

# Safe Ham Radio

Much information and misinformation is blanketing the print media and television and radio across the country. The SARS-Cov-2 corona virus, believed to have originated in bats and first infecting humans in Wuhan, China, is taking a mental toll and a bodily one. Millions across the world have been placed in lockdown in their homes. Hundreds of quarantine camps have been established while everyone hangs on the last word from the Centers for Disease Control, CDC, and Dr. Oz. The best advice for the next few weeks is to stay away from large crowds, avoid mass transit and do frequent hand washing with soap.



Even the best face masks, rated NIOSH may be ineffective unless they are properly seated and are, in any event, in short supply.

Be careful when buying alcohol-based disinfectants. Unscrupulous individuals are making and selling these cleaners which have proven to be wholly worthless or worse, causing burns to the users.

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

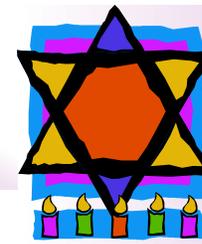
Choose to CHEW!"

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Finally, the internet is chock full of disinfectant recipes using vodka as an alcohol base. The vodka distillers have repeatedly stated that their products do not contain nearly enough alcohol to be considered safe, so why waste a perfectly good bottle on your hands? For the time being, the only safe, virus-free place to be is behind your mike.



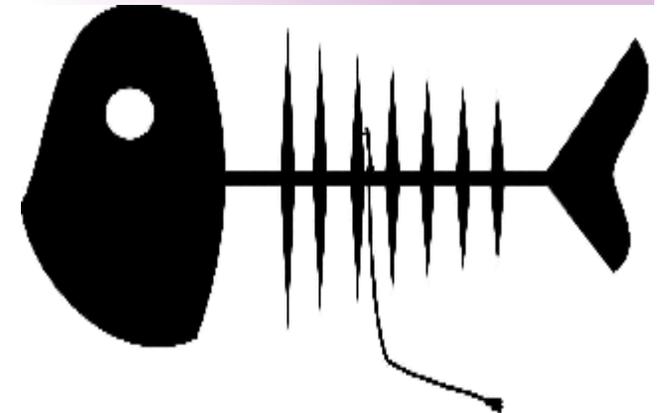
Head to the official Centers for Disease Control website for the latest information about the coronavirus. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



A blessed Easter and Passover holiday to all.



~Radio Funnies~  
The "Antenna Tuna"  
From Gary-W9VS



## Volunteers Wanted!



If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or as an occasional fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF.

[72chew.net](http://72chew.net)

## Bill Thompson - KK4ZIU -sk

Amateur-Extra Class, 1957-2020

“Old hams never die, our signals just fade away.”

Bill passed away on February 28, 2020. He was heavily involved with training new hams and, as a volunteer examiner, licensed hundreds of hams during his long amateur radio career. He checked in with the Chew several times over the years. Bill was in ill health due to diabetes and made the decision to be cremated.



His XYL Glenna (KM4PBU) thought something other than the traditional funeral urn would be more befitting her husband. She, along with other hams, removed the inner workings of a Kenwood rig and sealed it that Bill's ashes could be safely and securely stored.

I know somewhere, Bill is smiling down at this.

With thanks to Gary-KK9DOG for sending us this touching story.



## K1R is coming, Our Sixteenth 7.272 Anniversary

We kick off the month of May with our annual "K1R" anniversary special event. Since, it seems, that everyone has been in quarantine due to the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, I will extend our on-air party from April 27 through May 3, 2020.

Check in with any of our friendly Net Control Stations, wave a hand, and be an integral part of our on-air celebration.



Send Bob Lobenstein (Loby) your SASE for the collectable QSL card. 1958 East 36 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234 wa2axz@arrl.net

## Passing: Geno - W2BWQ

August 4, 1925 ~ February 13, 2020

On another sad note, I have learned that one of our original Chew members, Geno-W2BWQ has passed. He was in his 90s and in ill health over the past few years, and was not able to regularly be with us. During WW-II, Geno, part of the greatest generation, was in the navy's "Silent Service" serving in submarines, protecting our fleet. Those of us that knew Geno, know his service is deeply appreciated and he will be missed.



## A note from your editor ...

Our monthly newsletter "THE CHEW", contains information about the activities and participants in the 7.272 Ragchew Net. We rely on contributions of stories and pictures from the members to keep all of us up to date, impart information we can all use and, of course, to raise a smile and a chuckle or two. If you find a new "Taz" photo that can be used for future certificates and QSLs, that too is greatly appreciated. Without you, there is no Chew!

Please, e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Loby at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)

Many Thanks!

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# Dayton Hamvention 2020 Cancelled!

The SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus has taken its toll across the world and sadly, our amateur radio community too.

The Dayton-Xenia Hamvention committee announced that, due to the infectious nature of this disease and the many community lock-downs where all have been warned to “shelter in place,” it was deemed wise to cancel this year’s festivities. The Hamvention officials are giving everyone who already purchased and received the 2020 tickets an option. One can contact the Hamvention officials via e-mail, listed at the hamvention.org website, and request a refund, or one may ask for a 2021 Hamvention ticket.

I understand that many have also made arrangements for an electric scooter from “Scootaround.” I have been informed that, unless you purchased a special refund insurance package with your reservation,

you will not receive a cash refund but only credit for next year’s event or another event during the year. I know, due to the pandemic, many have expressed concerns with this refund announcement. Many will be contacting state attorney general offices to complain. As Scootaround is located in Ohio, you may have to fill out a complaint in that state to pursue a claim for restitution. Given the legal doctrine of *force majeure* (aka : act of God”, excusing many contract obligations), there is no guarantee that such claims would be successful.

As for us in the 7.272 Ragchew and our associated net groups, all Dayton 2020 parties, dinners and group gatherings have been cancelled. I spoke with Joe Landis at the Dayton KOA and he is saddened by the news of the cancellation although, he understands that all must do what is needed to defeat this silent enemy. He wishes all of us the best and hopes to be able to see us when next we meet in Dayton. In addition, I spoke with Rob’s restaurant manager, Candi, and here too our Thursday evening buffet dinner was cancelled.

I wrote this story at the end of March 2020 and have included what is up to date at this point. Presently, everyone across the nation is hunkered down at home, awaiting news that the danger of disease transmission has passed. I invite every licensed ham to be part of our net and pass the time speaking with friends all over. We can enjoy our activities and bide the time we have at home with loved ones. I can only guess that once this thing is finally over, we can once again gather and enjoy the face-toface fellowship. WE hope our end-of-summer international ham radio party in September will be well attended. I hope to see you there.

*Below is a listing of various nets you can be involved with.*

*Rooster Roster Net-daily: 7:30-8:30 am via Echolink WA2NAN and AC2GE links. The Seaway Net: 7:30-8:00 pm via Echolink AC2GE link. The Corn Cob Net, daily: 6:00am-8:am 7.274.1 The Nylon Net: M-W-F 8:15 am-9:00 7.271 The 68 Net, daily: 3:pm-5:00 7.268 The 1721 160m Net daily: 7:00 pm-10:00 1.871 The 3730 80m net daily: 7:30pm-8:03 3.730 All times above are Eastern.*