

# IT'S HALF PAST WINTER... AND A QUARTER TO DAYTON!

One of the most heart warming tasks I do is the annual calls I make to set up our annual Dayton-Xenia gatherings. Even though it has been a chilly winter, and many of you have seen more snow than you wish, it is time to once again turn our attention to the warm breezes as we walk through the Hamvention grounds in May. The good people of "DARA" Dayton Amateur Radio Assn, have announced that they have signed a five year agreement to hold Hamvention in Xenia. So we all know what plans to make for a few years to come.

Many of you have chosen the Dayton KOA to stay and enjoy the extended weekend. The Dayton KOA is located 30



minutes from Xenia. If you own an RV, there is no better place to set up camp. If you want to

stay in one of their camping cabins, there are still many available, though I suggest you call as soon as possible as they are quickly taken.

Reservations can be made by calling hosts Joe and Rhonda at: 937-833-3888 or 800-562-3327. Tell them Loby – WA2AXZ, at site #79, gave the recommendation.

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# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



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Tickets for the May 15-16 &17, 2020 Hamvention, can be obtained in advance on the "DARA Dayton-Hamvention" website, <https://hamvention.org/> Tickets ordered from the website will be delivered directly to your QTH without the inconvenience of waiting on a long ticket line to purchase one at an increased cost.



For those requiring an electric scooter to tool around the fair grounds, one may be obtained via the Web at:



<http://locations.scootaround.com/DaytonHamvention>

The telephone number to reserve a "Scootaround" electric scooter is: 1-888-441-7575 For email contacts use this address below: [info@scootaround.com](mailto:info@scootaround.com)



We traditionally hold a Thursday evening gathering at Rob's Restaurant . For 2020 the date has been set for Thursday, May 14, beginning at 5:30 pm. The buffet style food is fantastic and the atmosphere is great with no QRM or QRN allowed. So plan on attending. Unwind from your long trip to Ohio and get ready for the Hamvention opening the next morning.

On Friday evening around 5:30 pm we hold our annual barbeque at the Dayton KOA (Kampgrounds of America.) On May 15, here too we open the doors welcoming everyone in for a great evening of food, conversation and fun. At night we'll sit around the campfire and trade stories through the evening. Interested yet? Come join us!

# Ice, Ain't Nice...

Earlier last month there were a series of snow and ice storms in the upstate region of New York which plagued everyone.



John-KC2MBB in Massina, went outside to find his truck with a flat tire. Courageously, as the

ice glistened all around him, he jacked up the truck and gingerly changed the tire to get himself back on the road. Thankfully without any trips-slips or falls the job was completed and John went back inside for a well deserved hot cop of coffee.



**A Funny Cartoon... for those having teenage Children.**

# Around the bands...

There are plenty of nets around the bands to be part of daily. Our friends on the St. Lawrence Seaway kick off the "Rooster Roster" net each morning at 7:30 EST. It can be worked on the WA2NAN repeater @147.135 + using a pl of 151.4 is



located in Fine, NY. The AC2GE repeater @ 147.030 + also using a pl of 151.4 is operating in Dexter, NY. All repeaters may be accessed via Echolink. too. The nightly Seaway net may be worked at 7:30pm est on the AC2GE repeater and Echolink site.

The 160m "1721 Net" is celebrating their 18th anniversary. Each evening, during the winter hours we meet up on 1.871mHz Around 6:30 pm EST. In summer we chase the "gray line" kicking things off by 7:30 pm. Stop by and tell us of your day.



The "Corn Cob" net meets each morning at 6am EST on 7.274.10 mHz For two hours one can enjoy a great conversation with friends in the mid west and sometimes the far west too, depending on conditions. These are just a few of the nets we interact with.



Do you have a favorite? Let us know and we'll try them out. When you visit other nets, be sue to mention our 7.272 Rag Chew Net..

## Volunteers Wanted!

A hearty salute to our net scheduler. Ken-W3XAF for his tireless efforts in keeping the net well staffed with fantastic net control stations. If you would like to be one of our net control stations on a regular schedule or as an emergency fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF



There is a lot going on behind the scenes in your "organization without organization" requiring a few "shekles" to keep things going. Your contribution is appreciated so please, send yours to me, Loby, today!



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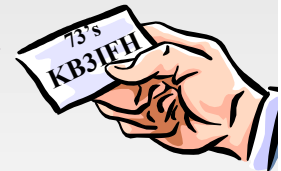
## Orlando Fl. Hamcation

Saturday February 8, 2020

Randy-KB3IFH, along with his QSL card business, will be in Orlando, sharing a booth with WB2JKJ, "The Classroom Net". (Also known as the 7.238 Radio Club of Jr High School 22 in NYC.) They will be in the Commercial Building, booth #1, at noon that Saturday. If anyone from our net is going, please stop by his booth. Randy says feel free to give him a call on his cell phone for directions. 410-440-0282.

## Goods and Services:

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## Some winter scenes from Julie-KC2ZTG

Julie is a professional wildlife photographer and naturalist in the New York's St. Lawrence-Adirondack "North Country." Today she brings to us a "Hoot" of snowy owls in their natural, but freezing, habitat.

There is nothing so beautiful as these birds in full and silent flight. Their feathers evolved to allow them stealth as they swoop down, unheard, on their prey. Any high place such as a tall tree or power pole makes for a perfect perch, allowing them to view their realm and possibly scout out their next meal. Julie can be heard on the Rooster Roster and Seaway nets each day. (See pg-2)



Adult females are usually larger with spotted/lined exterior feathers.



Adult males are usually smaller than females with white plumage.

