

My Shack

Highlighting the shack (ham equipment and room) of a member, to give others an idea of the possibilities that might work for them



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My interest in radio started back in 6th grade when the principal in my middle school wanted to start a low-power AM radio station to broadcast the daily announcements as well as music at lunch time. Unfortunately, he was more enthusiastic about the project than was the school board, who refused to fund it. I had started studying for a radio license, and when I realized that wasn't really possible, I looked into amateur radio. However, I got scared off by the Morse code requirement and didn't really pursue it.

Over the years, I regained an interest and looked once more into amateur radio, but there was always that Morse code requirement, and I was busy with work and a family. When my children were older, and I found out that I didn't need to know CW anymore, I finally took a class and got my license. Since that time, I have studied for and earned my Amateur Extra license. I have also taken several CW academy classes and now regularly listen to CW.

I don't do much on HF because a wind storm blew down my mast about the same time I had a "medical incident" (I can tell you what it is like to have Life Flight hoist you off of Mt. Timpanogos) and it hasn't been a priority to get it back up in the air. I do enjoy supporting ultra marathons and bicycle races and usually get out to four or five events each year. To support those, I have steadily acquired a collection of 2-meter and 70-cm rigs. The main ones that I use are a Kenwood TM-D710GA, a Yaesu FT-857D, and a BTECH UV-25X in my truck. I also have an FT-60R as my main HT, but have picked up some Baofeng HTs as good deals along the way.



I am mainly active in UCARES but also participate in TERT (Timpanogos Emergency Response Team) and UVARC as much as my schedule will allow. My favorite events are the ones where I can get out into nature and test my ability to transmit, and those where I am doing community service, like parades and fireworks.

I like getting on the radio and rag chewing, but now that I mostly work from home I don't talk as much as I used to. I have met some really great people whom I consider the salt of the earth through radio.

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