

# Scott James

## A Brief Bio



Electronic theory and troubleshooting were ingrained in me at a young age due to my involvement in a family owned communications repair business since early childhood; becoming deeply involved in all aspects of running a small business by the time I had reached adolescence. Some of my fondest memories are of working closely with my father installing, calibrating, and repairing both mobile and land-based communication systems. My hobbies at the time mostly centered around emergency communications, antenna design, and restoring older motorcycles and classic cars. This helped better build my electrical and mechanical aptitude at a young age.

After graduating High School, I attended the College of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of New Orleans where I was a member in good standing of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). I have held an FCC Amateur Radio license since January 1992, an FCC GROL License w/ radar endorsement since 2004, a NMEA CMET certification since 2006, and current factory training certificates from most of the major marine electronics manufacturers.

My entrance into the marine field began at Sea-Trac Offshore in 2003, where Mr. Bert St. Romain personally hired me as a service technician. It was a truly welcoming start into the Gulf coast maritime field to find a company aligned with my views on business expansion and stout work ethics. Advancement was extremely quick, receiving a raise and promotion to Tech. Shop Manager within the first 2 weeks of employment, and Manager of Technical Services / Senior Technician in a year and a half. To say "filling the shoes" of the lead technician, Keith Ferraro, a former NMEA technician of the year, was intimidating would be an understatement. However, time proved it to be a perfect fit.

I am also employed by ASM Global, at the Mercedes-Benz New Superdome, as an Audio/Video technician for their Production department. My initially hiring was as an RF consultant to the production coordinator, but my duties now consist of working closely with the head engineer and lead technician to keep all the systems operational to produce a great show.

I have been told that I have a relentless drive to troubleshoot electronic anomalies and an enormous attention to detail that tends to set me above my peers. I pride myself in system configurations and the understanding of how and why different components work together. The tremendous enjoyment I receive in explaining or teaching how electronics work is undeniable, as most of my colleagues would attest.

My hope is to convey the excitement I have for marine and RF electronics to the next generation of technicians while continuing to advance my knowledge of emerging technologies.