

# It's a "Moving Experience"

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Psychologists state that moving from one home to another rates up to the top of the list of most stressful

times in one's life. After living in Brooklyn and the surrounding NYC area for more than 68 years, it was time for me to make the big decision and move.

Over the years, most of the family left NYC for greener pastures. Ten years ago, my eldest daughter Keri and son-in-law Michael (KD9FCB) made a home for themselves and my little grandson Kilian in Wisconsin. As NYC slipped into a sorry state, taking the surrounding communities with it, my youngest daughter Maureen and grandsons Bobby & Riley packed it in for Florida, never looking back. To add to the grand exodus, my sister moved out of Staten Island for Florida and South Jersey, and her daughter's families also pulled up stakes with the city in their rear view mirrors.

With all family gone, and me by myself, the planned move I was supposed to make 10 years ago, once postponed, is about to finally take place. During my many trips, I found a nice home on a Wisconsin mountaintop where my radio operations were of primary concern. I actually ran a Saturday 7.272 net from the driveway in my Jeep. The results were more than pleasing.



# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



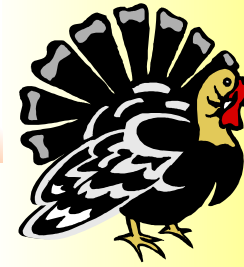
"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

### NEWSLETTER October 2020

Where to start? My family's house, bought in 1954, is no mansion but it is amazing to see just how much "stuff" is inside. The most daunting process was to break down the trains. (Check out my QRZ page for a view of everything in place) I have hundreds of cars, dozens of engines, lots of accessories and somehow, over a week, I stripped the board down to the grass and packed almost everything. I then hit the radio shack, boxing all the vintage mics from my collection, and drawers full of instructions and radio-related materials. Most of the 30 or so, moving boxes were placed in the living room.

Walls & train board stripped bare.



## A Happy Thanksgiving to all!

This, by far, is only the beginning. I am moving in stages where I'll take these boxes by U-Haul to the



new QTH and later in November, get the professional movers to schlep the furniture and other critical items, thus clearing the Brooklyn house. Then, and only then, when all is out of the house can I even begin to list and sell the house. In the meantime, I will still have a presence in Brooklyn, and I have set up a bare-bones radio station consisting of the Icom 7300, the AL-811 amp and 3KW MFJ tuner. Everything else should be in Wisconsin

Proposed WA2AXZ Tower Installation. Should be an inch or so away from the upper end working. Saws awaiting brackets installed to secure 1/2" tower to wall. A poured concrete pad with a TD Over Base on the bottom.



MSLEY 5x41 with the 6-40 Super Expressors



in the beginning stages of being set up. I have ideas of tower and wire antenna installations though I'll start with the 6BTV and work upward on the two acres I have to wire.

# Trip to State University, Albany, New York

Here are a few pictures from a trip by Will-AC2GE and Julie-KC2ZTG to visit their daughter Maria at the State University. They decided to bring the family's Great Dane pup Lupin, to enjoy the day with them.



Maria was afraid the dog wouldn't remember her but when they met up, the pup sprang to life with tail wagging vigorously.



Julie is a fantastic wildlife photographer and several of her photos have been seen in our newsletters. While at the university she visited a pond on campus where rainwater



accumulates. Painted turtles have moved in and can be seen sunning themselves on tree branches and rocks in the water.



As the Great Dane is the mascot of the college, Lupin proved to be the most popular kid on campus. His enormous size attracted students but it was a very long day for him. He slept just about the entire way home.

Maria is doing well in college. She and her friends are being

very careful, as her roommate is immunocompromised. So everyone is very careful to wear their masks to protect her and themselves too.



## **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!*

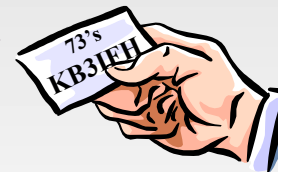
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If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or occasional fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF

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# The last page...

On October 16 I received in the mail, my very wet November 2020 copy of QST. It was raining heavily outside and I felt sorry for our mail carrier. I met her at the door as she handed me my soaking wet bundle. The QST could have been relabeled "sponge" as pages were stuck together and almost unreadable.

I opened the QST and decided to hang it over a chair to dry when I saw this curious advertisement from SteppIR Antennas.

"Hey, wait a minute... I know that call sign!" There on the page I saw Brian's name and KB3WFV emblazoned on the top text line. Brian is one of our 7.272 net control stations, and during the Thirteen Colonies Special Event, the Urban Beam that was being used, had racked up well over 4,000 contacts during the seven day event.

Congratulations to Brian and the many others, including Randy-KB3IFH, for participating in the great Thirteen Colonies Special Event over the July 4th holiday week.

P.S.


I dried out the magazine enough to scan in the adjacent page but one can still readily see the wet wrinkles in the page from the storm.

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# Urban Beam & OptimizIR

## ROCK the 13 Colonies Special Event!



### A note of praise from Brian (KB3WFV):

"Over the course of the 7 day long 13 Colonies Special Event, The UrbanBeam made over 4,333 contacts. The log stats show that all 50 states, most of Canada, 34 Countries, and 5 Continents were worked. Contacts were made on the 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m, 20m and 40m bands.

The Urban Beam and the OptimizIR never missed a beat. The ability to operate 20m and up in the bi-directional played a huge role in adding to the log numbers. Being able to listen and transmit in two directions at the same time, allowed coverage of both USA stations and Europe stations at the same time. A simple push of a button and the antenna switches to Normal (pointed towards EU), or 180 (pointed towards USA), then back to bi-directional, which made picking up contacts very very easy. Even the ability to adjust the forward gain and the front to back ratio on the fly made the difference between a contact making it in the log or being lost in the noise.

I'm truly amazed at the performance for the UrbanBeam and the OptimizIR. They never gave me a moments trouble. I thoroughly enjoyed using them. Please share my experience with everyone at SteppIR and be sure to pass along my thanks for making a great product! **THANK YOU!**"



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