

My Ham Radio Biography

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My first exposure to amateur radio came while taking the radio merit badge at boy scout camp in 2000. Shortly thereafter, some scouting friends and I formed a venture crew dedicated to ham radio. We operated quite a few contests in the early 00's, including the big NE1C multi/multi WPX SSB operations. I was also afforded the opportunity to be on K2BSA staff at the 2005 National Jamboree in Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. Notable folks from this era include KB1GHC, KX1X, NX1X, KB1ISP, KK1W, WB1Z (sk), and others - far too many to list!

It was through the venture crew that I started operating major contests at the superstation of Dave, K1TTT. I would go on to be a part of many teams there - and still occasionally am. I even won North America single-op in WAE one year, narrowly beating W5WMU (who memorably let me have it on 80m, in good fun of course - now SK). Words can't describe the experience of operating at a well-designed, loud station and I'm thankful for having such access to Dave's place over the years.

The hobby has taken me many places. I spent an interesting few years in Newington at the ARRL DXCC and Contest desks, during which time it was my pleasure to work with a truly talented and caring crew at Headquarters, including KA1RWY, W3IZ, and NN1N. Also around that time I was part of the 8P8T dpxpedition for the ARRL 10m Contest with fellow ARRL staff KI1U and K0BJ; we didn't win, but we did turn an AL-811 into a firecracker and exhausted the supply of tubes on Barbados.

My primary interest has always been HF contesting, and specifically the major DX contests. I'm also a passive DX'er and accidentally achieved 5 Band DXCC. Recently I've been very active on 160m, and you can find me there most evenings/mornings.

Professionally, I now work in commercial real estate, with some focus on the telecommunications industry. As you might imagine, my lifelong interest in radio had something to do with that!

My parents (Dad is K1FWM but usually inactive) were incredibly tolerant of my hobby growing up, and allowed me to build a tower and literally hundreds of [successful, unsuccessful, impractical] antennas over the years! Without their high degree of patience, I simply wouldn't be involved today.

I was fortunate in 2018 to finally move to an antenna friendly home in Western Mass and have begun building a real station. I look forward to adding the next chapter here soon. Until then, gud DX and pass me a mult!