

Happy Easter and
a Blessed
Passover.



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**Yes, It's coming....**



Our annual anniversary celebration is confirmed, and for a full week beginning May 3 through May 9, 2026 K1R will once again hit the air waves. This is our "copper" anniversary so having Taz tear through a pile of pennies is only natural.

We will be offering these highly collectable QSL cards, courtesy of Randy's QSL's to anyone sending me, Loby-WA2AXZ a self addressed stamped envelope. This year we will also be sending high quality-printable QSL's through your e-mail request: [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net) Check out K1R on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com).

I still have openings on several 11-noon spots, looking for volunteer NCS's. Please volunteer your time so we may have a full complement during our anniversary week.

**"Without you, there is no Chew"**

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



**NEWSLETTER**

**April 2026**



### What Happened to Radio Shack?

I was filtering through You Tube to see an

interesting history of Radio Shack.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg2rtKruMZs&t=318s>

Us ham's and radio operators and experimenters provided the back bone of their parts and services platforms beginning in 1921. They made it convenient to drop by any store and pick up a 100m resistor or a 20K pot. After the final bankruptcy in 2017, the stores across the world closed. Today the company is a mere shadow of its former self. There are barely a handful of Radio Shack stores and yes, an actual active web address: [radioshack.com](http://radioshack.com). I have a few old catalogs so it is nice to sit and reminisce.

## COUNTRY RICE

RANDALL WYERIL



Randall comes in today with his recipe for a very tasty rice dish.

Use slow cooked rice, white or wild, and cook it in a slow-cooker filled with ginger ale, instead of water. Add ¼ teaspoon of black pepper and 2 tablespoons of butter. Let cook and MMMMM! If Randall wants to vary the recipe and sweeten the rice, he uses home-grown honey from his own apiary. 73, give it a try and enjoy, Randall.

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### DAYTON 2026:

I, along with a handful of good friends from the Chew and other nets, will be once again at our old stompi'n grounds at Dayton Hamvention. Our Thursday evening dinner at Rob's Restaurant in Brookville will be a great start of our radio-active weekend. PLEASE let Loby-WA2AXZ know if you are coming, so arrangements can be made. Hamvention tickets are now available for pre-sale so save a few \$heckles. Get on the web site at: <https://hamvention.org> and order you tickets today.

**72chew.net**

## WHY WOULD THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD ?

Once again our resident version of Norm Abram has been busy in the wood shop, whipping up something special. Chad-KB1HPV was looking for another project and rather than being "cooped up" in the shop this winter, he turned tables on a chicken coop.



Chad's neighbor found an old poultry crate, like the ones you see, stacked on the

back of a truck transporting chickens to market. After a thorough cleaning, Chad designed a back and a series of pine shelves that could easily be moved to change the height. The wood frame was stained and the entire unit was coated in a nice protective polyurethane paint.



The piece will ultimately go back to the owner to hold a few books, and be used as a display table for little knick-knacks too.

This little project goes to show that one, with a little imagination, and the right tools, can make anything of beauty, even an old worn chicken coop.

## Another Moooving Experience

Scott-W4WEL had to head to the farm to take care of serious business. There he saw a heard of new calves which needed rounding up. Actually, Scott was working in the field and the young Water Buffalo calves came up to check out what he was up to. **AWWWWW...**



just look at those cute little faces! 73-Scott

**AHHHHH CHOOOOO!**

And if you think you have springtime allergies, take a look at what Scott and many of us have to put up with. It's hitting with a vicious vengeance.

Keep the Kleenex handy!



## A note from your Chief Cook & Bottle Washer...



Our monthly newsletter 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 our net scheduler, Loby-WA2AXZ.

## Goods and

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