



On the Cover

CQ DX Hall of Fame member Wayne Mills, N7NG, “home on the range” outside Jackson, Wyoming. A dedicated DXer since getting his General Class license in 1956, Wayne has been on too many DXpeditions to count and spent over six years as the ARRL’s Membership Services Manager, during which time he oversaw the development and deployment of the League’s Logbook of the World (LoTW) electronic confirmation system.

Back in Wyoming for the past five years, Wayne has focused most of his energy on DXing, especially on 160 meters, for which he has installed a vertical (for 160 and 80) and a full-size radial field. He also has a 4-square receiving antenna for top-band (as well as 80 meters). His investment in antennas has allowed him to earn 160-meter DXCC from Wyoming in just three years.

The antennas you see behind Wayne in the cover photo are his TH-6DX and Moseley 40-2 CD on a 55-foot U.S. Towers tower, which also supports an 80-meter dipole. The mountains behind him - about 15 miles away, are in Grand Teton National Park.

Inside, Wayne has a new Yaesu FT-DX 5000 as well as a long-serving FT-1000D and an Alpha 89 amplifier that he purchased after using it on a DXpedition to Burma in 1985. When asked what one ham radio experience stood out for him, Wayne answered without hesitation, “Albania,” referring to the 1991 ZA1A operation which brought amateur radio back to that country after decades of being banned under a Communist dictatorship. Even better than operating the radio, he said, was helping to create a structure for amateur licensing in the country and the ability to “sit and talk world politics” with the Albanians and to hear their different perspectives. “I haven’t run into anything yet that can beat that,” he said.

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