

After 30 years of 11m, Chris received his Canadian Ham License as a Basic with Honours (Equivalent to General) in June 2017. Made his debut as a Ham on field day 2017 which was featured in Canadian Amateur Magazine, when he nearly missed the birth of his second child, Caleb (who earned the nickname Cq) while working to, get their station back on the air after power blackout. He was bitten by the field operations bug and wrote his Canadian Advanced License (Extra Equivalent) in mid August 2017. After completing a Wireless Telecommunications Post Graduate Degree at Humber College in Toronto, Canada 2014, Chris moved west to Calgary, Alberta where he took up work as an Aerial Technician, and was responsible for installing cellular, microwave, and radio systems for several Canadian cellular carriers, tower companies, as well as in remote Oil Drilling Camps throughout Alberta and British Columbia.

Chris's personal interests and hobbies include fishing, ATV'ing, boating, raising poultry, micro farming, riding his Harley, dx'ing and dxpeditioning. In just over a year Chris has put off several activation's and special events including VD1BOOM, VD105A, CY1R, VD1A, 6Y5IDX, and will be a member of the LX7I Contest Team for the CQWW RTTY contest in September 2018 where he will also be operating as VO1DX/LX, and also in January 2019 as VO1DX/KH6 during a family vacation to Hawaii. Chris is also one of the events directors for SONRA and quite often operates Signal Hill (VO1AA), the site where Guglielmo Marconi received the very first Trans-Atlantic Wireless Message in December 1901 and just recently organized a SKED Qso with Princess Elettra Marconi (Marconi's Daughter) at KM1CC from the very historic location.

Chris is retired and fortunately his wife is supportive of his hobby. Chris's current shack consists of a Flex 6300 with a Mosely Pro57b 7 element 5 band Yagi on a HAM IV Rotor controlled by a Green Heron RC-21 Controller which sits on a 44 foot HD Titan tower. Alternate Antennas include a Beefed Up G5RV with WA1FFL Ladder loads and a 1:1 Balun at the feed point, and Cushcraft R5. All is fed into an Elecraft KAT500 tuner and KPA500 Amp. Other gear includes FT817nd for portable ops with a homebrew rapid deploy vertical, arrow antenna for satellite roving, and an FT991 and IC7300 for dxpeditioning.