

## **Randy Altona: HAM Radio Biography, Short Version**

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I was licensed as a Technician in 2016, General Class in 2019, and Amateur Extra class in August 2020. I have worked in various technical fields since 1970 encompassing everything from telecommunications to software developer. As soon as I was licensed, I joined ARRL to start receiving the QST magazine and to learn the finer points of the Amateur Radio culture. Shortly after joining ARRL I joined WAARC to be able to have a more personal contact with other HAMs. As time went on and seeing the club potential, I started to become more involved with its activities. My excitement over time has influenced my daughter, grand-daughter and Patti (my eXtremely Youthful Lady) to become HAM operators. Along the way, I have also influenced others to become licensed. I joined the WAARC training team to assist in teaching future HAM operators. I also became and participated in being a Volunteer Examiner.

I have been active on Coffee and Radio net utilizing the 2m band, occasionally a net control. I also use the 70cm band on occasion as well as using my IC-7300 on SSB and FT-8. I have participated in all of this year's Special Events Field Days, onsite and remotely.

If there is one thing that I have learned about being an Amateur HAM Radio Operator is that the more you know, the more you don't know.