

We had a house fire in our neighborhood recently. I had warned the subscribers to my EP newsletter to always take pictures of all your belongings and put them in a fire proof safe or keep them at someone else's house. They take my newsletter but had not done that yet. So they had to just dig through the ashes to try to recount what was in the house to make a list for the insurance company. (I took pictures of all my house contents the very next day and put it on a CD in my fire proof safe... TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE... RIGHT?)





This was a very hot fire that destroyed all of the contents of the entire house



The owner let me come with him to show me where he found his ham radio that was in the front room on the table in a nylon bag.





He found it right where he left it inside the nylon bag. But the condition of the radio was not what he expected to see.





The radio was actually inside a nylon bag that was inside the larger nylon bag containing all the other radio equipment (pig tail antenna, charger, etc) To his astonishment the radio looked like it had not been damaged that much. There was only scorching stains on the antenna connector.



Here is all of the equipment that was in the bag with the radio. The radio on the right was a hand held emergency crank radio that was in the nylon bag of radio equipment with the other things that got melted.



We have tested the radio and it seems to work OK. The insurance company still replaced it because there is no way to know if the mother board was damaged from the heat. But so far the testing of the radio shows that it was mostly undamaged in such a hot fire.

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