

K1NKX – Tim

Tim was first licensed in 2015. His long time friend Mark-KD8NKX encouraged him to study and test for Technician and General class at the same time, which Tim did and passed. Sadly, Mark went SK a month or so before then so in Mark's memory Tim adopted part of Mark's call and shortly before passing the exam for Amateur Extra in 2019 he was granted K1NKX.

He served 28 years in the US Air Force's 101st Air Refueling Wing -The MAINEiacs- and retired in 2005 as an E-7, Master Sargent. During that time he became an avid DIYer, participating in several home builds and is currently building his own little slice of heaven.

After retirement he got interested in Ham as a survivalist/prepper, but quickly caught the HF bug and hopped onto the slippery slope and lacking a home QTH he quickly set up a mobile shack and operated on 40m & 20m as well as 2m with 2 rigs and 3 antennas. While rolling mobile he enjoyed some success with DXs all over Europe. Being a DIYer, Tim also got interested in building antennas, with the first one being a ZS6BKW dipole while visiting family (and in lock down) in South Africa. The antenna was a great success and Tim had QSOs all over S. Africa and neighboring countries using his SA elmer's (ZS6LH- Lukas) spare radio.

Tim is now in his temporary (Winter) QTH Operating with: TS 440 S/AT, PS-50 and an MC-60 mic, all of which are in perfect working order. He hopes to have a new cord on an older Astatic D-104 G soon and is running barefoot through an EFHW antenna.

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