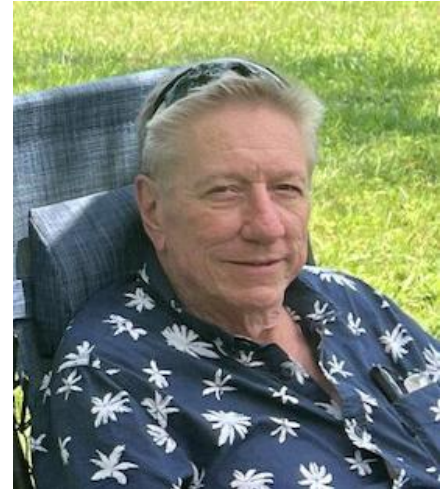


## July 2025 Focus of the Month – Max Phipps – AA5KK

Max Phipps AA5KK is our focus ham club member this month. What a cute and symmetrical call sign, Max! Great for CW, too — dit-dah dit-dah dit dit dit dit dah-dit-dah dah-dit-dah. I love it! (It sure beats your first call sign: WB5VCO)

Max, whose first name is Donnie, was licensed in 1974 when his high school electronics teacher helped him and 2 other friends get their ham licenses. Max is an active member of our club and we are glad to have him, his winning personality and his ham radio knowledge! Get to know him when you get a chance. Talk his ear off.

Max has a renewed interest in CW and has joined the North American QRP CW Club — the NAQCC. Cool! I'd never heard of it and am interested in looking into it myself.



Max likes learning all the different aspects of our hobby and is especially interested in emergency communications. He likes the camaraderie in our club — a common feature we all seem to like.

He is running a 7300 Icom and a 705. It feeds an AH tuner into 130 feet of wire up and over a tree in his back yard. He also has a bunch (and I mean “a bunch”— see the picture) of handhelds. He says it's getting a little ridiculous— he has more than pictured!!

Max's logbook on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) reveals that he has been making contacts using SSB, FT8 and CW — ta dah!!! — mostly on 20 meters. He has contacted Italy and Canada, too. Go, Max!

