

Name: George Tippet

Call sign: WB5PKK

Class: Amateur Extra

First License: 1976

Brief Bio:

I am a native of Houma, Louisiana, born in 1952. Houma is a major hub for the oil and gas industry in southeast Louisiana, known for its bayous and waterways.

My wife is from **Suriname**, South America. We enjoy our family of three children and six grandchildren who also live nearby.

I have a degree in Chemistry and am retired from a chemicals manufacturing facility on the Mississippi River that made building block chemicals for graphite composite stealth aircraft.

I have been licensed as a ham since 1976, and I first joined the club in 1976. My “Elmers” were initially the late Jim Verret, K5JKR(sk), followed by Val Chauvin, WY5M. My brother, Dan Tippet, a retired Electrical Engineer for Bell Helicopter who was a ham in his younger years(K5UOH), has always assisted my need for technical support through today. Also, I am grateful for the unwavering moral and technical support of our current Vice-President, Don Bardwell, WA5PRI, from my beginnings as a ham through today.

What I Like about Ham Radio:

Since I’ve always had an interest in science, ham radio immediately appealed to me. I now also cherish the knowledge that after a hurricane, when all other modes of communication fail, Ham Radio gets through. Since there are so many facets of Ham Radio, there is something in it for everyone: from local ragchew to foreign “DX” contact; from basic “wire in a tree” to satellite communications; and from analog to digital communication in many shapes and types, including “Moon Bounce”. Ham Radio is so prevalent throughout the world that even the International Space Station communicates with hams from outer space! Ham Radio is not your Grandpaw’s Ham Radio anymore!

