

## Spotlight – Chuck Johnson WA7JOS

Chuck Johnson WA7JOS got in to amateur radio in 1968 while attending Skyview High School in Smithfield, Utah. His electronics teacher was a ham radio operator, and there was an amateur radio club station at the school. Eventually, Chuck had upgraded to an Advanced amateur radio class license, and today holds an Extra-class license.

After graduating high school, Chuck attended Utah State College in Logan, where he received an Electrical Engineering degree. While there, he met his wife Arlene. The two have 7 grown children, 3 girls and 4 boys.

Wife Arlene is KD7IZC, and also has her Extra-class license. Three of their sons also have their amateur radio licenses. In all, there are 16 licensed amateurs in Chuck's extended family.



Chuck's first job after college was repairing two-way radios, and he held that job for 5 years. Later, he became a design engineer for Broadcast Television Systems, and held that job for 24 years. The company, which has changed names many times, started as Telemation, an offshoot of KUTV channel 2. They manufacture products for television studios including routing switches.

Around 1976, Chuck became a member of UARC. Years later when Lon Stuart WM7E was the editor of *Microvolt*, Chuck was the Braille editor. Chuck copied a Braille version of *Microvolt* onto a floppy disk and sent it to the Utah State Library for the Blind. That was so cool, because it allowed us to get *Microvolt* in Braille.

In 1995 Chuck was elected UARC Treasurer, and he's been the UARC treasurer for 28 years, retiring from that position only last fall. Chuck has been a fantastic bookkeeper, and as a result, we've never been in the hole. He has always made sure that we had enough money when we wanted to start on a project.

Field Day is Chuck's favorite activity in amateur radio; in fact, he has never missed a Field Day since he became a licensed amateur. It all started when their children were small. Arlene and Chuck would take their children and spend the week at Payson Lakes to make sure that UARC had secured its location. Even though the club has a permit, it might not get its desired spot because it's essentially first-come, first served.

Now that their children are grown, Chuck and Arlene still go up the Tuesday before Field Day to secure our spot. From his first Field Day, Chuck has always been there to set up beforehand and take down afterwards.



There are several ways UARC can make points during Field Day, and hosting an educational activity earns 100 points for the club. For that, Chuck has taught classes such as soldering, antennas, and CW during Field Day throughout the years. He also enjoys attending the Annual Steak Fry, which he has never missed since becoming a member. Chuck wants to encourage more members to participate in activities such as the Steak Fry, Field Day, and other activities throughout the year. Chuck is a true elmer who likes to help others whenever he can.

*Chuck, we appreciate all of the contributions you have made over the years to UARC and amateur radio!*

*Linda Reeder N7HVF*