

K1R is back for Labor Day 2012

Our eighth annual end of summer Labor Day event begins Saturday September 1st through Monday September 3rd.



We will be using our regularly scheduled hourly net control stations to kick off the weekend's festivities. On Monday September 3rd we will be doing our "special" half hour net control station changeover to allow as many friends as possible the ability to work the two required NCS's for the certificate. The "Taz", our mascot, will make his appearance on our new Labor Day certificate. When you work two NCS's over the weekend, send Loby-WA2AXZ a self addressed stamped envelope. If you don't want the certificate folded, send in a 9"X12" envelope with \$1.08 postage affixed.

If you would like to volunteer for a half hour position during the Monday September 3rd event, please notify Loby WA2AXZ, via e mail, at wa2axz@arrl.net.

Enjoy the holiday and celebrate the contributions of the American worker to this great country.

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The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!

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NCS Tip of the Month...

Pause and listen

Recently poor band conditions have been making operations for our NCS's and members difficult. We suggest that the NCS pause a few seconds after a member station speaks, and listen for weaker stations wanting to check in over the noise.



Kring Point 2012

The weekend of September 14-15-16th, our friends in the 160m 1721 group will meet in Alexandria Bay-Krings Point to celebrate Their 10th anniversary. If you are in that upstate N.Y. area, stop by and join the celebration.

Contact wa2axz@arrl.net for details.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!



72chew.net

John-W8LWX

Starting August 18, 2012, our new website address is **72chew.net** (you can put "www." in front of it if you really like *whiskey, whiskey, whiskey* -- it'll get there just the same). Go there and check it out. There's still a **Chat Room**, of course, where you can connect with other ragchewers while waiting to check in. Plus there are some new features, including a **Forum** where you can share your latest and greatest HF antenna design with the rest of the world or advertise that old rig you've been meaning to sell. Visit the **Downloads** page to get the latest issue of *The Chew* or the latest version of the 7.272 roster. Go to **72chew.net** right now and check it out!

"HELP WANTED"

We are looking for a dedicated individual, savvy in the ways of website design and management, to oversee our new web site.

**Contact Loby -WA2AXZ at
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**Or Russ-K1LRB at
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Renovation surprises

By Loby-WA2AXZ

I have been threatening to make a change in my shack for some time. This almost 100 year old house has wiring that just doesn't cut it anymore. My second floor shack (*Front Bedroom*) had only one outlet for the entire room. Try running a computer, monitor, printer, Icom 756, Ameritron-811 linear, TV, stereo and lights all at one time... and air conditioning? *FAUGETTABOUTIT!*

Earlier this spring, I began installing cables and found some interesting things buried in the walls. During world war 2, fuel shortages made it necessary for residents to insulate their un-insulated homes. Here in Brooklyn, as just about every building material went to the war effort, homeowners scrambled to stuff walls with newspapers.

While running new cables I discovered copies of the daily newspapers, old and brittle, describing Hitler's march into the Rhineland as well as "Jap" advances in the Pacific. On this day I decided to run a 120-220 volt line to the radio shack. After opening an exploratory hole in the wall I was greeted with unusual stuffing.

Old shirts, ladies undergarments, a woolen scarf and other unidentifiable remnants of clothing. Some can be seen folded inside the



The original owners, the Jorgensen's, must have collected rags and stuffed them in the upstairs walls. After a small pile was removed, the path was cleared for the pull line and subsequently the new #12 cable. I am happy to report my 811 tubes are glowing much brighter now and there is enough power left over for an air conditioner!



This is just too good not to pass along... The Old Man

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

'This is the 21st century, old man,' he said. 'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad.'

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it! When it gets out of the repair shop that iPad thing should work like new again.



With thanks to my friend, John Campbell

A note from your editor...

Our Monthly Newsletter "*THE CHEW*" contains information about the activities and participants in the 7272 Rag Chew Group. We rely on contributions of stories and pictures from the members to keep all of us up to date, to 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!

Goods and Services:

7272 Ragchew "T" Shirt!

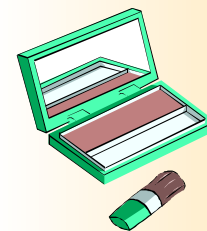
A great looking shirt with the emblem of our group along with *your* name and call in bold lettering. Wear our colors proudly, around the house or at local clubs and hamfests around the country! To order yours, check out the convenient information page and order form on our website, www.ragchewers.com.



Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something special?

Place a free ad in the upcoming issues of *The Chew!*

Contact: wa2axz@arrl.net



Our friend, Joan Regen-Ramirez, is now presenting "Arbonne," the cosmetic and wellness line for women, children, and yes, men. If you want to stay younger looking and

healthy longer, e-mail her for info.

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