

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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The ham radio bug bit when my father Charles Younger W2ND [SK] built a 2 meter station with a super-regenerative receiver and modulated oscillator transmitter in 1946. We were living in an apartment in Staten Island, N.Y. In early 1947 I built a 117n7 transmitter. Later we moved to River Edge, N.J. There he made several contacts with it using the TV lead in for an antenna.

I got my Novice and Technician license in December 1951 and upgraded to General in 1952. I became somewhat inactive for a few years. Then after getting married and buying a house the bug bit again. Got on the air using a Johnson Ranger and Drake 2B. In 1978 I built an Heathkit HW-8 and got started in QRP and used it to make DXCC. Upgraded to Extra in 1986. Added a Ten-Tec Argonaut 505 to the shack in 1987. Started building kits consisting of 12 transceivers and a 6M transverter.

My current station consists of a Yaesu FT-840 as the main rig and an Oak Hills OHR-500 rig used for homebrew bonus points and for milliwatting. Antennas are a 40m dipole, a 20m roof mounted ground plane, and an end fed wire 110 feet long.

My favorite key is a Signal Electric straight key. Also have several other keys. I have some old tube rigs that get put on the for the Classic Exchange at a station in my cellar. One set is a Harvey-wells TBS-50C xmtr and Hallicrafters S-76 rcvr that was part of my Novice station. Also the Ranger and Drake 2B.

I am retired after working for the phone company for 47 years. My wife and I have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Contesting and chasing DX are favorite activities. Memberships include ARRL, NAQCC, QRPARCI, FISTS, SKCC, and G-QRP

