

## W1SMS Personal Bio

I grew up in Northeast section of Philadelphia (Fox Chase) and was first licensed in 1974 as WN3WAS and upgrading to WA3WAS.

My interests started (and continue today) in experimentation and equipment/antenna construction. Joining the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club (Pack Rats) in 1977 enabled me to expand my station design and building efforts into VHF contesting. Relocating to Silicon Valley to pursue a career in industrial RF and DC power systems resulted in a call change to KF6AJ.

Danbury, Connecticut has been my home since 1984 with a recent change of call to W1SMS. Holding an Advanced license, my efforts in VHF DX and contesting continue with new interests expanding to the HF spectrum.

I have been appointed to the role of ARRL Technical Coordinator responsible for connecting with radio clubs and individuals in the CT Section.

My commercial business includes operating Manitou Systems Inc. which is a provider of industrial RF power systems and components for the plasma / thin film processing market as well as operating the Lunar-Link RF amplifier business.