



See you, in September...

Summer is fleeting and in a few weeks the autumn equinox will be upon us.

With the fall season, the airwaves on the Chew will be filled with great stories of things done over the summer, visits made by families, and vacations taken. I will share a nice story on these pages, with a few great photos to boot. If you have great summer memories, send me your stories and photos so we all may share and reminisce about those warm summer evenings around the fire.

Bear-1 / WA2NAN-0

Kerry-WA2NAN has his property in the Adirondacks well decorated, and to top off the view, he installed a few bird feeders. While the humming bird feeder is strung safely away from the ground, the standing feeder for larger birds is affixed to a pole.



One morning Kerry looked out his window to see a large black bear strolling through his garden. Having his camera

handy, Kerry took a few photos as the bear shook the mounting pole to make the feeder fall, whereupon he enjoyed a full morning snack.



The "Chew"

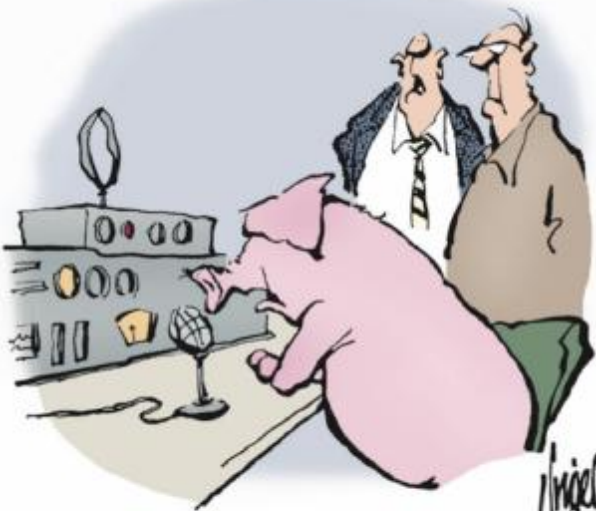
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"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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"You've never heard of a ham operator?"

A tasty way to describe Power Factor



During my stint as General Superintendent in our Transit Power Operations, I had the pleasure of conducting electrical classes for new helpers and maintainers.

Tom Edison loved direct current as it was simple to use and required not a lot of his brain power to figure out his power system of the day. (Remember that Tom had only a few months of formal schooling.)

In 1888 a fellow named Nikola Tesla came along and turned the power industry topsy-turvy.

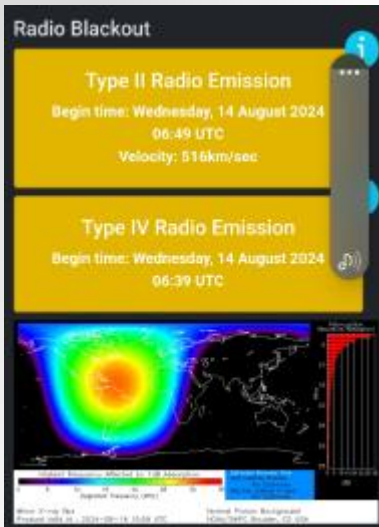
Alternating current was a hit from the beginning, able to be generated and transmitted hundreds of miles but needing complex mathematical calculations to actually get it to work. Unlike simple DC where Ohms law ruled the day, AC acted differently, and there was a hidden loss to contend with. Other than delving into the world of real and apparent power in AC, this simple photo spells out the whys and wherefores of Power Factor.

There will be a test on this, "hic," so drink up the knowledge, and enjoy! Loby

Solar Cycle 26?

For the past few months we on amateur radio have been plagued with poor band conditions. Our net control operators have reported that due to solar flares, and the accompanying high background noise or no reception altogether, we have been experiencing fewer summertime check ins. Our net isn't the only one affected either. We are supposedly in the peak of Solar Cycle #25 and scientists and astronomers now report that due to unusual activity on the sun, we may already be starting into cycle #26. <https://earthsky.org/sun/the-next-solar-cycle-already-beginning-solar-cycle-26/> Walt-KB3LGO reported in mid August, another X-class flare led to an almost complete radio blackout across the ham bands. <https://www.space.com/x-class-solar-flare-eruption-rule-breaking-sunspot-video>

What's going on with our sun? Is it mad at us here on earth? Ancient civilizations used to sacrifice virgins to appease the sun gods, but nowadays they are few and far in between. (hihi) We even hit a record of sunspots so watch out! www.swpc.noaa.gov/news/solar-cycle-25-likely-reached-highest-sunspot-number-over-20-years Who knows what is in our future, but together we all must brave the conditions, good or bad, and keep our nets active and viable.



Summer Wedding...

I was away from the mic for a week or so to attend the wedding of my youngest daughter Maureen, to David. Maureen's story can be seen on my QRZ page but in short, her first husband Ryan, passed away 10 years ago leaving Maureen to contend with two little boys, the youngest barely 18 months old. Happiness reigns supreme, and she met up with David and decided to get married. The wedding was a small affair at a beachfront cottage by the sea.



WA2AXZ-Loby
On the dock waiting for the ceremony to begin.



<<Maureen and David

Below the whole new "Brady Bunch" L to R Bobby-Riley-Maureen-David-Nate- Riley



Thanks to this union I seem to have picked up two new grandchildren... Nate and Riley. Now I have two Riley's, a Riley-boy and a Riley-girl. All the best blessings to the new family!



A visit to the American Pickers

This TV show has taken the airwaves by storm as Mike Wolf, and his brother Bob crisscross the country visiting barns and markets to buy delicious antiques to sell at their two stores. On my way back from the wedding in Florida, I stopped by their Nashville store, nestled in a complex of buildings making up the old Marathon car assembly plants.



Inside is a world of antiques picked up during filming of their exploits.



If you get a chance to visit the sights in Nashville, stop by Antique Archae-

ology and enjoy the marvels you've seen the boys buy on TV, on full display.

One final note; hold onto your wallets as the prices for these goodies are astronomical. They have to pay for the TV show somehow.



Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to **John-K2YN**

For showing all the volunteer spirit by covering multiple N.C.S. positions on the Chew, July 2024

Walt-706to2500 Luby-706to5673



From time to time a special recognition will be given to members and net control operators for their contributions to the Chew. This month we thank John-K2YN for helping our group quite frequently.

Our "organization without organization" relies on volunteers to keep the airwaves alive, and John has been a great help, stepping in at a moment's notice when openings occur.

John predates the Chew with his famous late afternoon "Supper Club" Net. For years the gang met to chat about food and dinner related items which left many drooling. John started picking up nets on the Chew, pretty much from our beginning. Sadly, band conditions and foreign broadcasts made it impossible to continue the Supper Club, so he dedicated his time to the Chew.

Recently, after his move from New Jersey to the Carolinas, he experienced a lightning strike which took out the equipment in his shack. Being a class A electronic technician, he cobbled the parts together to get his station back on air. We thank John for his continuing service to the Chew in all aspects of operations.



An equation familiar to all Hams...

Through early mornings or late evening operations, there is nothing like a good cup o'joe. AHHHHHHH!

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Volunteer NCS's Wanted

As summer fades into the rear view mirror, many hams have returned to the shack, refreshed and ready to enjoy great QSOs. To keep the airways active on the Chew, we always are on the lookout for great people to step up to the mic and help fill-in when NCS openings occur. If you would like to help out, please contact our net scheduler.



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Thank You!



A VISIT TO ANCIENT ATHENS (Well, not really.)



Back in the 1897 there was a centennial exposition in Nashville. Officials decided to build a full scale replica of the Parthenon, still standing in ruins in Athens. The completed building, constructed of wood and plaster lathe, was located on a hill of Centennial Park, and was the focal point of the fair. Time quickly took its toll on the original wooden structure, but in the 1920s the old building was rebuilt, like the original in Greece, using solid marble and bronze. The Parthenon was constructed to honor the goddess *Athena Parthenos*, and using historic records over 3000 years of age, the Nashville site is a faithful reproduction, inside and out. The 40 foot high Athena statue, clad in gold leaf, towers over visitors on the main level, clad in gold leaf. She displays the crown, shield and spear of

her powers. Held in her massive hand is the goddess Nike, who looks small in comparison but actually stands over 6 feet tall. The golden shield represents Athena's victory over the Amazon women. *Sorry Xena.* It has the head of the defeated Medusa in the center and depicts her various battles.



Bronze doors, each standing 24 feet high, 7 feet wide and a foot thick, weigh 8 tons each. Heads of beasts are cast into the metal. On



the lower level is a museum containing casts of the pediment statuary. Various art works also adorn the museum area.

So, here too, there's lots to do and see in Nashville. Stop by Tootsies for a drink and an earful of real country music and visit all the sites you wish. You will be one satisfied tourist. *Loby*

