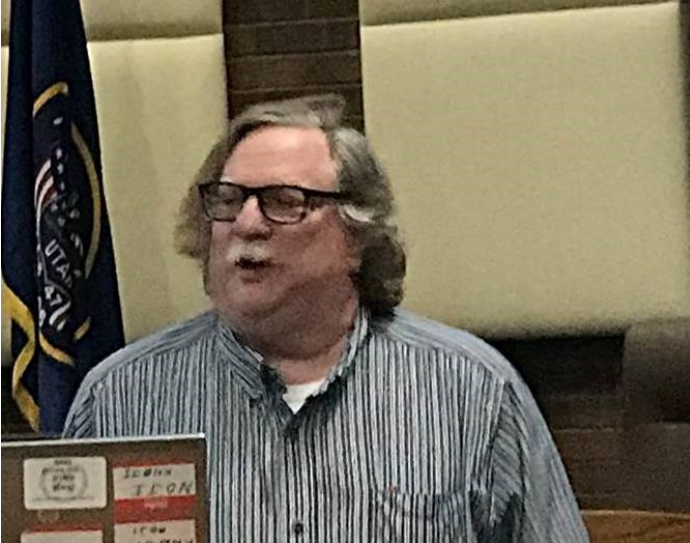


Silent key– Mickey Applebaum KE7NZA

Fellow ham, club member, and good friend Michael “Mickey” Applebaum KE7NZA passed away on 22 February 2023 at age 66. Many people remember Mickey as the [UtahSAG](#) promoter, always keeping us informed about upcoming opportunities to serve in SAG (support and gear) endurance bicycle events. In fact, he got involved in amateur radio only after his wife, an avid cyclist, talked Mickey into helping out with a SAG event, and he witnessed ham radio in ac-



After volunteering, and then co-hosting shows on KRCL Radio (Salt Lake City), Mickey hosted his own late-night radio show on KRCL for fifteen years. So, he was no stranger to the workings of radio when he started helping out with SAG events. When friends Danny Fullerton KC7RUF, Garth Wiscombe W7PS, and JJ Wallace KE7GHK encouraged Mickey to take the



plunge, he did, and passed both Technician and General. Later, Mickey attended Noji's Extra course and right afterwards passed the Extra exam.

Recently, Mickey has had to endure several surgeries, some of which included his back. The latest surgery caused him to take a break from SAG promotions, club attendance, and other activities that took him out of his home. It was during a rehabilitation session with physical therapy that Mickey slipped away.

[His obituary](#) was sparsely populated at the time of this writing, but [his QRZ page](#) has more details of his life history. Also, once Garth announced Mickey's passing online, numerous people added their condo-



Elisabeth Barry KJ7MEB and Mickey at ARES

lences, repeating the fact that he was one of the most dedicated people they knew, and that he'll be sorely missed. Many had mentioned that Mickey was the reason they got into ham radio in the first place. Others say that they were privileged to have worked with him.

Mickey was a regular attendee at the UARC monthly meetings when health permitted, and was often seen helping people program their radios. Mickey now joins [his sweetheart Barbara](#), who passed away ten years previous.

73, and rest in peace, good friend.