

First licensed in 1958 (13 yr old) as KN3EUI near Philadelphia.

First rig was a Gonset II "Communicator" 2m AM and 10 watts and three xtals.

DX was working NJ on 2m AM from West Philly.

Upgraded to Extra Class and loved CW at 25 wpm back when I was a teenager.

Nearly killed myself by touching some HV wires inside a Heathkit DX 100.

Worked DX on 15 meters before school back when solar cycle was TERRIFIC.

For "prom night" in high school, worked DX (with my date) on 20 m (AM) on a hilltop in Gladwyne PA at 2 am police stopped by wondering what I (we) were doing !!

Now 50 yr later, active in ARES/RACES in Chester County, PA and regional radio clubs.

Former Station Manager at W3EOC in the Chester County Gov't bldg.

One of the three net control ops and net manager for the PA NBEMS PEMA net on 3583.0 kHz Sunday at 7:30 am. We've now grown to over 60 checkins each Sunday morning (yawn).

Background in Astrophysics: Swarthmore College, Kitt Peak Observatory, Royal Greenwich Observatory, Lowell Observatory (Az) and US Naval Observatory in Washington DC and then later summers in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Actually took a "UFO" sighting in Flagstaff, AZ in 1991 while on the 60 inch telescope at U.S. Naval Observatory, but it turned out to be nothing more than the Hyades Cluster rising over the nearby mountains, shimmering and changing colors. A wonderful site, but mistaken for a UFO, so I ALMOST caught a UFO on one of the world's best photographic telescopes. Astronomy research was into binary stars, parallax, and orbital motion and stellar mass. Thesis was "Photocentric Orbit Analysis of the Barycenter of a Visual Binary Star" (I couldn't resist, but my Barry center has two r's).

High School Physics and Astronomy teacher 1970-2011 (41 yr and 41,000 lab reports) at Westtown School, a Quaker coed boarding school near West Chester PA.

Then after Westtown School, a College Physics Professor at West Chester University and then a prof at Bryn Mawr College.

Active in the Southeast Pennsylvania section of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT).

Now retired, and loving it.

Two young grandchildren nearby so life is never very dull.

Interest in antennas (I have 12 at the moment) and digital modes via sound card.

I also play saxophone and recorder, and kayaked all over the country, Maine to Colorado with a plastic recorder for fun. Kayaked "up" the Colorado River to its headwaters near Lake Granby, ending at 11,000 ft with the mighty river 3 ft wide

Enjoy giving talks at local radio clubs on various topics in electronics, antennas and feedlines, SDR's, and now researching RFI and HF propagation (quirks of the ionosphere).

73, Barry, K3EUI