

## Time for some Fall Maintenance...

After a seemingly great ham radio summer, 2021, it is time for all hams to head outside and check all the ham related gear before the winter storms hit. Are the antenna connections clean and dry? Are all nuts and bolts on the tower and antennas secure? Are your wire antennas sporting a secure mounting that will survive the whipping winds of a snow storm? Take advantage of the cool fall days to do the inspections and repairs, as needed, so you can stay inside on the air, with a nice hot cup of coffee, as old man winter pays a visit.



## DAYTON 2022?



*I have received word that barring any unforeseen circumstances, the*

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where  
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to  
CHEW!

**NEWSLETTER** September 2021

*2022 Hamvention in Xenia will be held on the weekend of May 20-21 and 22.*

*I have already booked my usual campsite #79 at the Dayton KOA Kampground and am starting the planning stages of our traditional Thursday get together at Rob's Restaurant and our Friday barbeque at the KOA.*

*The KOA, where many of us stayed for the past 17 years has been sold to new owners. I am hoping they will be as amenable as Joe and Rhonda were. when we were allowed to use the covered pavilion.*

*I will keep everyone posted with updates though, it is never too early to book your stay as the various campgrounds, hotels and motels in Dayton, as they fill up quickly during Hamvention.*

## SHOW US YOUR SHACK!

This month we kick off a new column, suggested by Rocky-K4EZY, where our friends can show off their radio shacks, antenna farms or special radio related collections. We will begin with some views inside Rick's, VA3WU QTH, near Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada.



The photo with the five monitors shows his home station. The bottom three are for the Flex 6500 radio system, used for most bands 10-160m. The top two monitors controls his Sun-SDR radio system and his 500 watt Russian linear amplifier. Rick states that the amp is so efficient that a mere 3 watts input give a whopping 300 watts output!



**Show Us Your Shack: Continued....**

This photo shows two amps used. One for his Flex system and the other for the Sun-SDR.



When Rick and the family are in the trailer at Lake Nipissing, he uses

a similar Sun Radio and Russian amp, photo below, to round out his portable operations.



tennas to get his signal out.

Check out the full story of Rick-VA3WU on his QRZ page and I know you'll be very impressed.



**Visiting Grandpa Loby's New Wisconsin Shack.**



Bobby Loby and Kilian Riley

*Family gatherings are dear to me and, when I got a chance to assemble all three grandsons under one roof for a week of summer fun, I jumped on it. Since I moved to Wisconsin in April, Bobby and Riley and my daughter Maureen moved to Florida, there are too many miles between us. In early August we got everyone together, along with my eldest daughter and little Kilian, for a full week of State Fair, the Medieval times show, the Milwaukee Zoo and swimming in Grandpa's pool, everyone had a great time. The week went by like lightning and I can't wait until February where I'll see the boys once again and attend the Orlando Hamvention too. Loby-WA2AXZ/9*

**K1R cards still available!**

Send Loby-WA2AXZ, a self addressed stamped envelope and I'll send them right out to your QTH. Robert W Lobenstein 1539 Golden Drive Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033-9790



**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!**



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