



## Ernie-K2IEH Silent Key

Last month we lost a fine gentleman and good friend. Ernie was a regular on our 7.272 Ragchew net as well as the Corn Cob Net on 7.2741 and the North Country's Rooster Roster net. His XYL, Penny and daughter, Amanda sent me a note with this picture



Sunday 9/4/22  
Duane "ERNE" Slate  
K2IEH

taken the day before his passing. They didn't know that this would be the last photo of them together. They loved Ernie

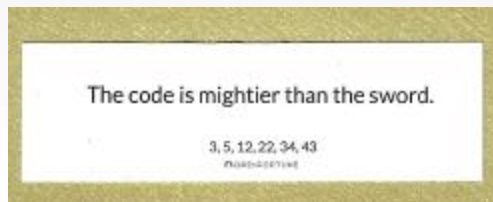


so much that they went out and got his call sign and the antenna-coil-ground schematic from ARRL's logo tattooed on their forearms. They said in their note, that

Ernie is with both of them forever. As a final gesture the family is adding K2IEH to his headstone showing all that his family loved him and he loved amateur radio.



## Fortune Cookie Message .-.-.



## HRO—ARRL Mini Hamvention

On Friday September 23 and Saturday September 24, 2022, HRO in Milwaukee hosted a Mini Hamvention. Many of the major manufacturers attended and displayed their wares. ARRL set up its table showing off a few of the older QST magazines from almost 100 years ago. They also discussed the benefits of membership in ARRL and no



doubt, drummed up a few new members into the fold.

Local radio clubs in Wisconsin, also set up tables and offered license exams and seminars covering ham radio emergency preparedness. In addition they also showed off their trailer containing emergency gear to be used whenever it is needed.

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## Our K1R cards are still available!

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## 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!*

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HRO loading dock turned into a classroom.

I arrived a little early to take these shots . One can tell by the few hams initially in attendance. As the afternoon progressed, the pace filled up with quite a number of hams drooling over the new goodies being offered.



Overview of the Milwaukee HRO store with lots of great ham gear and accessories.



The Yaesu display was well attended.

I can safely say that prices of the new equipment have skyrocketed and I feel sorry for new hams entering the field. It will cost them a pretty penny to get new equipment, and set up their stations.



A fully stocked Icom display



No matter what, though, a good time was had by all!  
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Demonstrating an SDR radio for a potential customer.