

Our mascot, the "Taz" wishes everyone a  
**HAPPY**  
St.  
Patrick's  
Day



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**AHHH,**  
**so that 's what it is !**

*My longtime friend Joe Cunningham, former professor of electricity and physics at the City University of New York, sends us this amusing little story.*

*A few months ago, Joe was experiencing problems with his Internet service. Living in his Queens apartment, he tore through the system and determined that his equipment was working well, so it must be the modem. A quick call to Verizon was made, and an appointment was set for the replacement.*

*Joe and I frequently chat about everything electrical, from early power systems to modern electronics, and sometimes our talks last for hours. We commiserate about our work on old radios and televisions and frequently joke about the new generation of unserviceable electronic equipment. Joe collected a few old tubes for display and I made him a special display with an old 1920s Cunningham Vacuum tube.*

*The day of the service appointment came and his doorbell rang as the service tech identified himself. Joe led him*

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!

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*to the closet where the modem was installed. Moving a few items out of the way the fellow stopped in amazement as he picked up this strange device, A vacuum tube! He exclaimed that he'd heard about these things in school but never in his life had he seen one. This tech was in his 30s, and it amazed Joe that this fellow had never encountered tubes. The kindly old professor sat with him and gave him a good education on vacuum tube history and applications.*



*Knowing Joe, this fellow was fully "edumacated" in the ways of a 6SN7, and he expressed his gratitude for the history lesson he received that morning. As for the Internet, that problem was wrapped up with the installation of a new modem. As work wrapped up, Joe handed the fellow a spare 12AX7 as a memento of his visit.*

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**A DX handshake...**  
**from the Nile.**

*Our friend Wally-KC2MNV took a vacation with his XYL across the pond, to the Middle East. They spent a few days touring ancient sites along the Nile River. The temples at Luxor proved to be a wondrous sight. Many hieroglyphs still showed the original color, painted thousands of years ago.*





*The Great Pyramids of Giza loomed high in the foreboding Egyptian sky as a rare rain storm moved in. I can only imagine that Wally looked at these magnificent structures and wondered just how he could hang a dipole on their peaks. Wally and his "mummy," XYL that is, are continuing their trek so there will be a few new photos in an upcoming issue of The Chew.*

## *Rest in Peace "Little Shadow"*

*February 16, 2023*

Mike-VA3MPM and his little dog, Shadow, were frequent check-in's on both the Chew and our nightly 160 meter net, "1721." This pup was a constant companion both on air and off to Mike and the family for almost 18 years. Her antics, as described by Mike, brought a smile to all who had the privilege of hearing. She truly will be missed



## **New Life...**

In the shadow of little Shadow's passing, there is some good news on the pet front. On January 31, 2023, our pet family increased by five. My daughter's Pekinese gave birth to five little pups, two male, three female.



**Mama Shelby and Papa Po watch over their pups.**

The pups are growing day by day and each one of us is taking turns holding the little ones. Grandson Bobby lets one of the pups take a nap on his chest.

Two of the pups, one calico, the other white will take up residence with our WA2AXZ family. I know between meeting my Basset hound, the eddy bear dog and the cat, the cat will make it known who really is in charge!



ARRL has declared 2023 to be the year of the volunteers.

They are recognizing all who have spent time, giving of themselves to foreword the art, emergency communications and camaraderie of amateur radio. Our 7.272 Ragchew net, for the past 19 years, relies heavily on good friends to step up



and operate an hour or two each week on air. They enjoy the time spent welcoming friends, old and new, into our nets. All it takes is the volunteering spirit to get on air and talk to some of the friendliest people on the 40 meter band.

If you would like to help out and be part of our continuing tradition, please contact our net scheduler, Walt-KB3LGO today.

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## Some views from the Orlando "Ham-cation"

The weekend of February 10-12, 2023, opened with clear skies and temperatures in the 70s. I usually joke with friends from



my winter perch in Wisconsin, where it is -6 degrees, that I am in between palm trees

swaying in the warm breeze. In this case, I truly was!

It was early Friday morning on opening day as crowds



started to form at the gate. Nine am rolled around and it was off to the races with most heading to the rear vendor tables to see what goodies were out for sale. Usually, early on the first day all the good stuff is out and ripe for the pickin'.



*I had hoped to have a good showing from our groups. As the world slowly recovers from the Covid pandemic, things at these Hamventions are just starting to return to normal.*



*Ken-W3XAF(left) Bruce-WB2ADF (standing) and Loby-WA2AXZ (right) met up on the field and together we combed through the piles of piles looking for that special something we needed for the shack.*



*Inside the area of new equipment, there were the usual suspects of HRO-MFJ-Icom-Yaesu and others showing off their wares. One notable thing was there were no show discounts to be had.*



*As we ventured inside the prize booth to check out tickets, we met an old friend Tom-KA3CRC.*

*He toasted us with his cup of coffee. Behind him was one of the many ATMs around the site making things easier for all to get quick cash for a purchase.*

*It is said one can buy anything from radios to the kitchen sink. Well, no sinks*

*this year but a vintage western spittoon rounded out the event.*

*In a few weeks we will be heading for our annual Dayton pilgrimage. I hope to see you there!*

