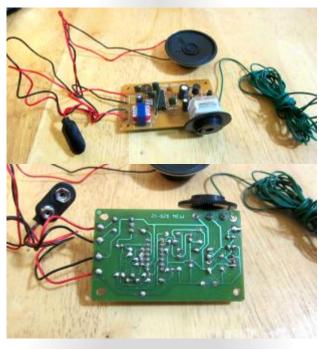
AHHHH...CHOOOO

by: Loby-WA2AXZ

My 8-year-old grandson, Bobby and I built a kit short wave radio. During the build on the kitchen table, Bobby soldered almost all parts on the board nicely. There were a few delicate IC parts that needed special attention so I did them.



Bobby was playing with the HOT iron and I smelled plastic. He said he touched the plastic parts bag by mistake. Oh well... fast forward to the next day. I was cleaning the table and putting things away when I decided to make a hamburger. As I sat at the table with my lunch, I reached for the pepper shaker and FOOOOOSH, out came most of the pepper?



I looked and saw a nice melted hole in the wall of the shaker. After I stopped laughing, I put most of the pepper back in the shaker and wrapped it with tape.

Bobby admitted to putting a hole in my peppershaker, though I am not mad. He is learning and being a future ham, I hope he learns respect for a hot soldering tool.





Our new and Improved web site is on the way!

As John-W8LWX announced his "retirement" as scheduler and webmaster, a few months ago, a search was underway to fill his most important position in our organization-without-organization.

I am happy to report that Joel-KM4NOU has taken up the mantle of webmaster and has been busily working on the Chew website. Through hurricane endured delays, Joel and John will have the website seamlessly transferred, allowing us to continue using the 72chew.net address. We expect to have the new looking site up and running around the beginning of November so you'll know the deed was done when you view the new title pages. We are always looking for suggestions to improve things so, take a good look and suggest away!

Wanted!



If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or emergency fill in, please contact your net scheduler, Loby-WA2AXZ wa2axz@arrl.net

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More on the Voice of America visit. By Mark KC8SGO

This highly decorated radio, on display, is a 1930 Crosley Model 54. It is constructed of "Repwood" a molded mixture of Powdered wood and resin. It cost



\$64 in 1930 or almost \$900 in today's money. During WW-2 and afterwards into the "cold



war", Russians made radios to exclusively block VOA reception. This is a VEF-Spidola-10 "Ca 1965" Users did get inside and perform modifications to

allow free listening around the propaganda stations.

Adolph Hitler did not like VOA at all. In fact



he called them the Cincinnati liars though there were reports he also used the term "bastards". No matter what, either fascist or communist, they didn't want their people to hear the truth and tried various means to block the VOA 600kW signals.

There are plenty of displays to enjoy during a tour of the grounds so, plan a visit and enjoy a walk through radio history,

Remember... Without you, there is no CHEW!

WANTED!



Net Scheduler for the 7.272 Rag Chew Net

The search for our next net scheduler continues. After six years of hard and stellar work. John-W8LWX retired from his position as webmaster and net scheduler for our group.

I am sure you all will join in, recognizing his great skill and dedication to the group over the years.

As work is underway to have our chew web site taken over by Joel-KM4NOU, a call is going out to everyone on the chew, that we are looking for a new net scheduler.

Requirements for the position are simple. Just be a member of the group that wants to help in keeping our 14 year old "Organization without Organization" running smoothly. You will set up our weekly net control coverage and if unable to update the web page, the new webmaster or myself, Loby, will plug in the weekly schedule. . John and I will be alongside as you take up the mantle, giving guidance along the way. Please put the word out and everyone's efforts are deeply appreciated. Loby-WA2AXZ

Thanksgiving Dinner

It may be Thanksgiving though nothing quells our taste for "Ham" radio!

With thanks to Chris, KQ9Y



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

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!

Goods and Services:

If you or a fellow ham need anything special to buy or have anything to sell or trade, list it here in the Chew!

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