

Congratulations to "Grandpa" Bill-KB1PKS

Bill's first grandchild, Madeline-Elizabeth, was born March 4th in Indiana to proud parents Jacquelyn and Samuel Ansalidi. She was 6 pounds, 5 and 1/2 oz and 18 inches long and is now growing like a weed according to grandpa.



All the best to the new parents and the newly minted Grandma and Grandpa!

GET WELL:

A special note from John-N8SSE after his recent surgery. He is pleased to report the doctors say he is now cancer free, and John thanks everyone for their prayers and well wishes

It's Coming... K1R

On May 6 and 7, 2017 we celebrate our 13th anniversary with the 7.272 Ragchewers. On Saturday the 6th, we are looking for volunteers to take the traditional half-hour shifts beginning at 8:30 am Eastern Daylight Time through the afternoon hours.



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The "Chew"

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NEWSLETTER April 2017

On Sunday the 7th, we will use our regular hourly NCS's beginning at 8:15 am and we will be looking for volunteers to take the net into the afternoon hours.

A brand spanking new 13th anniversary collectors' QSL card has been prepared for anyone working our net during the two-day celebration. All it takes is a regular self-addressed-envelope to WA2AXZ to get one. More details will appear in the May issue of the Chew.

**A Blessed Easter
and Passover to all!**

The clock is ticking towards the annual Dayton Hamvention.

I can hear it in the voices of all on the "Chew" that anticipation for the new Hamvention is on the rise. In just a few weeks, we will be meeting, face to face, with friends from all over, at the new location in Xenia Ohio.

In keeping with our traditions, members of the 7.272 Ragchew Net, along with friends from other nets we frequent, will once again be holding our special activities; and remember, all are welcome and a great time is guaranteed for all! On Thursday evening May 18th, beginning at 5:30 pm, we will hold our 13th Annual Meet "n" Eat at Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Road, Brookville Ohio, 45309 (800-537-9574) We have been gathering there for a few years and there is great buffet style food and of course, wonderful conversation across the table without nary a bit of QRM and QRN to bother us. (hihi)

Our Friday evening May 19th, barbeque continues at the KOA



(Kampgrounds of America) Exit 24 on I-70. Stop by, sit a spell, and enjoy trading stories about the first day of the new Hamvention. We welcome all of our friends to be part of the fun (1721 Group, the Rooster Roster net, Night Watch Net, Corn Cob Net, etc.) Please e-mail Loby wa2axz@arrl.net, if you plan on spending the weekend with the 7.272 Rag Chewers.



"This thoughtful wife knows when her husband tunes in on Schlitz, the reception is good"



The Beer that made Milwaukee Famous

A 1952 advertisement from Charlie-WB2YZX

My only question is, why is the "Beer that Made Milwaukee Famous" being touted in 3 land instead of the home turf, 9?

Lightning-1 Loby-0

Over the past week or so, I have been noticing that the SWR was bouncing around on my 10-80m Hustler Vertical antenna. So I decided, before the BIG storm (March 14th), to go up and take a look.

Last year, water got in and corroded open the shield of the UG-8 cable. I took a measurement from the shack and saw

that there was around 2-5 megs to ground when there should have been "0". I went up to the antenna and re-cut and installed the cable to find that I still had 2-5 megs to ground. I tested the two ground cables and found that the braided cable leading to the two rear yard lightning rods had the high resistance.



Looking at the connections I was greeted with this scene to the right. About 15 years ago, I installed the ground cables and did a nice soldering job making sure all was hunky-dory. Looking at this joint with the burned insulation, I can only think that it took a nice hit when we had the strange thunderstorms a few weeks ago, and blew the two #10 wires off the soldered connection. I re-soldered the joint and installed a "bugnut" cable squash connector. The ground resistance is now back to "0". The SWR is stable and everything is ready for another lightning hit? NAHHHHH, Lightning doesn't strike twice at the same spot... does it? ;-)

Volunteers Wanted!



If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or emergency fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, John-W8LWX.

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. Please, e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Loby at wa2axz@arrl.net Many Thanks!

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Remember that your organization without organization needs your contribution to keep the website on line as well as helping with the postage and background costs encountered during the year.



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