

Name: John Hartley

Call sign: KB7ZMD

Class: Amateur Extra

First License: 1993

Brief Bio:

I am a native of Brundidge, Alabama, born in 1948. Brundidge is a sleepy town in southeastern Alabama.

I am married to a girl from Louisiana. I have six children and multiple grandchildren.

I worked as an electrician and air conditioning contractor in Arizona and Louisiana.

I have been licensed as a ham since 1993, but became dormant for a few years. I re-tested in Louisiana after my license had expired in 2003, and got my old call back as a vanity.

What I Like about Ham Radio:

I've had an interest in ham radio since junior high but didn't know anyone to give me the test.

I enjoy the comradery and friendships I've made in the club.

I think ham radio is critical to surviving any disaster situation, both natural and man-caused.



ABOVE: John is on the LEFT receiving 2019 Ham of the Year Award from Jim, KG5JIM, the 2018 winner.