

Spotlight – Russ Long KK7QQO

Russell "Russ" Long KK7QQO first became interested in ham radio over 30 years ago. He's enjoyed listening to scanners and shortwave radio. His older brother Ken, N7FIV (now SK) had his Extra Class license, and kept encouraging Russ to get into the hobby, but Russ never got his amateur radio license because he had a hard time with Morse code.

This past January, Russ's friend who shared a common interest in Boy Scouts and wood carving mentioned that he was renewing his amateur radio license. Russ told his friend about his frustration over not being able to pass the "code" requirement needed to get licensed, but when his friend told him that the "code" was no longer required, Russ decided to take the plunge.



He started studying in earnest, and passed the test at the end of January 2024. Russ took his exam remotely, administered by the Last Frontier Amateur Radio Society in Kodiak, Alaska.

Once he obtained his technician license Russ became active in VHF and UHF. He's now a member of ARRL, UARC, the Taylorsville ARC, Utah VHF Society, and regularly participates in the Crossroads Social Net Monday through Friday. He's made several friends in ham radio and learned a lot during the past 3 months.

This past June, Russ upgraded to General Class, and the timing couldn't be better. Recently, he purchased a new radio that allowed him get on HF and he began experimenting with different antennas. He now has bragging rights to a contact with a DXpedition on Easter Island.

Russ has worked for several companies as a software developer, but is now retired. He and his wife Paula have a son, a daughter and 3 grandchildren. Russ says his wife is very supportive of him.



He enjoys wood carving and photography, is active in his church and enjoys meeting people.

73, Russ. We wish you the best in all you do!

73, Linda Reeder N7HVF

