



times. I could replay the tape to print the picture, too.

Besides the TA33 tri-band beam, I had an all-band dipole. Living in town I was fortunate to have a 200-foot-long wire for my low frequency MARS net.

"Don't confuse me with too often confused "Citizen Banders" or CBers. No fancy names. Our call letters are our pride, and mine being W7AAI. This has even been on my license plate proudly for many, many years. I was issued new plates when I transferred my plates to my RV several years ago. It is just that simple.

When I was anticipating retirement back in 1984, I thought I would lead a life of leisure with a lot of time to work RTTY, chase

DX, etc. I don't think I had two RTTY contacts after retirement. I didn't have time with the many opportunities that the many forks in the road offered me. When I moved to Salem from North Bend in 1993, I left my 60-foot antenna pole and all that it offered me, a Tri-band beam and 200 ft long wire, etc. I gave my surplus gear away, downsizing to just a basic station in the city lot here in Salem.

Years ago, many of us had 75-meter antennas on our cars so we were easy to spot - or our license plates identified us. As we met each other we would "honk our horns" dit-dit-dit-dit dit-dit and then a big wave. (HI in CW) I haven't heard dit-dit-dit-dit dit-dit for many years. Some of us had a dial from a telephone mounted to the steering column so that when we dialed a four and then a two, the horn would be sounded accordingly. In this day and age there is no steering column, and of course no place to mount a pair of ARC 5s under the dash.

As I went from the dynamotor powering my ARC 5 receiver, I used an old car radio power that I had under the hood. Earlier the dynamotors were 24 volts so after my car had a 12-volt battery, I would rotate the dynamotor brushes, that were 180 degrees apart, to 90 degrees, which allowed them to work on 12 volts. The 1625s in the ARC 5 transmitter were 12-volt tubes so I would wire their filaments in parallel rather than in series. The same with the smaller tubes, too, in both the transmitter and receiver. Those were "the good old days."



I traded a very good Lincoln penny collection for a Hallicrafters mobile transceiver, SR 150, which gave me all bands and many opportunities for working mobile. It was rather large, but my car could handle it in those days. (Minus the AC power supply in the picture.)

I must have traded this in on a Swan 500 all band transceiver for my shack station. It served me well even on RTTY. I never used it mobile. It replaced my Central Electronics 10-b 10-watt SSB rig. I think I sold my Swan to a friend, when a MARS friend of mine Lucille Peck, W7GNV had to go into a nursing home and was unable to operate her ICOM IC-730, so I bought it.

One more comment. You saw the pictures above of my ham shack in North Bend. Moving here to Salem 23 years ago I downsized my gear. Here is my present shack in my basement, the ICOM IC-730 I bought from Lucille.

I donated my best 2-meter gear several years ago to a disabled son, a veteran, an email fiddle friend I have in Nebraska.

This has been just the tip of an iceberg about my active days as a ham radio operator. - **Submitted by: Lew Holt, W7AAI**



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