

## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

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My SteppIR purchase was the best Amateur Radio investment that I made, in my almost 60 years, as an Amateur operator. My first investment was in March 2004 for a two element SteppIR Yagi. It worked so well, that the following year in May 2005 I upgraded to the 3 element 20m-6m Yagi, and shortly after that sold my linear amplifier - as I found I never used it any longer! If I could hear the station with my SteppIR, I could work the station. I'm always commenting to others on the air, about my antenna and how well it works.

The only failure that I've ever had was the RS232 chip in the controller was zapped by lightning in 2005 and had to be replaced. I've since added some lightning protection and have had no problems since.

In addition to the obvious advantages of always having a tuned antenna, there is another big advantage that others may not have thought about: By retracting the elements into the element housing units (EHU's) I guarantee that during lightning storms (Florida being the lightning capital of the country), it creates a much smaller lightning target area than other beams.

This SteppIR 3 Element Yagi has survived several hurricanes since 2004. During one hurricane, a tornado went directly over the house, it twisted my rotor off at the base but did no damage to my beam other than the control cable had to be reconnected (I now tie the ends of the boom to the side of the house to prevent twisting). I remove the fiberglass element poles during hurricanes, which also helps reduce the potential for damage – and it is very easy to remove the telescoping element poles.

I can't say enough good things about the antenna and hope someday to be able to upgrade to the 40/30 loop dipole.

