

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month one of our members is randomly selected and asked to share their ham radio biography with all of us. Questions or comments should go to Paul, KD2MX, at kd2mx@arrl.net.

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Back in the early to mid 50's I was exposed to someone afflicted with a severe case of "Ham-itis" also known as "Radio-itis" (OZ4xxx don't remember the suffix). It did not however develop into a full-fledged affliction for another 10 or so years. Meanwhile I had immigrated to Canada. Then in the Fall of 63 after an Incubation Period of about 10 years, it flared up again and I found myself having to go to night school learning code and theory thereby trying to alleviate the Symptoms. Nothing doing! It just got worse, got the first ticket in 64 but found I had to keep going and try for the higher grade License, nothing helped. I got the Advanced Ticket in 66 proceeded with SSB, THAT did it!!! And by the mid 70's I was almost cured. I had found a new Calling, Family. I enjoyed a period of relative calm, until 06 when the "Ham-itis" suddenly flared up again like never before. Rushing off orders for this and that Radio Equipment. Being frugal (cheap) I went for minimal stuff like a 1 1/2 W rockbound TX and a ATU. I finally hit the Air-waves in August 06 and after 7 or so years with a bit of Equipment updating I still have severe Symptom's but have learned to live with it. Every now and again I get the URGE to milli-watt or even micro-watt. So far the Symptom's are still with me. ----- LUCKILY. All aside I do enjoy the great Hobby of Ham-Radio and hope to do so for many more Years to come.

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