

**A Super Special Event,
our 20th Anniversary!**



Wow... 20 years on air with the Chew, what an accomplishment. All of this thanks to our great Net Control Stations and daily check-in's throughout the decades. Following the amusing series of QSL cards with the Taz, our mascot, we previously celebrated the pearl, steel, porcelain, crystal, and bronze anniversaries. This year in keeping with tradition, is our china anniversary. We see the Taz amongst a pile of broken china no doubt caused by his wild tornadic actions.

For a week, starting on Monday April 29 through Sunday May 5, 2024 the Chew will activate our traditional K1R call, welcoming everyone into our celebration.

Stop by, have a chat and send Loby a self addressed stamped envelope. (SASE) Our special 20th Anniversary card will be sent to your QTH for hanging alongside the other Chew cards.

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The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



“Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!”

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April 8, 2024 Total eclipse of the Sun.

In a rare event, a total eclipse of the sun will be viewed by the most people in the USA. The darkened sun will cut an arc from Texas to Maine. According to NASA the partial eclipse will begin at 15:42 GMT and end at 20:52. The greatest magnitude should occur at 18:18. Check out the NASA eclipse website at: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future/eclipses/eclipse-2024/> Protect your eyes with special eclipse glasses or welding goggles. You can also make a simple camera-obscure. Get a large box, cut a pinhole on one side and watch the eclipse safely, projected in the box.

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**Hamcation
follow-up...**



Fun under the sun continues as Orlando's Amateur Radio Club reported a record 25,321 attendees in February's annual Florida get together. I know I had a great time and hopefully we can get a few more from the Chew and sister nets for a winter warm up down south in 2025.

New Station Manager at the K4EZY QTH....

Rocky-K4EZY reports after hearing how many of the Chew check-ins have dogs to keep them company, he too finally got a nice pup to guard his station. Libby is her name, a nine year old yellow Lab that really hit it off when she and Rocky got together. Here she is, resting after a full day of DXing with her new master. **Good dog!**



Gone to the dogs... Part-2

Five pups listening to their "Masters Voice" on the Chew of course... Loby-WA2AXZ



Passing: An Amateur Radio Great, Bob Heil-K9EID



From Heil Ham Radio... February 28, 2024

Dr. Bob Heil is now a silent key. Bob fought a valiant, year-long battle with cancer, and passed peacefully surrounded by his family. He was 83 years old.

His lifelong passion for amateur radio was clear to everyone involved in the hobby. Everything he did for the betterment and growth of amateur radio from instructional handbooks and countless presentations to his support of ARRL and youth programs was based on the foundation and spirit of service. Bob was an Elmer to all of us.

While his presence will dearly be missed, his impact on the hobby and everyone in it will forever be felt. On behalf of Bob to all ham radio operators worldwide, 73.

My visit with Bob Heil...Dayton 2007

Back in 2007 I finally decided to buy the new Heil-Goldline studio mike, directly from the man himself. I introduced myself and Bob and I chatted for a while. I asked him if I could buy his new Goldline microphone. He went to the stacks of microphones on display and he said he didn't have one. He was intent on getting me that microphone.

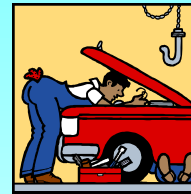
He took my arm, said follow me, and we walked across the main Hara Arena building, stopping at the HRO sales position. Everyone in the aisles and even the HRO sales staff were pleasantly surprised to see Bob Heil in person. Bob picked out a brand new "GM" microphone where upon we returned back to the Heil booth. Bob kindly autographed the box for me whereupon it has been a cherished part



of my shack to this very day. A fine gentleman that will sorely be missed. Lobby-WA2AXZ

Joke of the day...

A software engineer, a chemical analyst and an electrician are driving in a car when the engine suddenly dies. The chemical analyst says: "Did we really get gasoline last time or did someone put diesel in the tank? Let's go check that. The electrician says: "Must be the ignition or the battery. Let's go check that. The software engineer says: " I've no idea what happened. Lets just step out of the car and get in again"



Charlie-WB2YZX



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.



Chad-KB1HPV's latest project.

Chad's XYL, Nancy sent this in: Here is a picture of solid oak antique chair Chad reupholstered and refinished to some degree. A friend found it discarded, on the side of a road, in NC. Now it has another home at Chad's QTH.

From the WI Chapter of ARRL *

If you're having issues renewing your FCC Amateur Radio license, check out this video to get directions from ARRL VEC Department Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. You'll also hear from ARRL VEC "expert" Josh Nance on a few common issues he tends to help folks out with over the phone. For more on how to register for FCC CORES (Commission Registration System):
<https://www.arrl.org/cores-uls-registration>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI8nmjRjg4/>

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And now, to add insult to injury, I have added a special, last minute note received from the Wisconsin Chapter of ARRL, concerning yet another stressful roadblock to renewing your license.

FCC to Require Two Factor Authentication for CORES Users

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced an upcoming change to the Commission Registration System (CORES) that licensees use to pay any application or regulatory fees, manage or reset a password on an existing FRN, or request a new FRN. Beginning March 29, 2024, multifactor authentication will be implemented. Users will be prompted to request a six-digit secondary verification code, which will be sent to the email address(es) associated with each username. The user will then need to enter the code into CORES before they can continue.

In a public notice, the FCC said this change will make the system more secure. "This additional layer of security will further safeguard against unauthorized access, thereby enhancing the overall integrity of information contained within the CORES system and improving the security of user data," it read.

The FCC recommends that users confirm they have access to their username account email and to add a secondary email address, if need be.

Resources are available for those who need assistance with the system. For inquiries or assistance regarding the implementation of multifactor authentication on CORES, submit a help request at <https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp>, or call the FCC at 877-480-3201 (Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM ET).

