

## **JOHN CROVELLI, W2GD**

John Crovelli, W2GD, is enjoying his 65th year as a contester and DXer . First licensed in 1961, it didn't take him long to discover 160 meters. Over the last four decades he's provided thousands of hams an opportunity for an ATNO contact on Top Band from such places as 4U1, OH0, OJ0, PJ7, FS, VP2M, A61, KP5, KP1, and most recently CY0S.

Contesting has always been the prime focus of John's ham experience. He hasn't missed a single ARRL Field Day since 1960 and continues to enjoy domestic contests like ARRL SS, NAQP, NA Sprint and the weekly CWTs.

In 1978 the off shore contesting and DXpedition bug hit hard and hasn't let go. He's made P40W/ P44W synonymous with CQWW, ARRLDX, and WPX, with over 160 operations from One Happy Island, earning him many SOAB records in all power classes along the way.

John has been Editor/Publisher of the NCJ, a member of the ARRL CAC, served multiple terms as FRC President, and was honored with election to the CQ Contesting Hall of Fame in 1999. John has also been a six-time competitor in the WRTC.

Now happily retired at 75 after two decades as a management consultant, John spent the past 25 years designing, building and maintaining amateur radio stations for clients worldwide.