

Name: Jimmy Theriot

Callsign: KG5JIM

Class: Amateur Extra License: July, 2016

Brief Biography: I was born in Houma and lived my whole life here. I am married to my wife Susan for 45 years. I have two daughters and three grandsons. I retired from the Terrebonne Parish Government as the superintendent of drainage after 30 years of service. I now spend my time at my camp and on the radio enjoying my retirement.

I started on radio back in the 70s and 80s on citizen band radio. I wanted to get into ham back then but never followed through with it. I got back into radio in 2015 when I had health problems and needed something to get my mind off of them. It was great to keep me busy. I hooked an old CB up in the truck and decided it was time to try for my Ham license again and started studying and got my tech license in 2015 and got my General the next month. My original call sign was kg5hyj and changed it shortly after I got my General license to **KG5JIM**. I waited a full year before I went after the Extra Class. The wife said she liked my call so kept the same call with the Extra. Once I got my Extra, I went and got my VE certification and now assist with testing of new Hams.

What I enjoy about Amateur Radio: My main interest is phone on HF bands. My band of preference is 40m. I really enjoy talking to people around the world. I have made 5200 contacts since I got my license in 2015. I made contact with 95 different countries. I got involved with the OMISS group on HF and became a net controller with them. I run nets on Friday night on 7.185 and assist with nets on a daily bases. I love helping operators getting contacts to get the awards offered by the different groups. I have won top NCS 4 times last year and also the Top Op of the year 2018 for the OMISS group. When I won the Top Op for OMISS, the Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club topped off my achievements for the year by voting me a Ham of the Year for 2018. I couldn't be prouder. I have made many new friends over the radio and here locally with the club. I like rag chewing about radio and antennas on the air. I learned a lot from other hams and put the info to use building my chief antenna, a delta loop. It works great! (BELOW : My wonderful wife Susan and me at [Walk-Ons Bistreaux](#), May, 2019)

