

## **Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC**

Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, was first licensed in 2010 when he earned his Extra Class license. Fred has been very active in the Amateur Radio Service since becoming licensed and he has engaged in a wide variety of Amateur Radio activities.

Fred, AB1OC enjoys building Amateur Radio stations. He has built a multi-operator HF Station (photos and more information on QRZ.com) and is active on all of the HF bands from 160m through 23cm. He enjoys all modes of operation – SSB, CW, and Digital.

He enjoys DX'ing, Rag Chewing, Contesting, and Special Event operations on the HF bands. He is the 13 Colonies Special Event State Manager for K2K New Hampshire and has been recognized as a top SSB operator in the 13 Colonies Special Event multiple times.

Fred, AB1OC has numerous HF operating accomplishments including:

9 Band DXCC (320 DXCCs mixed, 287 CW confirmed)

DXCC Challenge (2100+ bands-points confirmed)

2014 CQ WW WPX Contest – 1st Place US Area 1 High Power SSB SOAB Assisted (#4 in the US, #20 in the World)

Worked All Europe Top Plaque

Worked All Japan Prefectures

He is also active from his Mobile HF Station. He has activated parks and other locations using his mobile HF station and enjoys making DX contacts when he is on the road.

Fred, AB1OC, is also an avid VHF and above band station builder, operator, and contester. He is active on the 6m Band, 2m EME Band, and on Satellites. His notable operating accomplishments on these bands include VUCC on 6m, 2m, and via Satellites.

Fred, AB1OC, writes a widely followed Blog on Amateur Radio Station Building, providing a resource for the worldwide Amateur Radio Community. You visit his blog at <https://stationproject.blog>.

Fred, AB1OC has served as President of the Nashua Area Radio Society for the past 5 years. During his tenure, he has transformed NARS from a relatively modest Amateur Radio Club to become a recognized leader in Amateur Radio Licensing and New Ham Development. He led a team that created and delivers license classes for all Amateur Radio License levels (NARS teaches 6 – 7 licenses classes each year). These classes have enabled over 350 folks to earn an Amateur Radio License or License upgrade.

October 2020 QST Cover Ham Radio Bootcamp He has also led NARS in developing innovative programs such as Ham Bootcamp that have helped many Hams to get on the air and to use their licenses more effectively. Over 600 hams have participated in

Ham Bootcamp since its inception and Fred and the NARS team have helped these folks to get on the air and make effective use of their license privileges.

Under his leadership, NARS has developed many programs that provide learning and skills development opportunities to Hams everywhere. You can see a presentation about some of these programs here.

During his time as a licensed ham, Fred, AB1OC, has worked tirelessly to introduce young people to Amateur Radio and to provide STEM learning experiences in schools. He is an active contributor to the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program that enables schools to make contact with astronauts on the International Space Station using Amateur Radio.

Fred, AB1OC, serves as an ARISS Mentor and also as one of the twelve ARISS Worldwide Ground Station Network stations. He has helped students in nine schools around the world prepare for and make contact with an Astronaut using Amateur Radio.

Fred Kemmerer spent the early years of his professional life as a software engineer and as a group manager developing software for wired and wireless telecom equipment. He has held many executive leadership positions during his professional life. He has extensive strategic planning and executive leadership experience and has served in leadership roles on industry and corporate boards.

His role as TOPS Council Chairman on the ATIS Industry Board of Directors demonstrates his ability to lead a diverse set of stakeholders to identify and solve complex problems through collaboration. He has also served on the FCC Technical Advisory Committee where he worked with industry peers to influence FCC policy.  
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**Tom Frenaye, K1KI,**

who has previously held the positions of Director and Vice President.

Since leaving the ARRL board in 2018, I have become very frustrated with the lack of progress the League is making to create a vibrant future for Amateur Radio. I'm asking for your vote in the current election. I care about the future of Amateur Radio and the leadership the ARRL should provide.

Our current New England Director and the board as a whole are not adequately addressing many critical issues. Change is needed. Change means more than talking, it means actual accomplishments.

Specific problems:

- Shrinking ARRL membership
- Dissatisfaction with programs and QST
- Governance dysfunction.
- Not enough youth coming in
- Erosion of our access to spectrum
- Misalignment of license structure with today's needs
- Regulations restricting antennas
- Encroachment by interference sources

My record of getting things done:

- Led ARRL effort resulting in FCC RM-11828 (technician enhancement)
- Led selection and vetting of 50 sites and hundreds of volunteers for WRTC2014
- Created and administer the very popular New England QSO Party
- As corporate IT Director, I drove improved decision-making, more timely/flexible access to data through a major IT modernization program
- As Mayor of my town, I spearheaded a successful initiative to handle challenging financial times through a creative financing structure.

Significant leadership experience:

- ARRL board member (33 years), Vice President, and Foundation President, culminating in 2019 with election as "Director Emeritus" by the full ARRL Board
- Former president of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club
- Lifelong commitment to ARRL exemplified first as a staff member, then through volunteering in governance, the Field Organization (ORS, BPL, OO), and as a financial donor (Maxim Society)

I will listen to and work for YOU. Together, we will build a stronger future for Amateur Radio.

Please contact me at [frenaye@pcnet.com](mailto:frenaye@pcnet.com) or 860-597-4539 with any questions or suggestions.

Thank YOU! Please support my candidacy for the ARRL board by voting today.

73 - Tom/K1KI

PS – Thanks for your ARRL membership

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