

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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Greeting to all NAQCC club members from VE5LAND. I started my interest in radio as a short-wave listener. My radio room was in a closet. I would pull up a chair and with earphones on, tune to Voice of America etc. While I was listening, a landline call would come for me and my wife would say "He is in the closet, I'll see if he can come to the phone".

I took amateur radio courses and moved up to 2-meters and enjoyed that for years. I tried CW for many years and finally passed the 12WPM test and received advanced privileges. I fell in love with 10 meters. The 10-meter band was hot in 1990 and I didn't even listen to CW during this time. Then, after many years, my radio buddy was continually beating me in most contests. My plan was to return to CW to get an advantage and it worked. I enjoy CW now too, and mostly do operate CW. If 10 meters is in, that is where you can find me.

I started out in QRP with some portable operating but did not have much success. I belong to FISTS, NAQCC, SKCC, and ARCI. I've operated at the Queen Mary in its Los Angeles dry dock, the Emerald Princess Cruise ship, and the CJ82 Boys Scout Jamboree with close to 300 boy scouts visiting the portable shack. I also operated club station VE5EEE for the 100th anniversary of the city of Prince Albert.

I enjoy some contest work and have worked John K3WWP on 80 meters CW. I mostly work 20 meters, as my signal gets out best there. I spent many years as club president, operated for Civil Air Search & Rescue, the MS bike event and a local triathlon. I made my living as a carpenter. I hope to work more of you with my FT817, HW8, or Icom 7000.

