

Time for Fall Antenna Maintenance

Winter storms with howling winds are no time to be on the roof or tower doing repairs or maintenance. While the weather is still reasonably decent, a walkthrough of all the antenna arrays, guys and cabling is a must to ensure a nice warm winter in the shack, and not hanging on for dear life in the ccccold.



The photo shows my 160m resonator that became intermittent after 2 years on the roof. After peeling back the outer insulation it was revealed that the connection was covered in a crispy crud of corrosion. Thankfully I was able to break it down, clean up the wires and termination screw and washers, and put things back to rights. A good application of waterproof grease on the screw and wires and a few layers of good old "Scotch-88" finished up the patch job for another couple of years.

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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I am back on 160 Meters each evening with the 1721 roundtable group.

So don't put off a needed inspection of your antenna system. Get things done so we can hear you, uninterrupted, on the 7.272 Rag-chew.



I ADMIT IT... CONFESSION OF A SMUGGLER!

by: Loby-WA2AXZ

True, I have to come clean to clear my conscience. For years when up at our annual Kring Point Parties, I have crossed the Canadian border and, gulp, smuggled regular Edison-incandescent light bulbs into the country. This also includes secret requests

Lighting Facts	
Per Bulb	
Brightness	2300 lumens
Estimated Yearly Energy Cost	\$3.61
Based on 3 Incandescent	
Highly Cost	
Depends on bulb size and	
Life	9.1 years
Based on 3 Incandescent	
Light Appearance	Warm
2930 K	
Energy Used	12/23/20 watts
Contains Mercury	
For more on clean up and safe disposal, visit epa.gov/cfl .	



This product may cause interference to radio equipment and should not be installed near maritime safety communications equipment or other critical navigation or communication equipment operating between 0.45–30 MHz

made by friends and relatives for bulbs, living here under the thumb of the EPA.

For years I've lived in a city chock full of noise producing devices I had no control over. With an S-9+ noise floor, 24/7 across every HF band, I decided to do something drastic.. become an outlaw!

My good neighbor gave me two bulbs the other day and after reading this message on the side of the package, I respectfully said "no thanks"

Don't become an outlaw, like me. Take the time to read the packages on new lighting devices and see just what you are getting into. Be it LED or compact fluorescent, each one has the potential of causing you grief in the radio shack.

Consider yourself warned!



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Halloween Fun

Gary-KK9DOG sends us a few family photos from his home. Here is Gary and his lovely XYL, waiting on his front porch for trick-or-treaters to stop by.

A few of the boys and ghouls just hangin' around to surprise visitors at every turn. Thanks Gary!



For you... Something Special!

Each month we highlight a special story of interest. This month, just in time for the Christmas shopping season, we bring you Randy KB3IFH and his ever expanding QSL and radio related items business.

For decades Randy has been designing and manufacturing thousands of QSL cards for hams to use world wide. Today he brings you a vast array of ham related items, perfect for the ham on your Christmas list.

Recently he added the "Ham Call Street Sign" measuring approximately 12"X4'



(The Home-brew 72 Chew Beer was crafted by John-W8LWX)

Randy also makes can coolers using your photographs

or any of the photos Randy has on file to make these items interesting. Check out <http://kb3ifh.homestead.com/Shack-Stuff.html> and contact Randy-KB3IFH at kb3ifh@arrl.net to see the full line of ham related items for your holiday ham.



GET WELL

Chris-W4CVG, recovering from broken ribs after a fall while doing repairs during a storm at his QTH!

Goods and Services:

KB3IFH QSL Cards



If you are in the market for new and impressive QSL's and eyeball cards, contact Randy and see how a new set of cards will look for you.

KB3IFH QSL Cards

www.kb3ifh.homestead.com

WANTED...

**YOUR STORIES,
PHOTOGRAPHS, TECH TIPS,
HAPPENINGS AND FUNNIES.**

The 7.272 Ragchew Newsletter, "The Chew" is made possible by contributions of materials by our members. We rely on the 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.

Take a few moments to jot down interesting stories and send them to your editor. If you find a new "Taz" photo that can be used for future certificates and QSLs, that too is greatly appreciated. Please, e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Lobby at wa2axz@arrl.net *Many Thanks!*

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**TO ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
MEMBERS, HAVE A BLESSED  
THANKSGIVING, ENJOY THE FRUITS  
OF OUR GREAT NATION AND GIVE  
THANKS FOR THE BENEFITS OF LIVING  
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**  
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HANDYMAN HUSBAND

On a cold winter morning, wife texts husband: "WINDOWS FROZEN, WON'T OPEN" Husband texts back: "POUR SOME LUKEWARM WATER OVER IT AND TAP GENTLY ALONG THE EDGES WITH A HAMMER" Five minutes later wife texts husband: "COMPUTER REALLY SCREWED UP NOW"

