

Member Profile: N6IPP



Jim Koger is an old hand at Ham Radio and was first licensed in 1968 with a W7 call. Like many of us his interest stemmed from science classes at High School and the radio club at Washington State. His first “treasure” was a receiver built from a Lafayette Radio kit. After leaving college in 1974 Jim then moved on to aircraft avionics and business machines and a Volvo repair shop among other things. Much of his career was spent in the field of ultrasonics used in medical procedures and has a dozen US patents for his work. Jim likes antique electronics including a couple of rare gramophone loud-speakers, an HRO junior that predates WWII and about 3500 vacuum tubes some of which date back to the 1920s. I asked Jim how he became a member of SCCARC and it was the result of seeing Bruce’s (AC6DN) truck—I knew those antennas were good for something, HI HI. Jim has become a key figure in the restoration of the N6IJ generator and speaks highly of a magic lubricant called AeroKroil.

Jim’s rather quiet demeanor obscures his keen interest, energy and ideas. He would like to see a simulated emergency drill performed by a combination of MBARA and SCCARC members. This would demonstrate of the value of Ham Radio to local officials with special emphasis on the value of the N6IJ site and stand-alone power supplies.