

Mike was first introduced to magic of radio while listening to a floor model tube radio in his paternal grandparents farmstead in Cashion's Glen, Ontario, Canada. Radio became a prime focus after his father Jim Cashion brought home a crystal radio when Mike was 7 years old. He still remembers his dad helping him set up the long wire at the family farm and hearing static from the aether for the first time. He was hooked.

His first real shortwave radio was a Hallicrafters 5R10A financed by his mother (Francoise) when he was 10 years old. He still has the little rig and this started him down the path of acquiring and operating as many radios as he possibly can before he dissociates into a scattered cloud of electrons and other less useful particulate matter hi hi. Decades of listening to Ionospheric static and the magic of propagation via radio station WWV led him to becoming a physicist. WWV is still his favourite radio station ...

After more than 50 years of listening to shortwave stations and amateur radio operators via many boat anchors, he finally acquired his Canadian Advanced amateur radio operators licence in the summer of 2020. He is still enamoured with his Hallicrafters S40, Radio Shack DX-160, Hallicrafters SX-100, Hammarlund HQ-129, Hammarlund SP-600, Hammarlund HQ-145, and TMC GPR-90RX. Like many of you, he cannot resist electronic test equipment nor the nostalgic desire to own radio's he lusted after as a teenager.

His current transceiver is a Yaesu FT-990. A Yaesu FT-2000 (along with several other ham radio's) mysteriously appeared in the shack recently much to the chagrin of his XYL. The investigation into this rare phenomenon is ongoing. Primary antenna is an Alpha Delta DXCC dipole at $h = 45$ [feet] ~ 14 [meters]. Other antennae include longwire(s), receiving and measuring loops, a small radio telescope, and miscellaneous ongoing Frankenstein like electromagnetic wave projects. He also enjoys experimenting with frequency selective

level meters. His radio room and physics laboratory are an ongoing experiment in disorder of the entropic kind.