

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 was introduced to ham radio by my older brother, now a silent key, in the mid-1960's but did not get my basic license until later in life, 1984. I received my advanced license with full privileges in 1987. With the basic license I was restricted to CW but after achieving my advanced status I operated many modes; CW, SSB, and RTTY, with occasional experiments with QRP.

Since 1992, I have been operating almost exclusively on QRP. I work QRP SSB at the 10-watt level when conditions are good. I operate portable from various campgrounds during the summer. [It is too cold up here in the winter for portable operation hi hi.] I am active on 6 Meters with an output of 8 watts as well.

I enjoy designing and building various types of antennas. The current antenna farm consists of a linear loaded vertical for 40M, a multi-band dipole for 30M-10M and a random wire for 80M. My rigs presently consist of a Kenwood TS570D for general use [including QRP], a Kenwood TS50 used mostly for QRP SSB, a Ten-Tec SCOUT set for 5 watts QRP and a Green Mountain GM20 for QRPp when conditions are good. Homebrew accessories include antenna tuners, antenna switches, power meters, keyer paddles and microphones. I have also constructed a few QRP transmitters, including the Mighty Mite and the Twoer. I also collect telegraph keys of various types and vintages.

Although I don't collect wallpaper, I have worked over 100 entities on QRP CW as well as 90 on QRP SSB.

As a new member I have yet to be involved in any club activities but plan to get involved as time permits. I have taken part in QRP contests in the past and enjoyed the challenge.

I am a retired vocational teacher and live in Winnipeg Manitoba with my wife Carol. I have one daughter who lives near Nashville Tennessee and one grand-daughter.

I hope to meet many other members of the club so listen for me on 14.060 or 10.116 most days.

