John was first licensed in 1979, but let his advanced class license expire in 2012 (KD4RY). He renewed his interest in amateur radio again at the beginning of 2020. He currently holds an Extra class license.

His main shack consists of a Icom 7610, Mercury IIIS solid state 1.2 KW Amp, with an OCF dipole at about 18 feet. He lives in an HOA so there is a serious effort to hide the antennas.

