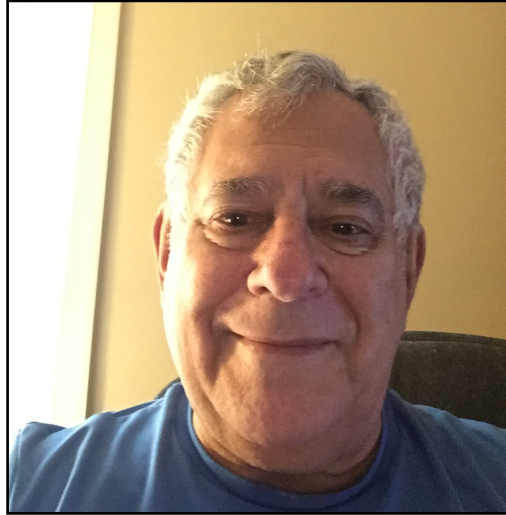


MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Each month one of our members is randomly selected and asked to share their ham radio biography with all of us. Questions or comments should go to Paul, KD2MX.

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PHIL BARSKY, K3EW, #9479

I am an avid DXer and DXpedition chaser, mainly on CW; very active in SKCC Sprints and contests, and NAQCC Sprints. This May, I will be celebrating 60 years in the best hobby on earth. As a result of a SKCC QRP-themed Weekend Sprint in 2018, I got the QRP bug and joined NAQCC and became active in NAQCC Sprints.

I was originally licensed at age 13 in 1959 as WV2FUL. Living in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, NY, my Dad, WA2FRW (SK) had an upstairs HF Shack and my Brother-in Law, WA2ARS (SK) had a 6-Meter shack in a downstairs apartment. All three of us got our licenses at the behest of my Uncle Lee, W3FRM.

I upgraded to Technician in 1959 and became WA2FUL. In 1960, I passed the General Class test and the Amateur Extra in 1969 before QSYing to HL Land.

I was an US Army Signal Corps Officer in South Korea, commissioned in 1968 when I graduated from CCNY. I retired as Lt Col in 1995 after 27 years service (2 years active duty and 25 years in the US Army Reserves as a Signal Officer with many varied communications and logistics assignments).

I operated as HL9UZ during 1969-70 from 30 miles north of Quijongbu, near the DMZ with ICORPS Artillery using a Swan 350C and 2-Element Triband Mosley Quad.

Since then, I've lived in a few different QTHs. I operated from 1970-73 from Queens NY and 1973-77 from Commack NY, mainly on 10/15 meters as WA2FUL. I changed my call to K3EW in 1977, and operated from 1977-84 while residing in Randallstown, MD. From 1984-2000 I resided in Rockland County, NY from 1000' ASL QTH. Finally I QSYed to Montgomery County MD in 2000, and presently

reside in an unincorporated part of Montgomery County, near Gaithersburg, MD, adjoining Seneca Creek State Park (with many tall trees).

I was off the air from 1998 until 2013 due to travel and full-time client-based assignments from my Engineering Management/Marketing Consulting Business. I had formed my own System Engineering Management/ Marketing Consulting Firm in 1989, which was very successful in guiding and leading clients' program teams to multiple very large US Government Contracts. Prior to that I worked as a System Engineering/Program/Marketing Manager for many Aerospace firms including Grumman (Test Equipment Analog Designer), Chesapeake Instruments (Sonar Analog Designer and Engineering/Project Manager), Diagnostic Retrieval Systems (Shipboard Displays- Engineering/Project Manager and Program Manager). I led many successful multi-\$100M competitive proposal efforts for my employers.

Jim W3NRJ got me back on the air in 2013 by installing my 160-meter loop.

In 2015, I got to operate from Montserrat as VP2MEW as part of a DXpedition with Rick AI5P and Jim W3NRJ at Gingerbread Hill. I've also led a small group of HF enthusiasts in very successful and competitive 3A Field Day entry for many years, and before that was FD coordinator for Montgomery Amateur Radio Club, MD.

My current rig is a TS590S and a steerable 160-meter Horizontal Loop antenna, due to the ability to use of either of two feed points. The loop is 540 feet long and up 65 feet in the trees. I use an old EF Johnson KW Matchbox to effectively match and load antenna on all bands from 10-80 meters. (The antenna was designed and built by Jim Locke W3NRJ, my wire antenna expert and Elmer.)

My Pride and Joy is my Bunnell all-brass straight key. I obtained it at Dayton three years ago for under \$40. It is my main key for NAQCC and SKCC operations. I also have a recently obtained Vibroplex Original Chrome version from another SKCCer who kept it in pristine condition. I'm still trying to get my BUG fist back after not using one for 30 years (Went to keyer in the mid 80's). My collection includes my Uncle's Navy J-38 style key as well as my old Speed-X key.



Besides ham radio, I am still an avid bicyclist and a volunteer docent on the Tow Path of the C&O Canal National Historic Park. I have been married for 50 years to my teenage sweetheart and we have two sons, one a Health Care Lawyer and Senior vested partner at a DC Law Firm, and the other a Board Certified Prosthodontist with his practice in the Miami, FL area. We have three teenage granddaughters and one 10-year-old grandson. I'm an intermediate downhill skier, mainly with the grandkids and two sons and also a three-times-a-week gym rat (gotta keep them joints well oiled). Finally, I am VP of Programs and Treasurer for the City College of NY Alumni Assn, Washington DC Chapter.

