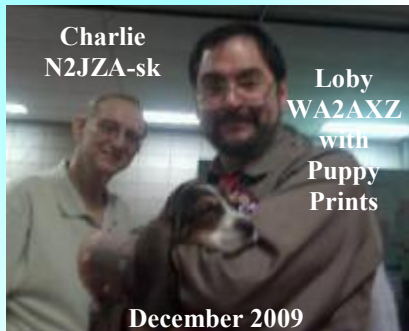




WOOF/9 Silent Key
2009-2023

July 13 was a truly sad day for me as I said goodbye to my longtime friend and constant companion, *Inspector "Prints" Lestrade*. I used to be in charge of the power system in NYC Transit, and also taught in our "Power University. I had fun with the students by saying, "the most important part of troubleshooting problems is to find the prints." Of course the students asked, how do you find the prints? I stood up and whistled, as if I were calling a dog, "Here Prints... Nice Prints!" They laughed but learned too.

When I retired, my crew at the power department remembered this and gave him to me as a fantastic retirement gift.



From Day-1, we were inseparable. Between home life and my daily radio operations, he was by my side.

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The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!"

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Prints was also a fixture for years at Dayton and Krings Point, and his distinctive "Boooo" was heard world wide on the Chew. Rest in peace my little friend, and I know you enjoy the vast field you are running in now. Loby-WA2AXZ



Lazy-Hazy-Crazy days of summer or, Holy Smokes!

The wildfires in Canada have been blanketing North America with a thick haze of smoke. Here in



Wisconsin, we were not immune from this

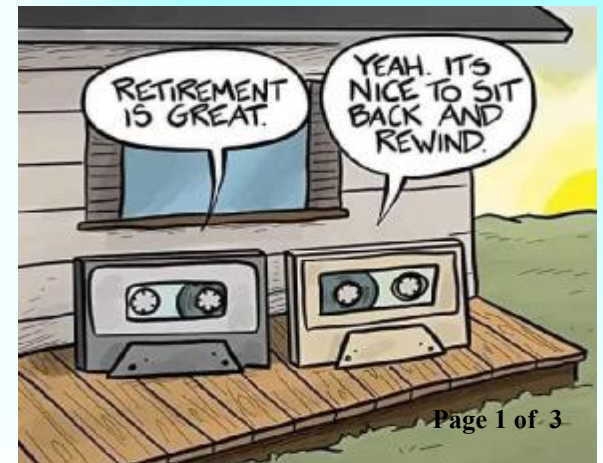


onslaught, and vast areas were shrouded. I used to be able to view Holy Hill Basilica from my front window but now, it is almost totally

obscured.

Let's hope the fires are extinguished soon and while the smoke is around, don't take too deep a breath.

FUNNIES PART-1



AIR FILTER MOUSE...

Part-2 - July 7, 2023

I went under the hood of my Jeep, as I do frequently to check things out, and was greeted by another grizzly sight. On April, 7, 2023, field mice or the chipmunks had gotten into my air filter housing and built a nice nest.

They gnawed the air filter and it was sucked into the engine. After the white fluffy stuff was cleaned out, a new filter was installed. I made a guard out of a drain leaf mesh to prevent the little-buggers from getting in again. This afternoon I decided to check the oil and other things, and saw that the critters had again tried to nest on the engine. They did a nice job of chewing the under-hood insulating blanket.

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Now, my late mom, for years, swore that moth balls cured everything from bugs to rodents. In fact every spring, she threw mothballs/flakes in the basement rafters and we never saw a bug or mouse anywhere.

So, remembering this, I grabbed two new bags of mothballs from my closet. I opened them to install one bag in the area where the critters had tried to build a home. The other bag was placed in a secure area on the right engine side.



I glued the edges of the hood blanket to keep it from flapping around and shredding further. Now I have to do more frequent checks around, in and under my Jeep to make sure the buggers aren't at it again. But for now, the Jeep smells like mom's closet and that too brings back a host of memories. 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!

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Sumptin' old is new again in De Olde Woodshop.

The 7.272 Ragchew's version of Norm Abrams, is once again in his shop transforming an old piece of trash to a beautiful piece of furniture. KB1HPV-Chad has once again picked up a seemingly useless chair, and step by step brought it back from the dead. After dismantling the rotten woven seat, Chad reset and strengthened the frame. Once done, the wood was sanded and



refinished in a thin coat of satin polyurethane. Then the difficult part. Chad prides himself in learning how to re-cane chairs, and the yard-by-yard weaving of cane is a true art. Once finished, Chad applied a the same sealant to the caning and the results were spectacular. A once almost discarded

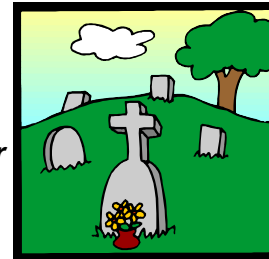


pile of sticks, brought back to its former glory. Chad usually does furniture repairs and once done, sells the fruit of his labor. In the case of this chair, it may find a permanent spot in his radio shack.

A Truly Final Funny...

I was speaking to a fellow on the Chew the other day and he told all a clean, funny joke...

A family scrimped and saved to take everyone to visit the Holy Land. Sadly, as the group toured the historic sights, the mother-in-law passed. The grieving family met up with the funeral director and was told... "You have two choices. The first is to spend \$175 and have your mother-in-law buried here in the Holy Land." "And what is the second choice?" the husband asked. "Well, we can ship her back home for \$5000"



After a few moments, the husband stated, "we'll spend the \$5000 to send her home."

Puzzled, the funeral director asked why, when she could be here in the Holy Land?



The husband said, "The last person who was buried here two thousand years ago rose again in three days..."

I just can't take that chance!"

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**Perseid meteor
showers are roaming
the night skies again.**



<https://www.aol.com/see-perseids-best-meteor-shower-000100482.html>

The meteor shower began on July 14 and will continue until September 1. The peak viewing nights are August 12 and 13, 2023 so, keep looking up!

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WB8VCR-Tom Reminisces

Tom has been a licensed amateur for 60 years and shares some of his shack photos from the 1960s



This photo shows Tom in his much younger years (hihi) with some of his high tech at the time, now vintage boat anchors. A pair of Hammarlunds-HX50 transmitter and a

170 receiver.

Below, some additional equipment is in view. (LtoR)

A pair of Demco Satellite CB radios (hot items at the time) A Hammarlund HX 140 receiver (The receiver was found by Tom inside a chicken coop and needed a lot of TLC to bring back to working condition.) and a Knight T-150 transmitter, crystal or VFO controlled.



Tom is always speaking with us on the Chew, and achieved the highest distinction of working all Net Control Stations during our 19th Anniversary celebration. Tom has a great sense of humor, and frequently takes a sip from his ever-present cup that says it all.

