some Words for the Season

Today Isaiah's words have renewed meaning: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light," "On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned" For His name shall be called (Is called) Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Come now see, the night when the angels in great bright light declared Peace to all. Once more as this year ends, we encourage you to continue Walking Praying and Sharing God's love with all.



From our Webmaster



Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of my brothers and sisters here on the ARMS net family. It has been a very busy year here in the heartland with a serious drought going on but the good Lord has looked after us miserable sinners again and has given us a productive crop year in spite of these problems.

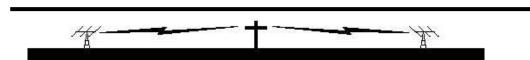
Our 20 meter ARMS has been fairly active this year and has kept me hopping with keeping the web page up to date so hope it is doing well for everyone. We also have had a few join our Lord on the glory net. Please check our glory net page and pray for their families remaining here. We miss them but are very thankful they are with our Father through faith by His saving grace!

Covid has survived another year and looks to be around a long time and maybe forever so be very thankful for the saving grace of our Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord we have not got it and are being very careful for my XYL's sake as she is not in the best of health. I will be 80 my next birthday so I am truly blessed with my health and still able to be very active.

I have spent the year cleaning up the Ham shack and putting all the parts and parts radios in tubs to store in the garage with labels so I can get out what I need to use for parts and have put all the operating radios and equipment in use on the desk/operating table as the picture shows. That was a fun project and sure decluttered the shack. It also energized me to get all the radios working at full operation again which was a fun challenge. All my equipment is 1960's/70's Swan equipment with one exception, the DD-103 Universal Digital Dial from Electronics specialties. My old Swan DD-76 had only 5 digits and this one has 7 digits so it can read down to 10 cycles. What a great thing for doing the nets etc.

Did some work on the old Rambler this year and fired up the old Ford 640 Jubilee Tractor and went on some hayrides again since we are pretty much fully open at church here now after covid. That was great fun to be back with those and the outdoor services and all and we are planning a hayride Christmas caroling around town time this year again also if I can make it work. 73 99 all, Peace Be With You!

Lew Orcutt N0CXY



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Northwest Section Report

These last weeks we have been enjoying good propagation on our 20 Meter Net and it is so very good to hear the voices of – as Mike, K7PTL is wont to say – our "brothers (and sisters) in ARMS."

I can't help but think of Vi Johnston, widow of K7BXF, John, who was lifted Home to Heaven in October of this year. John was the long-time anchor of our NW Net as our NCS. His memorial service was honoring to our Lord and to John.

Peter, KG7MVH, has stepped into take the Net Control position and does a fine job from his QTH in Harrah, Washington

As I write I have just received an email from snowbirds, Mike and Mary Rafferty in Arizona. This excerpt says it all:

"Mary and I will be having a very nice Thanksgiving meal with her brother's son and family.

I have my little nest built here in the ham shack and using my homebrew end-fed inverted L antenna. The remote tuner is mounted on top of the carport awning and I have a 20 ft painter's pole mounted to run 50' of Radio Shack speaker wire vertically the 20' and then horizontally 30' to a flagpole at the front of our place. It seems to be getting the job done. Hopefully we'll be able to make contact on 20m.

73 / 99 Mike - K7PTL"

Dave and Sharon Shortess, W7PTL and KA7DAC, have had a change in plans regarding heading south form Port Angeles to Arizona. Dave fell and broke the long bone in the upper arm at the shoulder. He has three "clean" breaks, so no surgery or cast was required. He's in an immobilizing splint for 6-10 weeks of healing.

The last report from their QTH was healing is taking place, albeit slowly, and Dave is able to get about. The doctor's report was encouraging. Keep them in prayer.

Stan, KD6WZA, isn't able to get on the air, but we keep track of happenings at the their QTH, Happy Camp, California, by way of our virtual ARMS Net, CQ-100. Both Stan and Virginia and

their son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Diana, are battling several medical issues and they are most thankful for your intercession for them.

We have been blessed to have Roland, VE7PDX, check in the NW Net from his QTH in Burnaby BC up in Canada.

As you think of it, please pray for one of my ham friends here in town who is struggling with several medical issues, including difficulty walking and surgery coming for scalp cancer. Arlo, KC7JYH, is a retired Sunnyside Fireman and brother-in-the-Lord.

Dave Immel, KE4EW, checks in when he can from Sandpoint, Idaho. The last word I had was he and family were searching for an assisted care facility for his wife, Patsy. Pray for good success in their search.

Stu Uggen, K7ALM, Bremerton Washington, checks in to our Net and, as does Peter, who is regular on the CQ-100 Net. Stu has some medical issues and I have no doubt he would appreciate your prayers as he and the medical folks deal with these issues.

I "text hear" each week from ARMS old timer, Bob Hambly, WAYBYD, in Grants Pass, Oregon, He recently had surgery for lip cancer and reports a good prognosis following the procedure. Bob was 98 on his last birthday.

How about this guy, N7AAG, (Always Asking God), here in the Yakima Valley. Well, for one thing, I'm thankful the thick fog of recent days doesn't hamper propagation. Hearkening back to my years in Missionary Radio, at the time Russia had that infamous "wall," one of our speakers commented, "that wall doesn't stop God's voice from zooming in on the airwayes."

Not just at Thanksgiving time, but all the time, I count my many blessings. I keep perking along as pastor to Seniors at our Sunnyside GBC.

From my QTH to your QTH, may we rejoice with gladness at the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate that event with Christmas.

Chuck Winter N7AAG



Missions Report From ARMS Member Ray Rising K4LWJ

Ray's suitcase has hardly had time to get dusted off and he leaves again Monday!

Ray and Rick Herr will be traveling to Peru Monday December 6th to repair the short wave in northern Peru and do preventable maintenance. It has been off the air for several months. They will meet up with David Russel in Miami, the director of SunSet Solutions that has provided the solar-paneled fixed tuned radios Radio Logos distributes to reach an audience of 12 language groups. Hopefully things will be up and running again to broadcast Christmas messages. They plan return home December 18th.

In October Ray was in Bolivia for Ethnic Radio consultant work and to visit families that we have known when we lived there 1999-2007. He happened to mention to Julio Andia who he trained and worked with in Santa Cruz about the ministry of providing used firefighting uniforms in Colombia. Julio spoke up, "Oh, I know the fire chief here in Santa Cruz." Before Ray left the country he had an official request for uniforms from the fire chief! So in January Ray will be traveling with a friend to bring some firefighting uniforms to the Santa Cruz, Bolivia's fire department. Santa Cruz is a city of 3.37 million and the fire vehicle is a pickup truck! These uniforms were provided by a power plant in Minnesota. He will also be following up on advising some Ethnic Radio stations.

Pending for February is a trip to Colombia to help another mission re-establish a short wave station.

We'd really appreciate your prayers for successful trips, safety and good health in the next couple months.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.! What a wonderful miracle. He came from heaven to serve and pay for our sins.

May knowing JESUS bring you PEACE to bless each day, HOPE for each tomorrow, and JOY in every season.

Thank you for your partnership with us,

Ray and Doris Rising

Radio in Spain

Andalucía in Southern Spain is the country's largest autonomous community where plans are in place to reach a big unreached people group. Flamenco was born in these gypsy encampments. Much of the area's cultural and religious legacy comes from the Moorish rulers who dominated the region from the eighth to fifteenth centuries.

On the southernmost tip of Spain in the town of La Linea de la Concepcion, Radio Vida (the English translation is 'Radio Life') is embarking on a new vision to reach people in the region including the Moroccan diaspora from North Africa. The Joshua Project reports that less than 2% of Spaniards identify as evangelical Christians. Radio Vida is registered as a cultural Radio Station and as such, there will be a focus on issues such as food, Arabic culture and flamenco. lifegivingmedia@feba.org

<u>Media in Uganda</u>

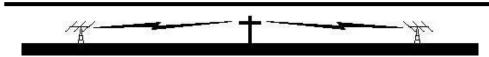
A media player distribution containing *The Way of Righteousness* for an unreached group of people in Uganda has been sponsored by TWR Canada. It is a primarily Muslim group and most evangelical programming in Uganda focuses on other communities. In partnership with a local church, the series was loaded onto MP3 players and distributed to local families.

The programme is designed to help people understand God's Word and to answer the question, "How can someone be righteous before God?" The devices allow the flexibility for listeners to tune in at their own convenience and they can easily share the device with others. twr@twr.org.uk

HCJB Anniversary Celebration

On December 25, 2021, HCJB celebrates its 90th anniversary. It began as a local broadcaster and has grown to a world wide ministry, communicating the Gospel through various media as well as health care and community development.

The official celebration took place in Quito with government dignitaries and other invited guests present. Several awards were presented as all present celebrated to occasion.



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 (Associate missionary members are not lice		empted)\$0.00
() ARMS tract, "Your Best Contact" (\$3.00	0 per one hundred for postage	s)\$
() ARMS lapel pin (\$3.00 each)		\$
() Additional contribution to help with the	work of ARMS	\$
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