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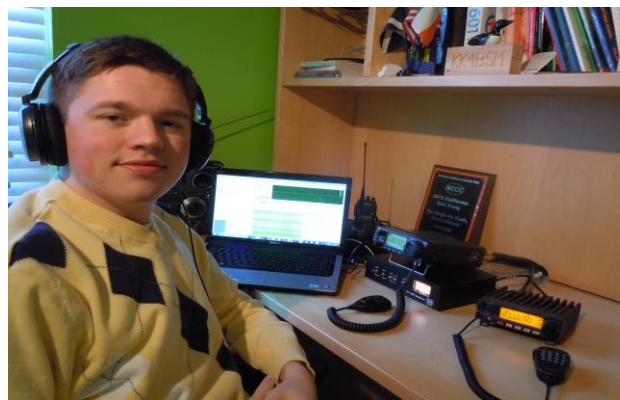
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K4AMG Memorial Amateur radio Club sponsors a Youth Plaque for the High Score Amateur Radio Operators 18 and younger. This is our youth plaque winner was John Herrick KK4BSM.

KK4BSM - John Herrick





KK4BSM - BIO

I first developed an interest in radio communications during elementary school. Each morning, I would sit in the front seat of the school bus just to listen to the new radio system. I was originally introduced to Ham Radio in 2006 thanks to Fred, K4LMA, a friend from church. I bought and read "Ham Radio for Dummies" which led to an interest in scanners, NOAA Weather Radio, and FRS Walkies for the next few years. I also watched Randy, K7AGE's videos on YouTube to feed my interest.

Finally in 2011, I decided to study for my license, and passed my Tech and General class exams over Spring Break. I was assigned my call sign "KK4BSM" shortly thereafter.

The next summer I upgraded my license to Extra Class. During the past 3 years, I have made over 1000 contacts across 94 countries. My favorite achievement was contacting a station in Canberra, Australia using just 25 watts; less power than the average light bulb!

My HF station consists of an Icom-706mkIIIG transceiver, an LDG AT-11MP Autotuner, and a ladderline-fed 40 meter dipole at about 40'. On 2 meters, I use a Yaesu FT-2900R to a Diamond X-30A attic antenna.

Regarding my future plans, I am graduating from Fluvanna County High School on May 24, and will be studying Meteorology at Virginia Tech this fall. I plan on becoming active in the Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association and the Skywarn program while enrolled there.

I'd like to thank the K4AMG Memorial Amateur Radio club for sponsoring the Youth Plaque and for everything else they do to promote Amateur Radio.

John KK4BSM