

■ You can already tell from the street that a satellite DXer lives here.

Il Tecnicamente Appassio- nato Natalino

- *Riceve con otto antenne satellitari*
- *Guarda tutto ciò con tre grandi schermi TV*
- *Acquista sempre gli apparecchi più recenti*
- *Si mantiene regolarmente informato su tutto ciò che c'è di nuovo nel mondo del satellite*
- *Molto fortunato con sua moglie: lei lo incoraggia*

When a Wife Also Enjoys Her Husband's Hobby...

■ Natalino on his terrace in front of his 3.0-meter dish with actuator. Since his house is located relatively high on a hill in Jundiaí, his antenna can range all the way from 116W (SATMEX 5) to 1W (INTELSAT 10).





■ He fitted his 3.0-meter antenna with a C/Ku-band Combi feed.



■ Close-up view of the mast: because of its elevated position, Natalino had to secure the mast with guy wires.

Natalino is very lucky: his wife has nothing against his hobby and enjoys watching all those TV channels on their three flat big-screen TVs (one in the bedroom, one in the living room and another in the work room). These channels come from eight fixed satellite antennas, five on the roof, one on the terrace and two mounted on the wall.

As it turns out, he started his hobby relatively late. He explains to us that he only erected his first antenna in 2005: "That was a 1.5-meter mesh antenna that I had pointed to BRASILSAT B4."

Back then Natalino didn't really know anything about technology or satellite reception. He never learned a real trade but in the meantime has been successfully running his own little company with five employees that distributes in his home city of Jundiai Prospect. A good portion of the income he receives from this goes right into his hobby. "So far I've probably given out at least 50,000 Real (about 20,000 Euros) for all of my reception equipment", he admits.

His second large acquisition was a 1.8-meter dish with a motor in 2006.



■ Natalino has five dishes mounted on the roof. To the far left is a 1.8-meter dish with a motor that he is readjusting with a signal analyzer. To the right is a 2.85-meter antenna that is fixed on NSS 806.

"Since I really didn't know anything about satellite reception, I had to research it all and teach it to myself."

A great help to him was Marcus Benini's Internet forum at www.portalbsd.com.br. Here you'll find Brazilian satellite DXers exchanging information. "I visit the forum every day to see what's new."

Satellite receivers are scattered all over his house. Since Natalino is now right in the middle of renovating and extending his home, he doesn't have much room to organize his equipment. "I'm planning to set up a dedicated room just for my equipment." But since

he's always out there buying something new, it's hard to believe that he'll ever be able to keep his enormous collection organized. But that's really not all that important; he enjoys every new piece of equipment that he buys.

Natalino is definitely not one of those enthusiasts that wants to be able to receive as much as possible but then doesn't have the time to sit down and actually watch these channels. He and his wife often sit down in front of their 55" LED monitor or later in the evening in the bedroom in front of their 52" Sony Bravia HD monitor. Some of the channels he enjoys watching: CCTV,

DW, AlJazeera, Bandeirantes TV in HD, TV Columbia and Canal Uno out of Columbia, Russia Today and the Brazilian channels TV Nazare and Ulbra TV.

We noticed that there are speakers in every room of the house. Natalino explains, "I enjoy listening to good audio." By that though he doesn't mean radio stations but rather a TV channel's audio.

Natalino should be very happy that his wife also enjoys his hobby. That means that he can continue to spend more money on new TV equipment. For satellite product manufacturers, Natalino is the perfect type of customer!



■ On the other side of the roof Natalino installed a 2.6-meter dish with a motor that is currently pointed to BRASILSAT B4. To the right is a 1.8-meter antenna that is also pointed to B4. A fifth dish on his roof at 1.5-meters is also pointed to B4.

■ You can see his five roof-mounted satellite dishes from his neighbor's property.



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1. Naturally, Natalino also enjoys reading TELE-satellite where he learns all about new satellite receivers and dishes.
2. Natalino even has a 4.0-meter antenna but he had to take it down because of the current renovations going on in his house. He's storing the dish's segments here and can't wait to reinstall this antenna.



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1. Natalino in his bedroom that he has filled with technology.
2. Natalino's living room. He is discussing the details of a newly acquired satellite receiver with Marcus Benni from the Brazilian satellite forum BSD.



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