



“Hey FOLKS” It’s me, AB7RR Bob. I was born in Flagstaff, AZ. I’m the third generation of Runke’s born in Flagstaff. My father moved us to Phoenix in 1968.

As some of you know, I have done a lot of Jobs. In high school, I started work as a prep cook and dish washer at a local Bar and Pizzeria. After high school, I started working in the Auto Parts world. After selling auto parts for 7 years, I decided to go back to school and moved back to Flagstaff to attend college.

I have a Bachelor Degree in Math Education and a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education from Northern Arizona University. I did use my degrees to teach college mathematics at NAU for eight years.

Living in Flagstaff, I had two and half acres with horses and goats. Yes, I am a cowboy. I actually got paid to gather, inoculate, and brand calves for almost twenty-five years. I have also worked doing various other jobs. During my time in college, I worked at Snowbowl Ski Resort. I did several different jobs there. After teaching and a short time back at the Snowbowl, I tried my hand at being an Owner/Operator of a big truck. This is what lead me to getting a job cleaning up train wrecks.

In 2012, I moved back to Phoenix to take care of my aging parents. I bought a house near them and started making daily visits. This job ended in 2018 with passing of my mother. She lived two years longer than my father.

The need to communicate with my hunting partners, lead me to Amateur Radio. After buying what I now know were Mobil Land Service radios, I was asked program one of them. The software that I used gave me the radio frequencies. They were near 465.500 MHz. Exploring these frequencies lead me to dual-band radio frequencies. I bought a Baofeng radio and a tech test study guide and listened. By scanning, I found two nightly nets (WVARC & Rimlink). After hearing the Net Controllers, I knew this was something I wanted to try. A month later, in September of 2020, I passed the Technician Test and got my License. This opened my door to Net Control. Since that time, I have become an Amateur Extra radio operator.

I am a member of the WVARC, which I have severed as President and Treasurer. I'm also the Net Controller on Sunday nights and the 4th and or 5th Fridays. I belong to the Arizona Repeater Association (ARA) and conduct Thursday Night Net Control on the 2100 Net. The national organizations that I belong to are the YL-System, ARRL, and the OMISS. As a Volunteer Examiner, I'm certified by both the ARRL and the Laurel VEC.

I hit the ground running with Ham Radio and the rest is History. I enjoy Net Control as much as I thought and hope to hear you on one of my Nets!