

# 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'm a fairly recent addition to the Amateur Radio community, getting my Technician license in December of 2012, followed quickly by my General then Extra. I would like to thank all the members of NAQCC for welcoming me to the community and for their patience as I have begun to learn CW.

I have always had an interest in amateur radio, but life was always busy, so I never really pursued it. When my father got his license in 2012, I thought it would be a good way to have a hobby together. This has proven to be true and although he is in California and I'm in Vermont, we are able to connect over this common hobby.

After hearing good things about Elecraft gear, I purchased a KX3, not even really knowing what QRP was, and started my HF journey. One of the best things that happened to me as I entered the hobby was not hearing that life is too short for QRP. I just figured I'd put up a wire and see what happens. In the beginning, it was all SSB and PSK. I was amazed at how far I could get with low power levels. Since then, I've discovered the power of CW and have really enjoyed learning it.

I have always enjoyed the outdoors, and when I discovered Summits on the Air (SOTA), I found the perfect combination of amateur radio, QRP, CW, and hiking. I could not have been happier. It is always fun to see how much can be done with a minimal setup. How many more ounces can be removed from the pack? Do I need a mast and an end-fed or can I make it work with a wire and a tree? The SOTA community has been very welcoming and I have to say a huge thank you to all the chasers who find me and my QRP signal from the top of a mountain, big or little.

In the small amount of time that I have been an active ham, I've met so many great people. Everybody has been always willing to lend a hand, or offer advice, or listen patiently to my erratic dits and dahs. I feel very fortunate to have finally arrived.

