

Tom was licensed in 1987 after being introduced to amateur radio by his father-in-law, Felix Kubik, W9MRK. He quickly moved to an Advanced class license and focus his energy on packet network systems and HF DXing.

In 1998, the contest bug hit Tom and he focused his station on HF contesting. With no amplifier and limited antennas, Tom spent most of his time on CW contests where lower power allowed for better scoring.

Today, his HF station consists of Flex 6700 radio with an SPE Expert 1.3K-FA amplifier, a multiband dipole for 20 through 10 meters up 25 feet and a 43' foot vertical with 40+ ground radials.

Tom works as a systems engineer for an inventory and asset tracking company. He travels extensively around North America to many of the customer factories and warehouses. His expertise is in RFID based tracking systems design. As a frequent speaker on the topic, Tom is recognized as an industry expert and consistently speaks at Promat, Modex, WERC conferences and events.

His other hobby is bike riding. Tom can be found around the trails of the Chicago area riding his recumbent trike. He participates and is the company lead on the Tour de Cure diabetes charity ride, building a team of 15 – 20 yearly to actively raise money for the event.

As a former ice hockey player and referee, Tom spent many years coaching youth hockey teams, ages 6 – 19 years. His coaching included girls and boys' teams. Many of his former players have evolved into College Division 1 players, with some achieving USA National Team status. Besides hockey, Tom is an avid Rugby fan, attending many International Test matches held in the US for Ireland and New Zealand team.

Tom lives in Schaumburg with his wife of 32 years and his adult aged children who all continue to live in the Chicagoland area.