

# 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.

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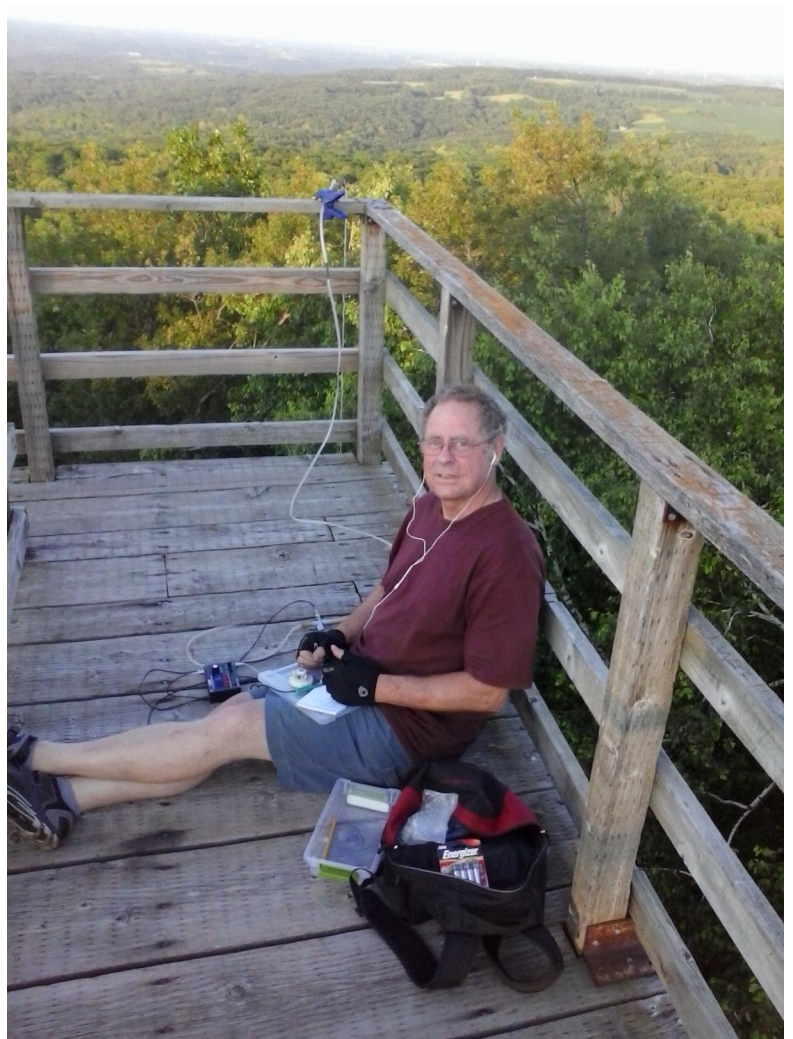
I got started in ham radio because of a high school teacher who latched onto my interest in electronics. His whole station consisted of big glowing homebrew equipment, an awesome sight to my young eyes. I became licensed in 1980 as ZS6BTV. In 1989 I landed in the US, was briefly N5DVF in Texas before moving to Wisconsin and became N9WAY.

My favorite activities in ham radio include QRP portable operation and designing and building antennas (aren't open source USB network analyzers wonderful things!).

My shack radio is an old Kenwood TS-120V (a QRP rig) with a TL-120 linear. For portable operation I use a YouKits HB-1B. Home antenna is a 40m OCF dipole that can be patched to my deck or my shack and portable HF antennas are EFHW radiators with matching sections, aka wire J-poles.

My most memorable QRP QSOs were a pair of unscheduled contacts with Dan, SM5IMO (Sweden) and also a contact with Ewan, N4LMI, who was running 0.2W.

Professionally I am an electronic technician with a background in broadcast TV and R&D. I am not totally one-track minded, after decades of playing only harmonica I am now learning mandolin to play old time and bluegrass music.



N9WAY operating from a fire tower in Blue Mound State Park

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