

Bob Dubke – K0SIR – Ham Radio Biography

I was first licensed as K0SIR in about 1958 as a Technician (We didn't have access to a copy machine, so sent my originals to the FCC for renewals). Building and operating on 6 meters was of special interest.

Summers, during high school and teaching, I worked for E.F. Johnson for 6 summers. First as a technician debugging new transceivers in manufacturing. The last three years, I worked in the lab, first characterizing new radio designs and then developing a 20-meter modification for the Messenger 360, a 5 watt SSB transceiver. About 25 were manufactured. This new product was to be part of the new line of Ham equipment EFJ was developing, but then dropped before becoming fully available.

I still own my Invader 2000 that I bought new in 1962 while an employee. Plans are to re-cap it and put it back in service.

Have been an ARRL/VE since its inception and have lead more than 110 sessions.