

Spotlight – Kris Gainsforth KBØSTG

Kris has been active in amateur radio for over thirty years. While working at Radio Shack, he was intrigued by the idea of a box and a wire that could allow him to talk with just about anybody in the world. Kris was living in northeast Nebraska when he took the Technician Class ham radio exam, and passed it on his third attempt. Fast-forward, Kris passed his General Class license in 2023, and today wants to become a VE (volunteer examiner) to [pay it forward](#), and help others get licensed.

The fact that amateur radio was integrated with [SKYWARN](#) kept Kris interested in the craft, and served as a spotter for several years. This basically meant being on dirt roads in the middle of the country and reporting any tornado activity to Net Control.

In 1998, while working at Radio Shack, Kris met his wife Tammy, who was also employed there. They now have three kids. In 2018, new job opportunities brought his family to Herriman, Utah, where he heard about UARC while scanning the repeaters on his handheld radio.

Kris currently serves as president of the [Mountain View Amateur Radio Club](#) (N7MVC) in Herriman. Their club held both Summer and Winter Field Days, their Winter Field Day at Riverton High School, where they operated for six hours, and their summer Field Day running four stations at Crane Park in Herriman, from noon to 10 pm. They ran four stations, including SSB, CW, and digital, for a total of 225 contacts. Their fall activity was a POTA (Parks on the Air) activation. Kris also creates training programs for their club meetings.

Kris is a member of the [Long Island CW Club](#), the Mountain View Amateur Radio Club, UARC, the Utah VHF Society, the [Murray Amateur Radio Club](#), and the [Taylorsville Amateur Radio Club](#). He also enjoys 3-D printing, video games, and software development. Kris says that he wants everybody to know about amateur radio, and is willing to talk with anybody who shows an interest.

Thank you, Kris, for your dedicated service and commitment in the ham radio community.

– 73, Linda Reeder N7HVF

