

Tick-Tick-Tick
It's half past April
and a quarter to
Dayton!



After two years without our visiting a truly good ham fest, 2022 promises to be a banner year, as we all crawl out from under the boulder called Covid. I can only hope that the double whammy of the virus and now skyrocketing gasoline prices do not place a damper on the festivities.

The annual Thursday evening, May 19th 5pm gathering at Rob's Restaurant is still, as of this writing, a go.

The Friday barbeque at the Dayton KOA is still in doubt due to the new ownership of the camp. I will still hold court at our traditional Campsite 79 where we can sit around the fire and enjoy a great face-to-face QSO without any QRM to be heard anywhere.

This year will be an experiment and experience for all of us, and with what we learn with the new parameters, I



believe I can map out what our future Dayton gatherings will be.

All I ask for now, is if you

and family and friends will be with us at Rob's Restaurant, please drop me a note saying how many of your group will attend. I will be speaking with most of you on air and putting out special e mails as necessary.

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



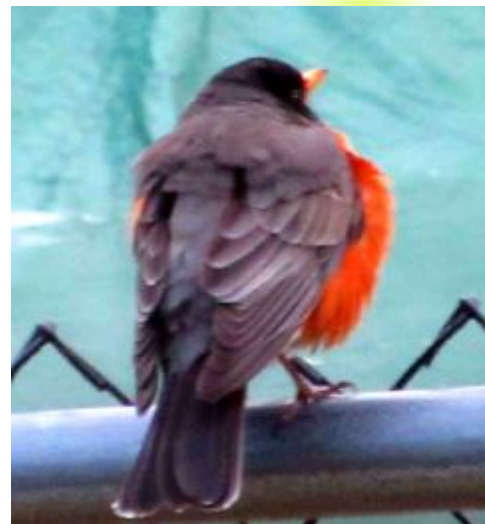
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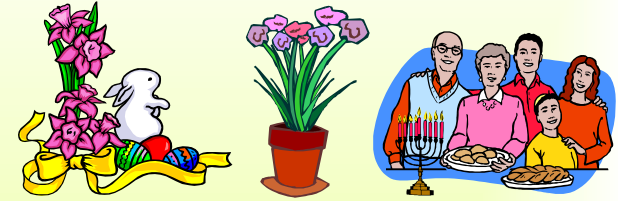
Signs of Spring

A nice fat robin has taken up residence



somewhere in my yard and is a frequent visitor outside my shack window. Either she is surveying her realm or looking for a nice juicy worm for breakfast.

And to all, a blessed
Easter & Passover.



K1R is Coming!

Our 18th annual celebration

Preparations are now complete for our upcoming celebration. We will enjoy a full week activities utilizing our K1R call sign, from Monday May 2, 2022 through Sunday May 8, 2022.

All net control stations will be welcoming everyone into the fold, and anyone wishing to have a personalized anniversary QSL should, simply send Loby-WA2AXZ a "SASE" (self addressed stamped envelope) Robert Lobenstein 1539 Golden Drive, Hubertus, WI. 53033

See ya on the radio! Loby

SHOW US YOUR SHACK!

Can ya hear me now?

It has been a little dry when it comes to submissions by the members, so here is a small look at what I have been doing in my shack. I have been collecting old microphones for years, and no matter which hamfest I visit, I am on the lookout for something interesting to place on my display shelves. There are two 1930s Turner mikes like the ones used by FDR for his fireside chats. A large "Brick" ribbon mike as used in old radio and TV shows. A massive Shure Elvis Presley mike, and a good old electro-voice Rudy Vallee mike from the 20's. My earliest mike is a 1917 communications mike on display on the lower right shelf. There is an old black Kellogg train dispatcher's mike that once had a crystal D-104 element inside, connected to my boat anchors years ago. As Dayton is around the corner, I guess a few more will find a place on my shelf.

Morning is breaking.

When I start the net in the mornings, I am greeted by sunlight glistening off the farmer's silo next door. This AO Smith blue porcelain corn silo is towering over the attached barn.

Of course, like many tall structures in rural areas, the top hosts cell phone antennas.

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

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, Walt-KB3LGO.

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