

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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I was first licensed as WN3FNT in Greenville, WPA in 1966 as a 15 year old freshman in high school. I have also held the following calls over the years: WA3JDT, WB8FAR, WD8BRF, N8CMZ [27 years], and now N8QE. I have held Extra Class since August 2007.

My first love in ham radio is operating 6 & 10 Meter QRP SSB/CW because antennas are minimal, and those bands are lots of fun to operate low power. I am also very active on PSK31 on 10 & 20 meters with a Tigertronics USB Interface. Current station features Yaesu FT-2000 and Yaesu FT-817 Transceivers with an Alpha Delta DX-EE 40M - 10M fan dipole in the backyard on my small city lot, and stacked KU4AB Square Horizontals on 6M and 2M. I also have the EF-10/20/40 EndFedz Dipole and Outbacker Joey Vertical for QRP portable operations. I have qualified for WAS & DXCC, and have about 209 countries worked.

Currently, I am the 2nd Year Trustee for the Portage County Amateur Radio Service in Ravenna, Ohio which is a very active ham radio club in my area with their main goal is to have fun with amateur radio. The current picture is Myself - N8QE in the forefront, and Ed - K8IV in the background having fun, and operating the "Freeze Your Acorns Off" QRP contest last February in Kent, Ohio. I also belong to the following Ham Radio Groups: QRP-ARCI #3014, 10-10 International #55415, SMIRK #6760, QCWA #33362, Flying Pigs QRP #1795, and EPC #3048 plus the ARRL and Portage County Ohio ARES in addition to the NAQCC. I am an active Volunteer Examiner, and Technician / General Class Instructor for PCARS.

I hold an Electrical Engineering degree from Youngstown State University. I retired after 33 years with the General Electric Company in March 2007 from their Lighting Business Group where I finished my career as

Manager - Manufacturing Engineering & Product Quality HID. I returned from my early retirement a couple years later to work for DX Engineering in a Technical / Sales Support role in Tallmadge, Ohio since March 2009 working at a great job in the ham radio hobby I have loved for the past 47 years.

My wife, Tina, and I have been married for 36 years with two great kids, Joe who now lives and works in Orlando, FL after graduating with a Marketing Degree from Kent State University, and Helen who is a Senior at The University of Akron majoring in Mathematics and Education, and has been accepted into their Masters Degree program. We currently live in Tallmadge, Ohio which is a suburb of Akron, Ohio.

