John has been a Ham since the age 14,licensed novice as WN8OKA (1964). He then became WA8OKA through Technician,General,and Advanced. Changed to vanity call sign W8JER in 2005. He married Michele (Micky) in 2014 on Valentines day on the beach, at Panama City Beach FL.

Her Extra class callsign is KE8ASK ? ASK? Must be someone with a sense of humor at the FCC! He had to keep up with her and joined the Extra Class ranks, same time as she.

John has been continuously licensed from his initial novice ticket to the present day,

spanning 55+ years at the time of this writing.

John's Amateur license was going to expire while serving with the US Army in DiAn South Vietnam.

He had to have his Commanding Officer certify that he could NOT perform the required logging and operator time, for renewal, while in a Combat Zone.(1970)