

Spotlight – Jerry Bergosh KK7OXD

Jerry first became interested in amateur radio when he was in junior high, but other interests left him little time for study or licensing, so he left radio on the shelf. He also had an interest in rocks, so after graduating from high school, Jerry attended Penn State where he pursued his interest in geology. After graduation, he landed a job in Alaska, working for an oil company.

One day, Jerry received a call about openings with an oil company in Salt Lake City that interested him, so he moved here in 1978 to take the job. Because the job called for a week in the office for every three spent in the field, Jerry felt that it was the perfect move, since he loves the deserts, mountains, and skiing.



Jerry retired several years ago with several things on his bucket list that he wanted to pursue. One of his interests involved emergency preparedness. He signed up with the local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class and became certified. One of Jerry's CERT instructors was an amateur radio operator, and from him Jerry learned the importance of good communication in emergencies, and decided to get licensed. He received his Technician license in 2023 and obtained his General ticket in 2024.

Jerry checks in with some of his neighbors for a weekly simplex net. His equipment includes a Yaesu FT-991A and another radio for 2 meters / 70 cm. He is considering the purchase of a Yaesu HT as well. Jerry still enjoys going to the deserts and mountains, where he finds comfort in taking a radio along for safety. He also enjoys satellite communication and meeting new people on the radio.

Jerry's other interests include rescuing and training bloodhounds for emergency rescue, long-distance running, skiing and bicycle racing.

Jerry is currently the secretary-treasurer of the Salt Lake Crossroads Amateur Radio Club, helping James Bennett KK7AVS with the club repeaters. He is also a member of MARC (Murray Amateur Radio Club), the ARRL, and the Utah VHF Society.

Jerry, we wish you all the best!

– 73 de Linda Reeder, N7HVF

