

Great SWR?

On a cold day in Hell !

Last spring I installed a new Alpha-Delta DX-LB wire dipole antenna. It covers the bands I most use, 40-80 and 160 meters. I set up the antenna and checked my SWR and, after a little tweaking, I was very satisfied. It ran great all summer and fall.

Then, as seasons changed, it snowed. I found that my SWR skyrocketed as the wet snow covered the open center hub and resonators. Things were too cold and snow too deep for me to build a rain/snow shield, but when temps went below 30 degrees, I got a pleasant surprise. The wet snow had turned to rock solid ice and the conductivity went



down to almost nothing. The SWR on our chew frequency, 7.272, zoomed back down to a normal level. Even

on our night time 1721 group's 1.871 frequency, SWR went down to 1.2 to 1.

If you notice your SWR going haywire during wet or snowy days, you may have to think of making a shield to keep resonators dry and the open terminals of the hub dry and cozy too. I have designed a shield for both items and will, when the birds sing again, head outside and make the improvements. More to come...

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The "Chew"

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"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!"

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Remembering John N8SSE - SK

April 21, 1955 - December 18, 2022

John was a long time member of the Chew and had checked in frequently. Living in Miamisburg, Ohio, he told stories of the old Drake Radio manufacturing plant of his youth. He and his brother caught the ham radio bug and with his on air activities and local ham club involvement, radio was the joy of his life. I visited with him several times at his QTH over the years while attending the Dayton Hamvention. Both he and I along with his mother, had long conversations in the living room, at times with my little Basset hound by his feet.

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John was found to have cancer and during his treatment, Covid 19 struck, weakening his immune system. Sadly, he passed. The family has asked that friends donate to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 in remembrance of John Beachler-N8SSE. Loby



**FROM
BABY
TAZ...**

**HAVE A HAPPY,
PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY
AND BLESSED NEW YEAR
2023**

**No AM radios installed in
new electric vehicles...**

by: Wally Wentworth-KC2MNV

The New York Times released a story about how automakers are removing the option of having AM radios installed in new electric vehicles:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/10/business/media/am-radio-cars.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>

Automakers are eliminating AM radio in E-vehicles due to AM's vulnerability to RFI, rather than addressing the RFI at the source with proper filtering and shielding.

There are implications for emergency communications and free access to over the air news and entertainment stations.

Several hams have reported regrets about buying and owning these vehicles as it is impossible to operate HF on sideband and other modes due to internally generated interference.

I wonder if ARRL and other emcomm organizations have weighed in on this?

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opened presents together. Little Kilian got busy, one by one opening his gifts. The pile of wrapping paper grew higher and higher. Batman, trucks, cars, and other goodies took their place under the tree. Of course he got a few packages with clothes and they quickly were put out of sight.



Grandpa Loby got a large Lionel O-scale lighted covered bridge for the train layout.

Sorry... no

\$10,000 Hiberling radio under the tree for me, but I am more than happy with the presents I

received. At the end the floor was covered with wrapping paper and another great Christmas is in



the books! If anyone reading The "Chew" has any holiday photos to share, please send them to me, Loby-wa2axz@arrl.net and I'll place them in the next issue.

Now on to a great New Year 2023!

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.



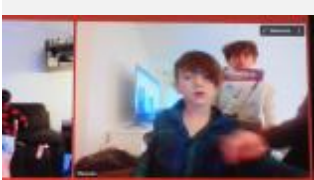
While visions of sugar plums danced about the household Santa's gotten busy placing this year's gifts under the tree.



Christmas eve the family visited my son-in-law's (KB9FCB,) and Great Grandma GiGis house. A nice family gathering was

had, and her three Boxer pups were the center of attention.

On Christmas day my little 4-year-old woke early to see his gifts under the tree and find that Santa had eaten his cookies and the reindeer ate



carrots carefully placed on a

plate. Michael set up the big living room TV so my grandsons in Florida and in Wisconsin



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!

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