

K1R is Here!



Our annual anniversary celebration is beginning May 3 through May 9, 2026 as 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. Bob Lobenstein-WA2AXZ
1539 Golden Drive Hubertus, WI 53033

This year we will also be sending high quality-printable QSL's through your e-mail request: wa2axz@arrl.net Check out K1R on 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



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

NEWSLETTER May 2026

Passing: Father of Bill-KB1PKS
Another one of the Americas
"Greatest Generation" gone.



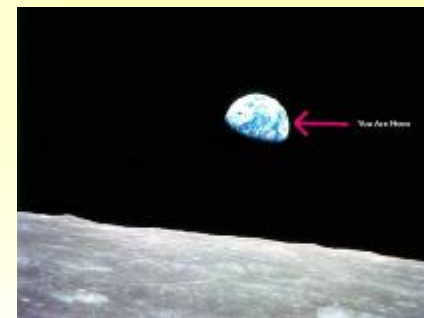
William Jacobs Sr.

Bill-KB1PKS always spoke of his dad with such fondness. His dad was featured in an earlier "Chew" newsletter enjoying motorcycles. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill and the family. Below is part of his obituary:

William Jacobs, Jr., age 99, of Shelton, entered into rest on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Griffin Hospital in Derby. He was the beloved husband of 75 years to the late Elizabeth (Tonucci) Jacobs. William was born in New Britain, CT on May 2, 1926, son of the late William and Olga (Prokopchuk) Jacobs.

He proudly served his country with the United States Army during WWII in the Pacific theater. William had a long career as a machinist / department set-up man, and he was a skilled craftsman with metal fabrication and precision machining. He was a past member of the American Legion. Early in life, he enjoyed playing the harmonica and later went on to learn and play the organ and keyboard. William loved fishing and was a member of the Shelton Bass Club. He always enjoyed being active. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's honor to either the Wounded Warrior Project or to the CT Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences can be offered to the family at www.riverviewfh.com

QSL card from Artemis 11



DAYTON HAMVENTION...

During the weekend of May 15-17, the hamvention will be in full swing in Xenia Ohio. Our group fro the Chew, the 1721 and other friends will be meeting at Rob's Restaurant: 705 Arlington Rd, Brookville, OH 45309 on Thursday evening at 5pm, for our annual pre hamvention get together. On Friday and Saturday May 15-16 12 noon sharp, I invite all attendees to meet me at the flag poles for our annual photo shoot. If you need to contact me while in Dayton, Please call 347-583-3612 (Phone only) *Loby-WA2AXZ*

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### Oscar-WO3O

### *On the Road Again:*



With spring in full force, Oscar hit the road for his spring-summer-fall digs in his Tempelton, PA campground. He set up his camper, radio station and all, to enjoy a leisurely stay in the quiet forest.

Oscar and his XYL are here as much as possible, 3 to 7 days a week. Between April to the end of October.



The ground has about 140 campers, with loads of side by sides and golf carts.

Oscar can be heard most every day on the chew, especially when doing his NCS duties, On Fridays, 11-noon every week. He placed his antenna in the trees and has a remarkable signal, heard everywhere.

When not on air, there are many trails and dirt



roads to run. He usually is found rolling around the forest in his 4 wheeler, enjoying a well deserved breath of Pennsylvania fresh air.

## **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!*

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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.

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Goods and  
Services:  
**NEED QSLs OR  
EYEBALL**



**CARDS ???**

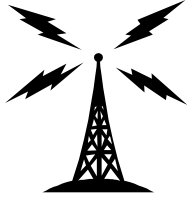
**KB3IFH QSL Cards**

[www.kb3ifh.homestead.com](http://www.kb3ifh.homestead.com)

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NEWS FLASH... Cushcraft & HyGain Antenna Brands sold to ITU Industries of Indiana!

In a major expansion of its Indiana footprint, ITU Corporation has purchased the former Linton National Guard Armory to serve as the new manufacturing hub for Hy-gain and Cushcraft. By acquiring these legendary brands from MFJ Enterprises, ITU is centralizing production at the 15-acre Linton site. This new endeavor will bring between 20-50 new jobs to Linton.



Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc., is pleased to announce the sale of the renowned Hy-gain and Cushcraft antenna, rotator, and communication product lines to ITU Corporation, a 25 year old Indiana engineering and manufacturing company.

"I am thrilled to pass the torch of these legendary antenna brands to Dave & Kambi Carpenter and their team at ITU Corporation," said Martin F. Jue, President of MFJ Enterprises.

"After nurturing these brands for decades it was vital to me that hy-gain and Cushcraft - - premier brands that have served radio operators and stations worldwide for generations - - landed in the hands of someone who understands their legacy."

"Dave, and the ITU team share our commitment to American-made quality and customer satisfaction. They bring the engineering expertise and manufacturing passion necessary to keep these products and these trusted American high-performance antennas on towers worldwide for years to come!"

Famous for their robust long lasting design and unparalleled superior performance, hy-gain and Cushcraft are the gold standard for antenna performance, gain, durability and offer a wide range of antennas, rotators, and accessories.

The designs, tooling, specialized equipment, manufacturing and marketing rights for hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas and rotators are included in the sale.

With this exciting announcement, the production of these trusted high-performance products marks a new chapter for the brands, combining their rich history with the expertise and dedication of the Indiana-based premier manufacturer.

This announcement includes ITU's purchase of the former Linton Indiana National Guard Armory facility at 2000 East Hwy 54 in Linton Indiana. Adding to it's current manufacturing and Corporate facilities located in Dugger Indiana.

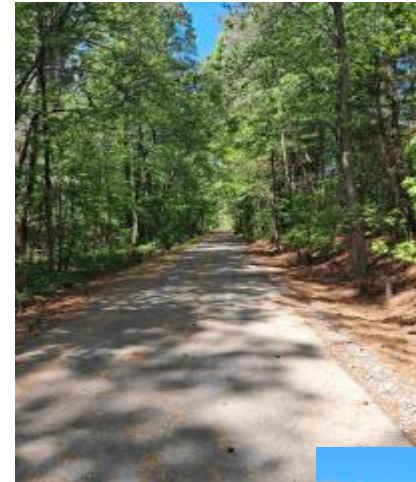
"We are excited about the acquisition of the former 15 acre Armory facility in Linton as it offers a move-in-ready building that perfectly meets the needs of this operation" stated Dave Carpenter President of ITU.

"ITU is proud to add the "hy-gain" and "Cushcraft" brands to our existing portfolio including our award winning LearnLab and TekShack subsidiaries. The trust that Martin F Jue has placed in our team is appreciated and challenges us to to continue the legendary legacy that Martin and his team at MFJ has been so successful at!"

Dave also commented that this new Linton manufacturing operation will employ around 20 employees initially and up to 50 as the operation moves into full production. ITU is moving the entire manufacturing operation from it's current Starkville Mississippi facility to the new Linton location. The 500 mile move will take about two months to complete. ~~~~~

Scott's Georgia Bike Trails...

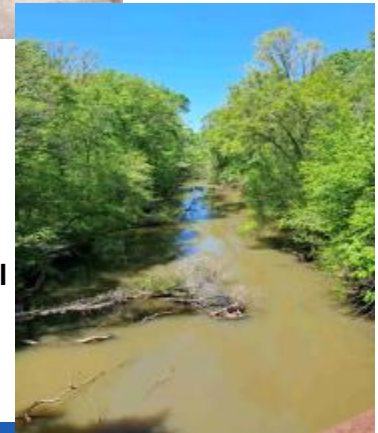
In-between caring for the critters in the area, Scott-W4WEL takes a few rides on his bike through the beautiful Georgia country side. He took a few photos of an especially



nice trail that meanders across the area. The trail pictured here was made following an abandoned rail line. There are literally thousands of miles of unused railroad right-of-ways that have

converted to walking and bike rails. Some even allow ATV's and other motorized vehicles to roll on the trails.

This particular trail runs through shaded tree lined lanes, over



streams and newly installed bridges, replacing crumbling old railroad trestles. I have a few of these trails in Wisconsin so check out your area and enjoy!