

**Welcome to a new  
and hopefully, better**

**New  
Year,  
2021**



**A CCCCold  
Christmas.**



My first Christmas in the new QTH in Wisconsin, was one for the books. Snow covering my yard and the farms, both north and south of me, made everything look like a Currier and Ives winter scene. Far different from the street scene and brown snow in Brooklyn.

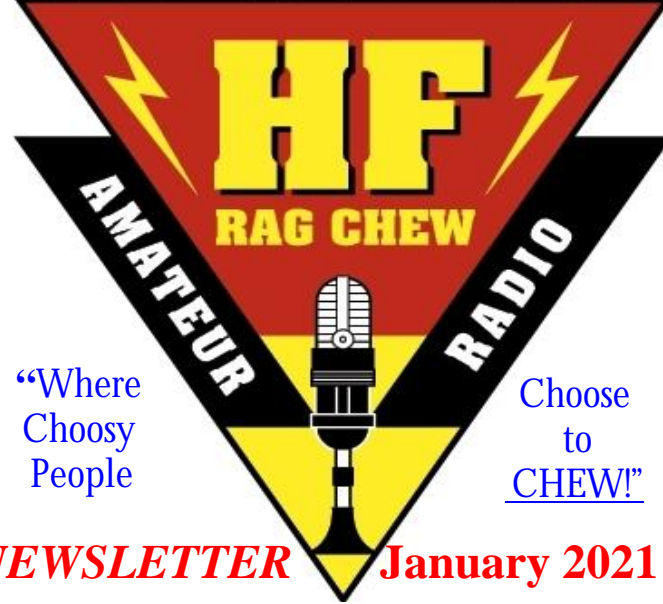
My house was decorated in lights, and looking across the valley to the next mountaintop, one sees the beautiful sight of Holy Hill Basilica, poking out of the winter mist.

Christmas morning it was 4 degrees outside but around the fireplace, my little grandson, Kilian and family were keeping warm, checking out each package left by Santa, under the tree.

I pray that all of my friends, on air and off, had a fantastic holiday!  
Loby-WA2AXZ

# The "Chew"

**SEVENTY-TWO**



“Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!”

**NEWSLETTER January 2021**

## Devastation!

Back on Saturday morning, December 19th, Scott-KG4WEL and his XYL Lisa woke to find their house on fire. They were able to save their cat, Cookie, but other furry friends were lost in the blaze. The fire, believed to have started somewhere in the attic ceiling, spread quickly through the wood-framed house which was soon entirely engulfed in flames. The family lost everything and Scott's radio shack, and most equipment was reduced to ashes.

Thankfully no one was Injured, but now the family is scrambling to find temporary living quarters. Scott was one of our original Net Control, Stations when we were founded,

so many years ago. Scott reached out to everyone to see if they could lend him a mobile rig, so he could stay in contact with everyone. Many friends have stepped up to the plate.

Presently, a GoFundMe campaign has been established to help Scott and Lisa during this devastating time. I am asking everyone to kindly donate to Scott and his family, so the family may get back on their feet as rebuilding efforts begin.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-scott-rebuild/>

*Below are some photos of the fire scene.  
Everything is gone!*



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## A Christmas Puppy

Julie-KC2ZTG, Will-AC2GE and family love dogs period. Their eclectic collection of hounds and a great Dane make things interesting around the house when visitors come calling.



Julie reports that they have added yet another pup to their expanding menagerie. The little guy, named Esker, looks small now but being a great Dane, his days of being a lap dog are limited. I'll be visiting soon enough, bringing my Basset Hound, Prints. All together, as they run in the field, will begin to "sing" the baying song of the hounds.

## Great Boat Anchors



Mike-VA3MPM, and no doubt many hams, have packed away some old gear that is too precious to sell. Mike pulled out his old Drake TR-7, matching power supply and the venerable vintage Turner +2 "transistorized" microphone. Together, he

has this equipment operating on the 7.272 Ragchew as well as the 1721 net on 160m (1.871) If anyone has photos of a great old piece of equipment you would like to highlight in these pages, contact: [WA2AXZ@ARRL.NET](mailto:WA2AXZ@ARRL.NET)

## Gettin' it together...



My old shack is coming together at my new QTH in Hubertus, Wisconsin. I previously moved the computer table containing my Icom-756, Ameritron 811 and other critical devices, into the house in October. My furniture was delivered in late November, and now I am busy setting things up just the way I like them. My large Ikea curved desk was assembled and the chest of drawers and hutch were placed on the west wall. The collection of vintage micro-



phones were unpacked and placed back on display for all visitors to see.

I still have a peck of work to contend with but between my travels between Brooklyn and Wisconsin, little by little things will be accomplished. *Loby-WA2AXZ*

## 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!*

## 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

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# Christmas Photos 2020

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Now that I live on a mountaintop in Wisconsin, my neighbor, on the adjacent mountain to my



west, is the beautiful Holy Hill Basilica. Each day when I look out my front window, I am greeted by this wonderful sight.



The obligatory family photo with Santa. (L to R) Son-in-law Michael, KD9FCB, grandson #3 Kilian, daughter Keri and the fat guy in red, no not Santa—me, Loby-WA2AXZ I wish that reindeer would stop munching on my hair.



Prints the Basset hound stood guard over the presents under the tree to make sure no one would sneak a peek before Christmas morning.



Wisconsin is known for putting on great Christmas displays all over the state. Christmas eve we drove through a spectacular Christmas light show, south of Milwaukee in the “Jelly Stone” RV park. It was stated that there were over a million lights synchronized to music, and the long winding road revealed wonders that I have never seen.



Christmas morning, everyone was up early and while little Kilian was opening his presents in Wisconsin, we watched

as Bobby and Riley opened theirs in the sunshine state, Florida. My 2-year-old, Kilian quickly got the knack of opening presents and enjoyed every one.



Christmas 2020 and New Year's day, 2021, are now in the rear view mirror. The uncertainty of the future still holds us in its teeth. Let's be good to each other for even better holiday celebrations in less than 365 days!

Dear readers, if you would send me some of your cherished holiday memories, I'll make sure it gets into an upcoming issue of the Chew. Loby-WA2AXZ



## Safety Snow?

A friend sent me this in the honor of the season. It is a wonder that most of us survived Christmas past with the lead tinsel, fragile glass decorations, questionable Christmas tree lights, dried out pine needles and asbestos snow!



**HO HO HO!**

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