

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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I was first licensed in June 15, 1979 as a Novice, KA3DOO. I worked my way up the ladder from Novice to Technician (April 1980), Technician to General (August 1981) and General to Advanced Class (September 1982). Then I requested a call sign change and received N3COB. Finally, I upgraded to Extra Class in May 2000.

Since I received my Novice ticket in 1979, I was very active on HF. At that time I lived in a townhouse, operating with indoor dipoles on 10, 15 and 20 meters along with a 40 meter inverted vee draped over the roof of my home. A Drake TR-4C, RV-4C, MS-4 and the AC-4 was my first HF Station. During this time I certainly worked well over 100 countries but never had the QSLs to back it up. I did however work, confirm and receive the WAS award (all CW) prior to upgrading to General Class. In 1985 I moved to Brookeville, Maryland, which for you trivia buffs was the Nation's Capital for ONE DAY; August 14, 1814.

In my first year there, I put up 48 feet of Rohn 25 and a Mosley CL-33 Tribander. My country totals seemed to skyrocket overnight. Within that first year in our new home, with the assistance of the Tribander, I easily had my first 100 QSL cards checked, and received my DXCC mixed award. Currently I have over 300 countries worked and over 280 confirmed. This includes DXCC on Ten Meters, WAS, WAC and WAZ. I have also been active on RTTY for over 12 years and am currently active with the newer PSK31 mode. RTTY is my most enjoyable mode of operating. I started with a Microlog AIR-1 and the Commodore C-64. I then graduated to a Microlog ATR6800 Terminal with a DT-600 TU.

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My current station equipment consists of a Kenwood TS850SAT, Heathkit SB220 Amp and a Pulstar ATK2 Tuner. The audio equipment consists of an Audio Technica AT2020 Studio Microphone, Personus V2 Preamp and theBehringer DSP1124P Feedback Destroyer w/Parametric Equalizer. The antennas here are a Cushcraft AV-3 Ground Mount Vertical and an 80 Meter Carolina Windom at just over 95 feet (30 meters).

My latest acquisition is a great little rig. The HB-1B QRP Transceiver from YOUKITS. Purchased from TenTec, it's an unbelievable piece of gear. It has the footprint of a QSL Card, weighs 14 oz. without batteries and transceives on 4 bands; 80, 40, 30 and 20 meters. It receives 3.2 through 16 MHz and you can select from USB, LSB and CW modes (it only transmits CW). Based on DC power input the transmit power is typically about 5 watts. It also has a 30-frequency memory and built-in electronic keyer with selectable speed control. It allows you to store your call sign which is used with the auto CQ you can send from the push of a button. It has adjustable tuning steps plus independent RIT and an adjustable 4-pole crystal filter (400Hz to 3Khz). My current goal is to complete WAS. via QRP. If you hear me on please give me a call.

I'm really enjoying the QRP Sprints each month. Trying to outdo my previous months score each time out is easier said than done but it is fun trying. I look forward to hearing and working you in one of the upcoming NAQCC Sprints. When you have a moment please stop by my QRZ.COM site. Most of what you just read is there but you'll see some additional pictures and information.

