

Speaker Bio for an Annual Regional Amateur Radio Operators' Convention

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Eerie nighttime sounds coming through her clock radio. Hearing a Lincoln, Nebraska AM broadcast station some nights—in *Albuquerque!* These astonishing childhood experiences sparked Paula's interest in the airwaves.

Years later, observing Don, her step-dad, W5FHA's radio involvement, her interest rekindled. She considered, "*Maybe I could learn that electronics stuff.*" She earned her Technician Class license in 2004.

Paula participates in Field Day operations. She enjoys making contacts, and the camaraderie of amateur radio. Even without an electronics background, she has grown her knowledge, taking the leap to upgrade her license—General in 2014, and up to Extra Class in June 2019.

Intrigued with many aspects of amateur radio, she experiments as time allows, anticipates building some stuff, and is eager to mentor young hams. She helps Greg, AF5SP with radio comms on his high-powered rocket launches and hopes to dabble with satellite communications.

Paula is a Skywarn-trained weather-spotter and all-around weather-geek. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications. Additionally, she's a hot air balloon pilot, a skilled amateur photographer, copywriter, editor, writing coach, and a holistic health coach—operating her own business, Holistic Wellness Writers.

Paula and her husband, Danny call Albuquerque, NM home. They also have a house near Tucumcari, NM—Danny's hometown. One of Paula's future goals is to RV-travel with a ham station—make contacts, and photograph America, the Beautiful.