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Hi Jon,

I have no idea if this note is useful for either of your columns, but 6M has been so crazy this past month (July 2022) that I had to document it. If it is useful, I'm sure you need to heavily edit it. (The attached PDF is a hardcopy of this note, but with photos included.)

*To be honest, at the age of 76, this is a bit of a self-documentation of my 6M history. If this is not useful to you, it will be enough for me to have written it. At this point I still need AK & HI for 6M WAS, and I am getting closer to DXCC.*

### Early History

Receiving my novice, [KN1VFX](#), in February 1962 as a junior in high school, I did poorly at CW with my home brew 80m 807 CW rig and SX140 receiver. With only a year to upgrade, I quickly passed the technician test, built a AM 6m rig (2E26 plate modulated with a pair of 6L6s), built a 5-el yagi (from the ARRL handbook) and put in on my parent's rented flat's roof, and fell in love with 6m as [K1VFX](#).

<https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/IMAGES/HAM/Shack%201964.JPG>

<https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/IMAGES/HAM/6M%20yagi.JPG>

### Quiescent Period

Arriving at MIT in the fall of 1963, I was active with [W1MX](#) for a couple of years. When I moved off campus in the fall of 1965 I received [W1DYJ](#) as an additional station license, and was active during the summers when back at home. Arriving at Hewlett-Packard Medical Division in Waltham, MA on February 1969, and getting married in July 1969 put ham radio on the back burner. Career, wife, dogs, and kids took over my time.

### New Beginnings

My first wife and I decided to separate in July 1993 and I moved into a townhouse. Buying a used TS430S from a friend and stringing a 10m dipole corner-to-corner in my bedroom got me back on the air. Three years later I bought a house on a 200' hill I could see from that townhouse: it was perfect for VHF! < [https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/location\\_woburn.htm](https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/location_woburn.htm) > First I picked up a used FT-736R and put up a roof tower with a 6m homebrew 7el Yagi from plans in the ARRL Handbook, then a second roof tower with a 10m homebrew 5el Yagi, also from plans in the ARRL Handbook. I received my Extra on 2000, bought a TS-2000 in 2001, and then a TS-590SG two years ago. I have always run low power, and probably always will.

Retiring in 2012, Ham Radio has now become my avocation. I am on all bands from 160 to 432 and spend my time with DX, "casual" contesting (about 25 contests/year) and am actively involved in a number of New

England area clubs. I especially enjoy writing and giving technical talks, mostly about antennas. <  
<https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/#ANT> >

## VUCC

But 6m remains a favorite, still using that now 24 year–old 7el Yagi. It took me 5 years, mostly from VHF contests on phone, to finally acquired 6m VUCC in August 2003. And then:

- 203: September 2012
- 302: May 2019 >> by now I was using SSB, CW, and FT8
- 400: October 2020

By the end of 2021 I had 438 grids worked & 426 confirmed, 55 countries worked & confirmed, and 48 states confirmed. I have been looking for HI and AK for quite a while.

## 2022 -- This year has been special on 6M!

With the help of JTAlert and DXMAPS, I can now easily monitor the bands (both auditorily and visually) as I work in my combined office/shack. During the E-Skip season I usually monitor 6M. It's been fun to say the least.

A photo of me in my office/shack: < <https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/w1dyj-in-shack.jpg> >

Below is an accounting by day. Except for 12 June (CW during the VHF contest) it was all done on FT8 with 80w. I very seldom call CQ – I usually just monitor for the new ones. July 7<sup>th</sup> was an especially great day: my very first opening to Japan. At one point I had about 25 JA alerts on JTAlert; I could not work them fast enough! (I have attached a spreadsheet with the details of these Qs.) This is a total of 19 new countries and 92 new grids: a great summer E-Skip season!

I am now at 73 countries/71 confirmed, 530/514 grids, and I still need AK & HI. I keep an up-to-date grid map on my web page: [https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/VHF%20GRIDS\\_6.pdf](https://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/VHF%20GRIDS_6.pdf)

73 – Larry – W1DYJ

Date	New Counties	New Grids
5-May-22	Argentina	GG87, FF97, FF99, GG98
19-May-22	Uruguay	GF05, GF15
1-Jun-22		IM86
3-Jun-22	Curacao, Bonaire, Ecuador	DL74, DM92, DM98, FI07, FK52
4-Jun-22		DM51, DN61
8-Jun-22		EN02, FJ78
11-Jun-22		EL61
12-Jun-22	Slovenia	JN45, JN76, JN99, JO02, JO61
14-Jun-22		CN86, DL92, DM67, DN09, DN16, DN30, DN35, EM09, EM23
15-Jun-22	Finland	KP21
16-Jun-22		FN36
18-Jun-22		HM58
21-Jun-22		DL90
23-Jun-22		CN84, DM49, DN42, DN60, EN04
3-Jul-22		IO65
5-Jul-22		EN08, EN48, JN40, JN52, JN53, JN61, JN64, JN72

6-Jul-22	Denmark, Estonia	EO10, IN52, JN70, JO45, JO55, JO56, KO28, KO29
7-Jul-22	Japan, Austria	DM84, EM17, JN87, PM95, PM96, QM05
8-Jul-22		EL15, IM76, JN19, JN39, JN58, JO10, JO22
9-Jul-22	Greece, Luxembourg, Serbia, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Montenegro, North Macedonia	HP84, IN79, IO63, JN47, JN92, JO30, KN00, KN02, KN04, KN22
11-Jul-22		CN95, DN76, DN94, EM08
18-Jul-22		EL94
19-Jul-22		DL80, DN40
21-Jul-22	Croatia	IN93, JN11, JN23, JN36, JN65

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 Attachments:

W1DYJ_6M-story.pdf	588 KB
6M_W1DYJ_2022.xlsx	33.0 KB