

I was first licensed as a Novice in July of 1994, upgrading to Extra and my present call in 1998. Through my junior high school ham club and elmer K2HVN, I learned about contesting by participating in the Novice Roundup, School Club Roundup, and actually participated in my first Field Day before my license had even arrived in the mail. DXing and award chasing followed shortly after. Not having an HF station of my own at that time, I did some guest operating from other people's stations for Sweepstakes, and participated in yearly Field Days and the occasional multiop contest throughout the mid to late 1990's. I went off to college after that and missed the sunspot cycle peak around 2000.

After college (and the good solar conditions) ended, I became active again in late 2003 and began relearning the contest game from my own small station (finally!). I entered any contest I could for the next few years while working on my DXCC totals. My best achievement during this rebuilding period was finishing first in the single op, low power category during the 2006 SS CW for the NLI section.

I moved to upstate New York in 2006 and joined the FU Crew in 2007, and have been a consistent participant at the station since then. My first contest with the crew was the ARRL DX CW in 2007, where I operated 20 meters with N2PP and learned a whole bunch. I have stayed primarily on 20 meters since then during the multi-multi operations, but have operated all bands at times during various contests. I've been fortunate to operate on 20 meters with some great operators like N2PP, K2SSS and K8FC over the years.

Through the years of operating with the FU Crew, I have learned a whole new world of contest technique, operating strategy, and station design that I never would have even discovered on my own. It truly has been a thrilling experience to be part of the team, and there is nothing else that could possibly compare to operating a world class station with other excellent operators! I'm proud to have been part of several new records and #1 USA finishes in CQWW, ARRL DX, NAQP, and Sweepstakes, in addition to numerous section and division awards.

I have also operated over the years at other great stations, such as N2WK, K2NNY, W2CCC, and numerous Field Days as W2RDX and W2GSB. I have also operated three contest DXpeditions with the calls V31AM, PZ5RO, and PJ4J.

I was part of the team that resurrected the NY QSO Party in 2009, and spent two years checking logs and keeping everyone honest. Even though I am no longer serving in that capacity, I do participate in the NYQP each year as a mobile entry, and plan to continue to do so in the future.

I am a current member of the North Coast Contesters and the Rochester DX Association, and am a past member of the Long Island DX Association and the YCCC.