

Fred Stefanik, N1DPM: First licensed as KA1APR in 1978, I changed my call to N1DPM in the early 1980's. I currently hold the "vanity" advanced class license. I grew up around amateur radio because of my brother Ed WA1CYK (sk) and a few of his friends. Through these connections I became interested in VHF contesting. I was also very interested in the building aspect of the hobby which for VHF and up gear worked well. My interest in power amplifiers was sparked by wanting to add them to my station as inexpensively as possible. This interest and gained knowledge also fueled my career in engineering for a broadcast equipment manufacturer. Around 1990 SHF Systems introduced kits of the KK7B no-tune transverters which sparked my interest in getting on the microwave bands. Since then it has been a natural progression of trying to improve and expand my station's capabilities. I have been involved in several multiop VHF contest groups (WA1RWU, W1NY, KA1ZE, KB1BWB, NC1I, and K1WHS) as well as numerous single op efforts from my home QTH. My station is currently equipped to operate on 20 meters through 3.4GHz with plans on adding a portable 10GHz system this year.