



A joyous Thanksgiving to all and may we give thanks for the bounty this wonderful land has to offer.

“Recover Erased Documents”?



The hours we spend in front of a computer screen should make us pause and consider what happens to everything we view, save, and ultimately dump. Recently, on AOL, I have been seeing advertisements with the heading “Tired of losing documents you have erased?” Wait a minute... Recovering erased documents? If you think that document with questionable content or supposedly secure personal information was eliminated, think again.

Everything we do on a ends in storage on a hard drive or somewhere out in the ether or cloud if you will. When we

The “Chew”

SEVENTY-TWO



“Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!”

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select a document to erase, it may disappear from our file index but the document, in its entirety remain hidden in the background. We have seen criminals arrested, and the police or FBI take their computers and drives to find criminal activity the detainees thought was erased. The same holds true for our computers. We may think that letters folder is gone as we hit the delete button but, no, it’s still there hiding like the monster under the bed. Certain politicians have used underhanded methods and programs to truly delete their actions and I guess if you need to pay the bucks, you can too. So next time you hit the Delete button, look at the screen and question, did it?

**SHOW US
YOUR SHACK!**



Ken-W3XAF has spent decades in proud service to our country and to amateur radio in general. After a long and rewarding stint in the United States Air Force, Ken is now retired and managing our 7.272 Ragchew net as net scheduler. It isn’t an easy job being on call, but Ken does a magnificent job of keeping all positions filled and posted correctly. If an opening occurs and there is no one volunteering to pick up the open slot, Ken happily fills in just to ensure no break in our net’s continuity. With over 17 great NCS’s in our pool, there is great friendship and variety on our daily nets. We are always looking for members to try their hand at being a Net Control Operator. Contact Ken at: w3xaf-guy@verizon.net, today!

A Weighty Issue...



Bill-KB1PKS, after several encounters with storms and fallen trees, has again re-surfaced with a newly installed long wire antenna.

Bill installed a set of pulleys on one of the 6 trees to provide

tension for his 640 foot long wire for 160

meters. Now 4 legs out of the 6 are under pulley systems!

One pulley has five 8-oz. lead sinkers on it for a total of 2.5 pounds and the other has one 3-pound barbell weight

plus two 6-oz. sinkers for a total of 3.75 pounds. Of course, the higher weight is for a longer stretch of wire (~200ft) than the other lower weight (~120 feet) stretch.

Now with this constant tension, all of Bill's wires are at least 18 to 20 feet off the ground at the lowest sagging point.



It may not make a big difference in signal strength, but at least it will give much more play during wind /ice storms saving wire breakage!



CAUGHT YA!

Little fingers, Kilian, was caught by Grandpa Loby monkeying around with old Grandpa's radio equipment.

This rambunctious 3 year old likes to hit



and run, leaving this grandpa wondering why no one was hearing me on the Chew. As Kilian is my third grandson, I have gotten used to mysterious happenings around my shack. For some reason children love to switch switches and tweak knobs, watching to see what will happen next.

I wouldn't trade their laughter for the world, as they get caught!

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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DEPOSIT IN DRUM AT PRIZE BOOTH

DAYTON 2022... Halleluiaah !

What a fantastic pre-Christmas gift! I opened the envelope today, October 26th, 2021, to find this little beauty within. For all those who have prepaid for earlier Hamventions, 2019 and 2020, that were cancelled due to the coronavirus, if you didn't request a refund, the Hamvention folks at DARA should be preparing your 2022 ticket soon. Keep an eye on the mail and I suggest that after January 1st, if you did not receive your ticket, contact DARA at hamvention.org.

In addition, if you rented a Scootaround mobile scooter, contact them at 1-888-441-7575 to re-book your scooter for Hamvention weekend, May 21, 22 and 23, 2022.

I, along with a handful of hams, have already booked rooms at motels and campsites at the Dayton KOA. I will be asking anyone that will be attending Hamvention 2022 to contact me so I can begin the process of reinstating our Thursday evening dinner at Rob's Restaurant. I'll check and see if we will be able to once again do our Friday evening barbeque at the Dayton KOA. LOBY-WA2AXZ / 9