

September 2024 Focus of the Month

Don Levstik – WD5JBC



Don Levstik WD5JBC was fascinated by electronics and pursued many aspects of the hobby. Radio was the next step and he found it was the best way to get first-hand experience. He became an Amateur Radio Operator in 1978 when he received his Advanced Class License. This license has been discontinued (while still valid) but it fell between the General Class and the Extra Class and required passing a CW test at 13 words per minute. Good job, Don!

Don is in our club because he likes associating with people having a like-minded interest and is always eager to learn and try something new. He appreciates our club because there's always someone to

help with any question or problem. He is glad to see all of the recent newcomers and hopes this trend will continue. He is also glad we are giving VE testing locally. He'd like to see us offer licensing classes.

Don's shack is primarily being used for amateur satellite work at the moment. He's "down link only" right now. He is concentrating on completing his receiver interface to the Mac computer. The antenna tracking is complete for the most part.

He has a Yaesu frg9600 VHF/UHF receiver, a Yaesu ft747gx HF transceiver, a Yaesu ftv700 2-meter transverter, a Microwave Modules 70cm transverter, home brewed antennas and motor drive and Mac Doppler satellite tracking software.

Don is personable and easy to talk to. He has lots of experience and knowledge so I encourage everyone to get to know him and engage him in conversation. We are glad to have him as part of our club family.

