

Hurricane Ida - 1 Hams - 0

Hurricane Ida hit the United States with a vengeance. Severe damage to homes and power grids, along with massive flooding, took its toll on the residents affected. As the storm was downgraded to tropical status, extremely heavy rain doused everyone from Louisiana to Maine.

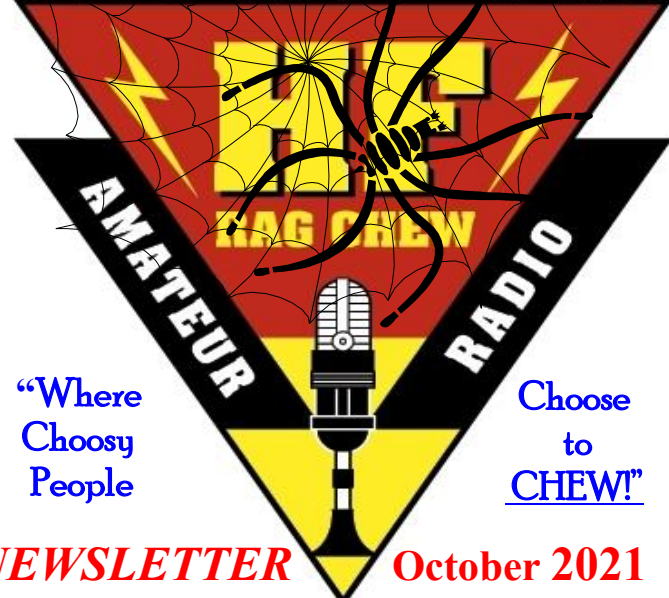
Bill-KB1PKS in Bethel Connecticut was in the path of winds and rain which felled several trees on his property. Bill had several wire antennas which were de-



stroyed and forced him into radio silence. After the storm passed, Bill got out his chain saw and began cutting away the thick branches, paving the way for a new antenna. Bill replaced the damaged wires and using a torch, made secure solder

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connections to get everything back in order. Bill is back on the air and hopefully clear weather will keep him on the air too.



A Happy and safe
Halloween to all!

SHOW US YOUR SHACK!

One of our original Net Control Station operators, Scott-KG4WEL, gives us a glimpse into his new shack. Last year Scott had a devastating fire which totally destroyed his home. Everything from clothes, furniture, mementos and radio gear went up in flames. Luckily Scott and his XYL Lisa got out in time, saving a few pets along he way. Scott has moved into a new QTH and today, even though he is still in the process of buying new gear and setting things up, shows us his shack.





Scott began setting up rudimentary tables in which to support his radio gear. As replacement equipment arrived, he set up

his equipment rack, computers and boom mike to handle day to day operations. A separate table was used to hold Scott's linear amps and power supplies.

Another table in the room was set aside for equipment repairs. Scott likes working on boat anchors and now with a little more room, he can enjoy his projects.



Finally, up-up and away as his ladder line ascends to his new dipole strung between the trees.



Scott takes care of a few farm animals on his new QTH, and his goat, Buttercup, chimes in and says the radio shack ain't BAAAADDD!

Congratulations to Scott and Lisa on their new home and may they enjoy years a of happiness and radio fun!

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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GREETINGS from the SHELBY HAMFEST



This Labor Day weekend was chock full of fun, and for hams, the most fun location for us is a hamfest. Our Net Scheduler, Ken-W3XAF (L) met up with one of the chew's original NCS's, Scott-KG4WEL (R) and his XYL Lisa, for a weekend of rooting around the tables and enjoying almost perfect weather.

With unlimited new and old goodies to look through this fest was a ham's dream.

The aerial view of the parking lot-flea market area shows plenty of goodies on tables ready for an eager ham to scoop up and take home. As the months go on, more and more open venues for us hams will take place. The next large fest will be in Orlando, February 2022 and then the granddaddy of them all is, of course, Dayton. I hope to see quite a few of our members there enjoying themselves too.



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

