

Spotlight – Robert Gunnell KI7FUJ

It was through an interest in electronics that Robert Gunnell KI7FUJ first learned about amateur radio. He studied by taking practice tests on the internet. In July 2016, Robert received his Technician-class license during the [Great Salt Lake Hamfest](#) at the Salt Lake Community College campus in Sandy, and he's currently studying for his General-class license.

He says he's fascinated with how amateur radio has evolved, from only Morse code to voice, and now digital modes. Robert said when handhelds first came out, they were heavy, but now you can put one in your pocket and enjoy EchoLink and digital at your fingertips. Today, he owns a Yaesu handheld radio and a Kenwood base that has 6 meters, 2 meters, and 70 centimeters. He enjoys listening to far-away stations, and is looking forward to getting his General-class license so he can also talk with them on all the bands.

Robert enjoys helping people with antenna projects and giving presentations for ham radio clubs, and has even given a couple for UARC. In one presentation, Robert explained how to use handheld multimeters and how to troubleshoot electronic problems. Vicki Chaplin KI7PQR was so impressed with Robert's presentation that she built her own continuity tester using capacitors, resistors, and whatever else she could find around the house, even a speaker. She showed it off at homebrew night to Robert's credit, which was cool. In [another club presentation](#), Robert taught us about soldering irons, solder, and soldering methods.



Robert holds a Bachelor of Science in electronics, which he received at Utah Technical College. He's currently the owner and manager of [Standard Supply Electronics](#), buying, selling, and evangelizing electronic parts and supplies. Robert enjoys golfing, camping, skiing, and snowboarding. He and his wife Christine have one son. Robert's a member of both UARC and a the [Davis County Amateur Radio Club](#).

Robert, we wish you the best in all of your endeavors and the best of luck getting your General-class license!

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