

Spotlight – Stan Sjol WØKP

Stan is an elmer's elmer. A stalwart in the OARC ([Ogden Amateur Radio Club](#)) for many years, he's very generous with his time and skills, and has reached out to include everyone who asks his assistance.

At the December 2023 OARC Christmas Party, we identified Stan as "Grandfather Elmer" due to his encouragement of Teresa Haymaker N4MBA to become the first net control operator for our YL net. Teresa, in turn, has been encouraging and elmering the ladies on the net who are now elmers-in-the-making.

Additionally, he keeps up our club *Ham and Eggs Net* going each Tuesday evening, often covering for other net control operators as needed. He knows us well enough that often he can pick up multiple call signs out of a pileup of check-ins by recognizing partial call signs or the voice of the operator.

Stan's an expert at radio and equipment repair. It's well known in the club that if you need equipment looked at, Stan will dig into it and discover what's wrong. He'll also repair the equipment if possible (99% success rate). He loves seeing many radios and getting to play with them while working on them. Beyond radio and equipment repair, Stan assists operators with antenna installations, programming HTs, and patiently and kindly answering every imaginable question from new hams.

Stan lives in an HOA and thus has 8 or 9 antennas in his attic. He loves to tinker with antennas to try them out, measure results, and gain personal knowledge about what works best in his environment. To his credit, Stan has a great relationship with the HOA president who lives next door and who has allowed him to put up an antenna between their houses.



His influence within the club has been manifest by hosting field day multiple years at his ranch in Hooper (prior to his move), mentoring small groups for T-hunts over many years, designing the Golden Spike QSL card for 2018 and 2019. He's always stepping up to advance the hobby, encourage new operators, support the club, and setting the bar high for the approach and demeanor of an elmer's elmer.

Stan, we are all better operators and just better folks because of our association with you. We'll try to follow your inviting and welcoming example to pay forward what we've received from you.

73, Craig Howe WØVRM