

NEWS FLASH...
SORRY FOLKS,
DAYTON
HAMVENTION
CANCELLED
FOR 2021!

Citing "several setbacks in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," the Dayton Hamvention Executive Committee has announced the cancellation of the 2021 event, scheduled for mid-May. The announcement cited the slower-than-expected rollout of the COVID vaccine as well as the even-more contagious variant that has emerged in recent weeks.

This is the second consecutive year in which the pandemic has forced cancellation of the world's largest hamfest. The DARA committee says tickets that were deferred from last year will be deferred again, and that plans are in the works for another on-air Hamvention QSO Party on what would have been the Hamvention weekend.

As I have been arranging the many parties and activities for Dayton over the past 17 years, it is sad to note that once again, the only place we can safely meet is on our daily 7.272 Ragchew net.

[Dayton Hamvention in 2019 >>>](#)

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!"

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If you have made reservations at the Dayton KOA or other facilities, I suggest that you make the call to cancel your stay. Note, that the Scootaround scooter rentals will only cancel your order, BUT not refund your money. You will be allowed to rent a scooter at any venue in the future.



Dayton 2019

Our annual Kring Point gathering for 2021 is in doubt too.

Looks like the optimistic numbers of vaccinations, touted by New York State government, will be falling far short of reality. While it is still early, I have kept my reservation at the Kring Point State Park for this fall in the hope things turn around, and we can all meet in the pavilion, once again. I'll keep everyone updated as to what will happen.



Kring Point 2019

A nice Christmas present.

Charlie-WB2YZX shares a photo of his new comfy couch pillow. I wonder if, when he naps, his head is filled with visions of rigs, amps and antennas?



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Remember when ?

It seems that it wasn't that long ago many of the original members of the "Chew" met each evening for the "Supper Club."

Founded by John, K2YN, each station that checked in told everyone about their dinner-stories of steaks, roasts, chops, burgers or fries. While conversation wasn't only limited to food, I'd guess many signed off at the end of the net and did a raid on their refrigerators. The net lasted barely three years until foreign broadcast stations moved in with a vengeance, and made operations impossible. It was nice while it lasted though. From time to time, we still hear John as a fill-in net control station, still chewing on the Chew.



working with a Realtor to buy another home, in town, with almost 9 acres of land. Scott and Lisa, his XYL, are hoping that the closing will take place in a couple of weeks so they can restart their lives once again.

Scott says, " I am so grateful for what all you guys did and how everyone has helped us. It has made a huge difference in keeping the cash flow forward during the transition. We still have all personal property to declare, get reimbursed for etc... I could be a poster boy for the importance of insurance and a good insurance company. Man, so far we have been treated absolutely stellar by State Farm."



Scott has not been off air for too long during this period. He hooked up with Ray-N4GYN to operate a remote station via the internet. Above is a screen shot of the remote radio dashboard. So, depending on what he is doing, you may catch Scott on the 7.272 Ragchew or the 160m 1721 roundtable net.

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

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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KG4WEL Fire Update

Scott reports that the insurance company paid for a new house in full, plus 20% to cover inflation. He is



Loby, the Numismatist.

"One doesn't live by ham radio alone, but with varied interests too."

In 2021 I celebrated my 50th anniversary as a licensed ham. During the many nets, including



the 40 meter 7.272 Ragchew Net and the Corn Cob Net, the 160m "1721" round-table net and the Rooster Roster net on Echolink, talk usually turns to what's new at the U.S. Mint.

Being an avid numismatist--no, not a person that pulls rabbits out of hats, but a coin--collector and amateur historian, writing a few articles for QST, IEEE and other publications, I let the group know about new and unique world wide coinage and paper money issues I have read about and at times purchased. The Littleton Coin Company has enabled me to learn more about currency and the art of coin making more than any other catalog I have seen. Whatever I learn, I pass along to my grandsons and friends on the nets.

Since the virus hit, requiring many to shelter in quarantine, what two better hobbies could one have than Ham radio and coin collecting? I sent Littleton a few photos of my collection along with an explanation of the intertwining of both hobbies. In the new "Showcase" I and a few others are presented with our stories of dealing with the quarantine and yes,

Where has your Showcase been?



Bob was generous enough to give us a peek at his collection.

Littleton customer Bob from Brooklyn, NY hasn't let these trying times stop him from enjoying the hobby. A collector for more than six decades, he introduced his grandsons to the hobby. He also combines two hobbies by hosting a Ham Radio network of coin collectors. "We discuss coin, coinage and the latest issues from various worldwide mints," Bob told us. "I keep your Showcase as well as other Littleton and Whitman publications handy for quick reference... One can rightfully say that my Showcase has been all over the world!"

keeping our whits about us as we sit out the virus.

The photo above, with me seated, shows part of my collection and, in the background, hidden behind and holding up the dollar bills, is my favorite boat anchor. This Hallicrafters SX-122 was the receiver I cut my teeth on during the 1960s, listening to W1AW code practice sessions. The large ARRL map of the USA is partially in view too. Since this photo was taken, all radios, coins and Lionel trains have been shipped to my new QTH in Wisconsin. **Loby-WA2AXZ**

Passing....

WE ALL LOST A GOOD FRIEND
By Ken, W3XAF

A few weeks ago, our good friend Danny Herman, K4DHT, of Mountain City, TN passed away from the dreaded coronavirus. I had spoken to Danny a few days before he was admitted to the hospital and he was of good cheer and seemed to be in excellent health.



I first heard Danny check in with me on the Chew more than three years ago. He was always very upbeat and often talked about his wife Karen, KW4DHT, and his children and many grandchildren. Danny was very fortunate because his children and grandchildren all lived very near to him and he and Karen had the opportunity to visit with them frequently—unlike many of us during this awful pandemic.

I often asked Danny if he would like to become a 7272 Ragchew NCS because he would be a 'natural as an NCS but unfortunately, he always turned me down. I will miss Danny very much and hope that he has already set up his ham equipment in the great beyond and is busy checking in with all the hams in heaven. (I wonder if they need to obtain a heavenly license to operate on HF?)

Until we meet again Danny.

For those of you who would like to send Karen a condolence card, her address is:

*Karen Herman
967 Liberty Church Rd
Po Box 83
Mountain City, TN 37683-0083*

Open Neutral Wire Blast

Bob-NW3M reports that he hasn't been on air for a while. It seems that faulty neutral wiring, in his circuit breaker box, somehow opened during a lightning strike. The open neutral caused 220 volts to course through the regular 120 volt household lines, frying everything electronic in its path. While he waits for new equipment to be delivered, it is suggested that all hams take a close look in "the box" to ensure all neutral wires are secure. Depending on local conditions and codes, a good solid ground wire, to a known ground point, should be attached to the neutral bus as a safe secondary return.