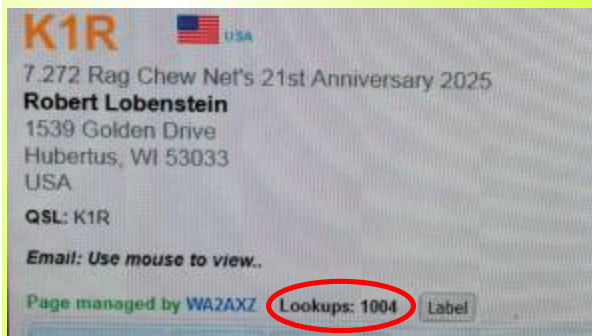


## K1R What A Success!

This year we had a fantastic anniversary celebration. A few weeks before the start date, I made up the K1R page in qrz.com. I reset the counter to zero and away we went. As the event progressed through the week I started getting a good number of the new e mail QSL requests. I checked out the page each evening to see the numbers of friends checking up on K1R steadily rise. On the close of K1R,



May 4, I was astounded to see that 1004 had actually looked us up on QRZ. As I write this issue, May 18th, 1155 visitors were on our site. In a week I have to turn over the page to another K1R Field day event station so our information will be pulled. The TAZ cards in both hard and e mail copies will be available to anyone wishing a commemorative copy. Use the contact info above and thanks to all who had fun on K1R!



# The "Chew"



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!

**NEWSLETTER**

**June, 2025**



## WANTED!

With Walt leaving us, this results in a gaping hole in our organization without organization.

While I will take over as "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer," I truly need someone from our pool of friends to step up take on the mantle of scheduler, and keep the Chew on the rails for a few years to come.

If you can help me in making sure the Chew remains on the air, please e-mail me at: [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net) or, if you would like to chat on the phone, please call me at: 347-583-3612. (Phone only-No Text)

73 and Thanks! **LOBY**

## PASSING,

**KN8I —Larry 78**



Larry-KN8I was a fixture on the Corn Cob Net and the 68 Group as one of the net control stations as well as a frequent visitor to our 7.272 Ragchew. He loved ham radio as much as he did flying around the country, at times with his 40 meter rig alongside.

In recent years he stepped back as he battled pancreatic cancer which finally took him on March 20, 2025 His XYL-



Mary and two daughters survive him. If you wish, condolences may be sent to the DOUGHERTY family at: **8009 AR-ENDT YALE, MI 48097**

The full and extensive obituary can be found at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/larry-dougherty-obituary?id=58053788>

73 Old Friend!

## DAYTON-XENIA 2025

The dust has settled and thousands of happy hams have left the state for home, carrying piles of radio goodies. The promoters state that there was record attendance thanks to the beautiful weather. Something unusually found in the Dayton area during Hamvention. While members of the chew were few, those of us here had a blast!

Our revised Thursday evening at Rob's restaurant was held with one



table full of friends discussing the things we hoped to see, and items on the wish list to pick up.

As Friday morning dawned, the lines grew longer and longer at the main entrance gate, waiting for the 9 am opening. Once open,



thousands ran into the field, me included, looking

at the fresh items on display on the vendors tables. I must say I walked away with a few interesting things I'll discuss later.



*In the field there were several vintage radios on display. There was one fellow who built a period early 20's radio within a wooden open frame. A restored Zenith Oceanic won a Hamvention prize for the detailed work put into it by the owner.*



**"He who dies with the most antennas... WINS!"**



## **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](mailto: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 your net scheduler, Loby-WA2AXZ.

## **Goods and Services:**

**Need QSLs or Eyeball Cards ???**

**KB3IFH QSL Cards**  
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**72chew.net**



In between the exhibit buildings, several antenna arrays were in view. This mobile UHF-VHF system was used to speak to satellites as well as the International Space Station.



The usual major manufacturers, Icom-Kenwood-Yaesu-HRO-Tower-DX Engineering and many others were present in the three main buildings of the Hamvention. Many stopped by to drool at the new and often expensive offerings for the shack.



Friday Group Photo



Saturday Group Photo





## Additional photos at the Hamvention...

ET and fellow alien watching over the Tower Electronics sales tables. The real "Rubber Duck" was also in the background.



Rounding up the usual suspects.



Bourbon Chicken for lunch. MMMMM

All hams walked their legs off in the fairgrounds, and needed a rest anywhere they could get it! (hihi)



Why is Neil - N3WMI Smiling?

Our long-time friend at the KOA Camp-ground passed his General exam and will soon

be joining us and other friends frequently on 40 and 160 meters.

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Boat Anchors For Sale

Loby's New-Old Microphone and Train Signal?



## One Final Note...



Like all hamfests, the Dayton Hamvention organization struggled to get enough volunteers to help keep operations running smoothly. I was speaking frequently, over the past few months, with several people in the D.A.R.A., including a good friend Bill K8BP. Since I have enjoyed Hamvention for well over 20 years, I decided to give back-help out and volunteer for a few hours running the "talk in" booth. This is the 2 meter repeater welcoming everyone to Hamvention with travel information, providing a relay for emergency service requests, and giving visitors answers to questions pertaining to Hamvention. The most rewarding part was accepting "flowers" (ham speak for well wishes) from visitors leaving Hamvention telling all about the great time they had.

I pray that our members can pick up the volunteer spirit and help me out as I actively seek good people to fill in the open NCS positions on the Chew.

73... LOBY-WA2AXZ

PS... If anyone wants to see more Hamvention photos, e mail Loby: [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)