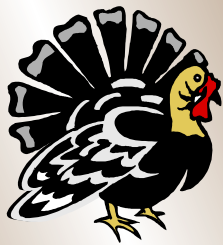


Happy Thanksgiving



Along came a spider....

Halloween isn't that far behind us and Scott-W4WEL tells us about a little terror unleashed in some southern states. Well, little isn't the word. It seems as though, due to international trade, all sorts of creepy-crawlies have come to our shores and flourished. The Joro spider is a yellow beast reportedly from Asia, relatively new to our shores. Scott says that noticed his first one last year. This year, in early summer, there were hundreds, every few feet. I think some eat other spiders and insects. I know of no reports of bites from these but in this area, my county and the one next to us, are ground zero for these arachnids.



Now, after sighting these yellow spiders out in the field, Scott was in for a new shock. He headed into his radio shack to spy another frightening sight.

at the sight of spiders, don't venture too far off the beaten path in Georgia. For further information, check out: <https://news.uga.edu/joro-spiders-likely-to-spread-beyond-georgia/>

On the wall of his shack was a monster called the "Fisherman Spider." Here too, it's the only one he had ever seen, and was easily as large as the palm of his hand. It, being in the house, is an uncommon sight. Scott snapped this picture to give an idea as to the immense size. So if you or the XYL are a bit queasy

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Coax Connector Seal..

Last month I reported on the ARRL-HRO mini-hamfest, held at the HRO in Milwaukee. I looked through the various vendors areas and asked a simple question: Do you have a weatherproof covering for coax connectors? I was directed to this stuff we all know, that is nothing more than a gooey putty that I used in the past and was not happy with. All I wanted was a simple clip on device that covered the connectors and sealed the coax ends. I finished and headed back to the QTH, stopping at Home Depot for a few things when I spied something perfect! Halloween and Christmas decorations were all over the place and, to protect against electric shock from connected extension cords, was this device called Cord Protect. This plastic water-



proof device has a four stage rubber seal on each inlet and outlet which forms to the coax providing a sure

seal. The interior chamber is big enough to freely house the two PL-259 ends and the barrel connector.



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ALL ABOARD !

Your net scheduler Walt/KB3LGO and I, Loby/WA2AXZ, have been working behind the scenes to bolster the pool of Net Control Operators. The Chew has experienced the usual summer downturn on check-ins but now, as fall into winter seasons roll, we see an increase of friends coming back to the Chew. Coupling this with the need for a new and increased NCS pool, we are going through some extraordinary ideas to recruit new voices.



The most important is reaching out to our friends that were NCS's in the past and inviting them back into the fold. Times and personalities have changed; therefore, if you were one of our net control operators, please consider stepping up to the mike again, and enjoy great conversations with your friends on the air.

For the regular members of the Chew, remember that once you check in, you are a member for life. We are asking for volunteers to help by temporarily filling in when openings occur or better yet, an hour a week on a regular spot is all we ask. You don't need a powerhouse station nor fancy antenna arrays, as many of us do the net with the basics.

Please, consider our requests for net control operators and know when you join us, you are truly welcome aboard!

Loby-WA2AXZ/9 and Walt-KB3LGO



OH DEAR...

On Thursday, October 27, Chad-KB1HPV was running the net from 9 to 10. I checked in and enjoyed a nice chat between regular check-ins. In the middle of one of my talks, I stopped and looked out of my shack window to see five deer walking across my yard. Of course my camera was safely in my Jeep so my daughter took a few phone photos of the family munching on fallen apples off my tree and grass in the yard. My QTH is sandwiched between two farms so these critters are frequent visitors. Loby

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

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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