

K1R was a Rousing Success!



A hearty thank you to all of the Net Control Stations who worked tirelessly, under marginal band conditions, to get as many stations as possible to check in for our anniversary celebration. I had K1R posted in the QRZ pages and we had over 250 visits to the site. Including the almost 75 new hits for my WA2AXZ page, one can see that we had a magnificent turnout.

K1R listing on QRZ was temporary and now has been given to another Special Event Station though you can still get our 20th Anniversary QSL.

Send Loby-WA2AXZ a self-addressed-stamped-envelope, and please, note your full name and call sign!

**Bob Lobenstein
WA2AXZ**

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Wisconsin 53033-9790**

Your personalized card will be prepared and immediately sent out so you can show it off in your shack.

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



NEWSLETTER June 2024

Announcing the birth of a Baby Camel!

W4WEL-Scott has been on camel watch for the past few weeks waiting for the mother camel to give birth. On May 10, 2024 a bouncing baby camel arrived to the delight of all involved. Scott made a video of the baby romping around the yard giving the dog something to worry about.

Type his face book site into your browser and enjoy the sights of a little one discovering the world. <https://www.facebook.com/reel/7709516405736688>

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The mommy and daddy are in separate pens, in the background. As the mother will not feed the baby, Scott and others take turns bottle feeding it every four hours. No official name was given it yet though Baby Taz still sounds nice .

Geomagnetic Storm hits the earth!

If one saw these headlines, one would think the aliens have invaded. But no, to us hams it is just another cyclic event brought to us by our own star, the sun. Did we need an umbrella to stay out of

the path of the storm, no, though a fellow ham, Wally KC2MNV put up his 10m umbrella antenna and gave it a whirl during the event.

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Photo By Scott-W4WEL in Atlanta, Georgia.

Here are a few shots taken by Scott-W4WEL and Walt-KB3LGO as the storm progressed and lit most of the northern hemisphere. The colors in each viewing area of the country were different, with muted reds and blues to intense green and yellows filling the sky. Last month it was an eclipse of the sun while this month was the aurora. I wonder what we will be seeing in the upcoming summer months?

2 Days to Hamvention.

On May 15, I stopped by the Xenia site to see how the setup was progressing.

One by one the major exhibitors built their stations and displays for the hams to enjoy.



One has to remember that the fair grounds is also part race track, and the horses took precedence on the outer track of the Xenia flea market. I guess us hams will have to watch our footing as we comb through the market area. (hihi)



Photo By Walt-KB3LGO in Pittsburgh, Pa.



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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.

Goods and Services:

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KB3IFH QSL Cards
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NOTE***

Postage going up July 1st.

Time to stock up on "Forever" stamps before the price hike to 73 Cents a stamp!

DAYTON - XENIA 2024

We kicked off the festivities with our Thursday evening annual dinner at Rob's Restaurant. The core group of friends enjoyed a great meal with no QRM-QRN allowed at the table. We all agreed that to-



gether, we must build up attendance in future Dayton-Xenia hamventions.

Day-1, Friday, May 17 was a mess. Heavy rain and thunderstorms made the morning miserable. My photos do not due the storm justice, though trudging through the muddy vendor area was a chore. Many



vendors just closed up for the duration of the storm. Most hams hit the dry inside exhibits and waited out the storms wrath. I headed inside after a cursory romp through the flea market area and stopped by Randy's KB3IFH QSL card booth.



I was met there by Randy-KB3IFH, Bob-W2RWH and our very own Chew NCS, WA2ISC-Kevin. Business was brisk for Randy and, no doubt, when you receive a QSL from a fellow ham, he was the printer of those cards. It was sad to note that due to the closing of MFJ, we



knew other major vendors would vie for that prime inside spot they once occupied. Tower Electronics set up shop in the old MFJ position and had a busy time selling their wares.

Food, Wonderful Food!



To keep the crowd well fed, several food vendors set up shop in the central square, with everything from dogs

and burgers to monster sized pork chops. That seemed to be a favorite as they flew off the grill by the dozens.



I met up with friends from the "68 Group"

They hold court every day around 2 pm EST at 7.268. Chuck-W9COD and his



XYL were selling items from the group and stayed mostly dry under the canopy.

Also in the rear area of the flea market, the crew from the Miamisburg "Nylon Net" were selling goodies from the local club.



I speak with Bill-K8WI and Jack-KM8N every other morn-

ing at 7:50 am, on the W8DYY Echolink, getting updates on what is going on with them and the upcoming hamventions.



Aren't we a pair? Here are two friends from the morning Rooster Roster-Echolink net 7:30 am, WA2NAN and AC2GE repeaters. Their call signs are eerily similar. Phil-K8PJW and the "Radio Gnome" John-K8PJ have an eyeball by the flagpoles.

On Friday, a miracle occurred as if on cue, the rain stopped to allow the first photo shoot by the central flagpoles. I am happy to

Friday May 17, 2024



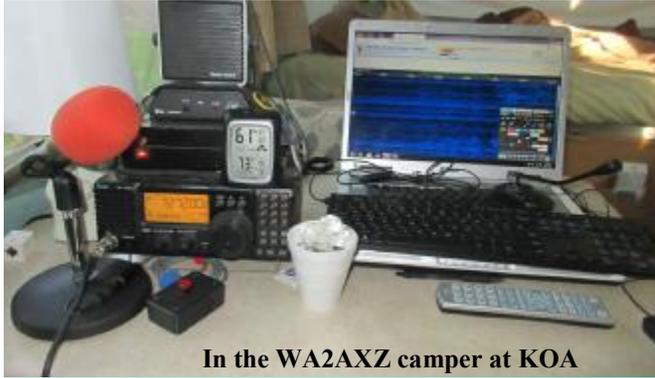
Saturday May 18, 2024



*report that many of us had a blast and are already looking to the 2025 hamvention. I know that I have already made 2025 reservations at the KOA Campground. Others set up reservations at the various hotels/motels for next year too. **How about you?***



A few additional photos of Hamvention 2024



In the WA2AXZ camper at KOA



The sheriffs office displayed rescue and S.W.A.T. vehicles.



Millie and Betty showing off their wares.

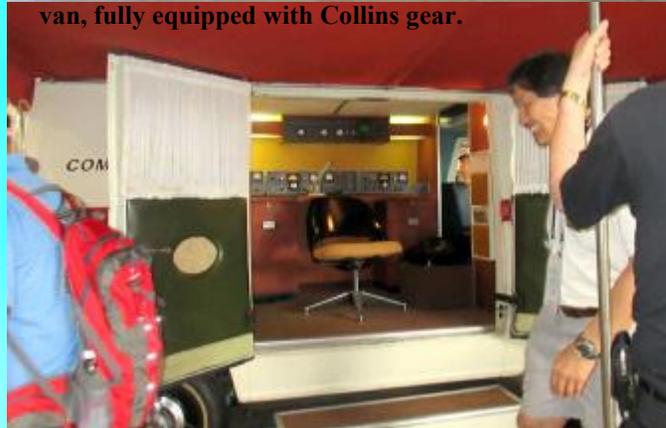


Collins Collectors Club display a vintage 1961 Ford van, fully equipped with Collins gear.

Are there enough antennas on this car? Count them!



Somehow I keep coming back to the pork chops.. MMMMMMMMMM



This little guy shows off his new wooden "Red Baron" aero plane, sold to his dad from the crew at the 68 group booth.



Back at the KOA Campground, a few of us gathered around our nightly campfire. This ended a perfect day, resting our feet after a long trek through the Hamfest.