

## On the Cover

Tiverton, Rhode Island, sits between two of the Ocean State's many bays, so perhaps it's no surprise that Jeff Lynch, WA1VQY, likes to collect boatanchors. Of course, we're talking about the radio variety here—classic American-made tube rigs from the '50s and '60s which have earned the nickname because they're big enough and heavy enough that they just might work for that purpose as well! Jeff says he has well over 50 boatanchors in his collection—three of the four walls in his 15x15-foot shack each have three shelves worth of gear on them—and anything that's on a shelf works (restoring boatanchors is another part of his addiction!).

Jeff has been a ham since 1975 (original call WN1VQY) and is part of a multigenerational radio family ... his grandfather (now an SK) was WA1CXF, his father was a long-time scanner and shortwave enthusiast (but never a ham), and his son is KB1OAL. Back when Jeff was 15, he went into an electronics repair shop looking for a CB rig. The owner, John King, WA1ABI, suggested that ham radio might be a better way to go.

"He hooked up a rig and made a CW contact with Michigan or someplace," Jeff recalled. "I was hooked. Three weeks later, I took the Novice test in his shop ..." John has also become a lifelong friend and mentor, still helping Jeff to this day on restoration projects.

Jeff is mostly active on CW and loves to ragchew, although he loves the sound quality of AM phone on those old tube rigs. And by the way, the red can on the floor contains fuel for the kerosene heater that keeps his shack warm. Don't worry, though, Jeff is the fire chief in the nearby town of Portsmouth, so he makes sure everything is done safely. And his cap is from the International Association of Arson Investigators, "one of the many hats you have to wear," he says, "as the chief of a small fire department." (Cover photo by Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI)

