



**Don't cry Taz,  
summer may be  
over, but a great  
fall is here!**

### ***There is still time...***

On September 20, 2025, the gang from various radio groups will be once again be having our *Kring Point* party in the Thousand Islands of N.Y. This has been an annual tradition for 20+ years, begun by Tom-KC8QGJ-sk, only interrupted by the virus attack a few years ago.



Everyone is welcome to stop by the Kring Point State Park pavilion, enjoy a hot dog or two, and chat with good friends across the picnic table with no QRM-QRN allowed. If you wish further information, please contact Loby-WA2AXZ at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net) or call: 347-583-3612



*Door prize made by Chad-KB1HPV,  
at the last Kring Point party in 2019.*

# **The “Chew”**

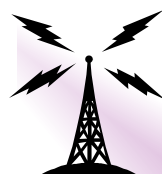
## **SEVENTY-TWO**



“Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!

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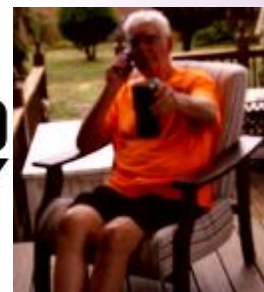
### **~Antenna Time Again~**

As fall is just around the corner we are afforded the time, with decent weather, to attend to our antennas. The old adage about hams only doing antenna work in a blinding snowstorm, is just that. In emergencies, no matter if it is sunny or raining cats and dogs, we hams will brave the elements to do just about anything to get back on the air. Before this happens, let's all take the time to take a walk around our “antenna farms” to make sure all is well with the guy ropes, coax runs and connectors. Make sure that everything associated with the antenna is hunky-dory too.



### **From the shack of K3MG...**

*Mike waves a hand to all on the “Chew” He was one of*



*our NCSs before needing to step away from the mic. He is still active on radio and a frequent check-in on the Chew. His favorite rig is the venerable old Kenwood TS530S. It sits in the middle of his shack table, alongside a few boat anchors and more modern rigs:*



Icom 7300, Yaseu FTDX10, Yaseu FTDX 3000D. His antenna farm consists of: An



Alpha Delta 80 thru 10 Fan dipole up about 30 ft., a Crushcraft R8 vertical 40m thru 10m, at 10 ft above ground,

and a 2 meter/70cm up about 27 ft. I'm looking forward to having a QSO with all of you. Best wishes and 73,  
**Mike K3MG**





## Send in the clowns!

No, I am not fooling around, though it is interesting to note where hams get their inspiration to do things. I live on a small mountaintop where the ground, under a foot or so, is almost solid rock. Wisconsin, in many areas, was built upon glaciers which carved lakes and mountains with the flowing ice. In its wake it left a solid base of boulders and rocks forming a rocky base to the soil which formed over the eons. At my QTH I thought I would install the 12" red corkscrew type of eyebolts in the ground to act as tie down points for the guy ropes. Was I surprised to find that barely 8" into the installation, solid rock hit the steel corkscrew and broke off a few of them. I used a pry bar to seat the 8 rods, though I was not happy with the installation.

Fast foreword to this spring when my grandson, Kilian, was at a boy scout function. They had a company erect a large tent, like the "big top". While walking around I noticed that they sank into the ground large steel stakes which had the power to hold the tent down. Hmmm... I made inquiries and these heavy stakes were 36" long and a full 1" in diameter. I bought one to test out in the yard and after a few firm blows with a sledgehammer, this stake was firmly planted in the ground. I attached the first guy rope to it and after a few days, I decided to buy 9 other stakes and begin the transfer to something more substantial.



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It took a few days of intense hammering sinking these stakes through the mantle underneath. All 8 were finally driven through the rock beneath, and guy ropes were transferred to a much more secure place. I did experiment with one stake by



installing a shackle on the stake end. I tied off one guy, but I decided that was overkill so I simply tied the guy rope to the lower end of the two-headed stake.



I have some truly wicked wind storms here on my lit-



tle Wisconsin mountaintop, so I am sure these stakes, with the new heavy ham guy ropes, will keep me on the air through the blizzards.

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## A note from your editor ...

Our monthly newsletter "[THE CHEW](http://www.72chew.net)", 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. In addition, while I took 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-WA2AXZ.*



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