



“ K1R ”
is on the air!

CELEBRATING A new and “hopefully” better year 2013

The 7272 Ragchew group is once again gathering on a cold January 1st, beginning at 8:15am *eastern*, to celebrate a new year.

So come... join us, be part of our annual New Year’s celebration with the “TAZ” and good friends across the globe!

Here’s wishing the “Chew” and everyone participating another productive and fun filled year with the camaraderie we have come to enjoy.

If you would like to be part of our great NCS roster and be part of the celebrations, Please contact Loby-WA2AXZ at..

wa2axz@arrrl.net.

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@arrrl.net
Many Thanks!



The “ Chew ”

SEVENTY-TWO



“Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!”

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Merry Christmas Happy Chanukah-Happy Kwanzaa to all of our friends!

No matter what your belief, enjoy the holiday season to the fullest.

John-W8LWX Russ-K1LRB

Loby-WA2AXZ

FAN MAIL from a fellow ham and former SWL.



Below is a recent e-mail received from JimN8DQU:

Hello Loby, my name is Jim (N8DQU) I was checking into the 72"CHEW" today and the NCS mentioned your name and that it would be a good thing to make a donation to the "cause". I will be doing that right after the first of the month. (actually the 3rd) hi hi.

I have talked to and with you for some years, now, and have listened for many more. I have to tell you that you guys are an inspiration to SWLs everywhere just in the way that the mood or tone of the frequency is always positive and upbeat. I don't know how anyone can sound as up and enthusiastic as Tom “Q G an a J”. But, many is the time that I have been in a deep blue funk and tuned up 1.871mhz and immediately felt better.

I also like hearing of the "outings" like the park rentals in the spring and Dayton parties and all that. This letter is an unsolicited “atta boy”. I hope to get to know all of you a little better soon. Thanks for the fine listening. Keep it up and thanks, Jim Duncan N8DQU

Many thanks for the kind words Jim. Your letter is just the shot in the arm we need from time to time. We love what we do on the “Chew” and our sister “1721” group on 160m. The fun, information and camaraderie shared is just a small part of amateur radio, and you, Jim, have become part of our radio family.

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A Christmas Ham

T'was a night before Christmas and all through
my shack

The tubes were a glowing... I was making
contacts

The antenna was tuned and rotated 'round
Facing the south, the noise level to drown

I sat in my old chair, earphones on my head
I stopped spinning the dial, now what's being
said?

Two old codgers were at it... they were making a
scene.... Which rig was garbage and which was a
dream

Down the band I slid like snow on the fly
With nothing else heard, 40 meters I'd try
With the snap of a switch, align grid and plate
Setting the filters, Hey... there are my mates!

The "72 Chewers" were talking en mass
Each taking turns, their greetings to pass
One by one listing their holiday wishes
Of rigs and amps and satellite dishes

With a broad smile, the radio I keyed
I checked myself in, what else would one need?

Then all of a sudden, a sizzle and spark
The lights blinked twice and then all was dark

A glow in the back of the rig's getting brighter
My heart sinks to the floor...
the transformer's on fire!

Pull out the plugs... smoke's filling my nose
I turn on the spray from close garden hose

Open the windows, fling open the sash
I toss out the rig to the ground with a crash
Stench from the smoke fills my poor head
Then all of a sudden, I wake up in my bed

What could have caused such a terrible
nightmare?

Was it the beer, the nuts or the ham ill prepared?
To my delight the shack is intact and the snow
lightly falls...

73's to my friends, Merry Christmas to all!

Lionel was the making of us all.



*Well, almost...
Many hams got
introduced to
electricity by the
simple fact that
early Lionel
trains had to be
wired, and*

*wired correctly to run. There are few among us that
didn't love to get and set up a circle of trains under
the Christmas tree.*

*In 1900 Joshua Lionel (Cohen) Cowen made a simple
train set to showcase items in a New York novelty
shop. Passersby seemed to be more interested in the
trains than the items the cars carried. This early layout
eventually turned into a toy empire.*

*Lionel trains run on alternating current as supplied
from a transformer. Wiring the leads correctly and
preventing short circuits was the goal of each boy.
Mistakes were made and fingers were burned, but, we
learned. Today it seems every toy has been made in
a way as to "not to encumber the thought process".*

*I suggest that each of us get the children an old set
of trains and teach them the in's and out's of model
railroading. Some may enjoy it and look into electric-
ity and electronics further. Good! They will be our
future engineers and hams!*

NCS Tip of the Month... Logs during special events.

*When acting as NCS for our
7272 Ragchew special events,
record all of your contacts as per FCC
regulations. Once your net is through,
E-mail a copy of your log to wa2axz@arrl.
net for reference to assist in certificate and
QSL preparation. Thanks!*



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 pic-
tures 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.

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HURRICANE Sandy's WRATH

It started out as a small tropical storm winding its way up from the Caribbean. At the same time a low pressure front in the northwest started across the country, heading for the east coast. Couple these events with a full moon and extremely high lunar tides and a "Frankenstorm" was born. Sandy came blowing into town October 29th and with a 10 foot high storm surge on top of a high tide hit the shore lines of New Jersey and New York with a vengeance. Areas that usually have no flooding were swamped. Evacuations were ordered and thousands fled the shore for higher ground as street by street a wall of water tore into homes and businesses leaving rubble and broken dreams in its wake.



Water rising on the streets of Brooklyn



Heavy winds and rain toppled trees and power lines and poles plunging millions into darkness. Weathermen said that this was a record low pressure hurricane and my barometer went way down to 28.3 or 960 millibars.

Ed-WA2NDA lives in southern New Jersey and along with his XYL Sally, enjoy beach side living and the retirement activities of the community. As the storm raced up the coast, water began to rise and cover the property. In a few minutes water was over a foot high in the house signaling Ed and family to get out.



WA2NDA's yard under water.

The storm destroyed several seaside communities and wiped out the famous boardwalks and piers of Seaside Heights and Atlantic City.

In my side of town, Brooklyn and the Rockaway's, low lying areas were crushed and water flooded all the railway and subway tunnels as well as the major car/truck tunnels across the city. TV news reporters in downtown Manhattan heard numerous explosions as one by one the high tension transformer vaults filled with salt water and shorted out. All power was cut from the empire state building to the lower tip of the city. Something that has never been done in the utilities 128 year history.

Next day revealed the carnage and to most, it looked as though the coastal areas were hit by nuclear missiles.

Ed-WA2NDA returned home to find that over four feet of sea water blasted through the lower part of his house. Everything on that level was destroyed. Ed reported that he moved his radio equipment and other valuables upstairs and



thankfully they were saved. Outside was a mess as boats were strewn on the property and a mountain of muck and debris

needed to be cleared. Ed is waiting for insurance to cover the damage and he hopes the building structure is sound enough to be rebuilt.

Back in the Rockaway's, the subway tracks were



KF2WR-Andy holding up the subway tracks.

washed away in the storm. Old ballast was missing thus exposing an old 1905 LIRR trestle underneath.

In the naval air station (Runway #24) a USMC 300

foot high communications tower was bent in two.

We pray for those who lost their lives or were injured in this disaster. We Americans are a hearty bunch and we will rebuild!

If you have the wherewithal, please make a donation to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. They are a godsend!

