



K1R

Really Special!

On a ccccccold January 1st baby "Taz" made his annual appearance, welcoming in a brand spanki'n new year.

Fellow hams from all over the states and Canada checked into our gala New Year's day special event, hangovers or not (*hihi*). Best wishes flowed like champaign as old friends and new ones too, for that matter, came together to have fun and continue the great ragchew tradition of the 7.272 group.

If you wish a certificate to commemorate the day, send Loby-WA2AXZ a self addressed stamped envelope, (a large 9X12 envelope if you do not want the certificate folded). His address is 1958 East 36 Street Brooklyn, New York 11234.



A special recognition to all who worked as NCS during the K1R event, Many Thanks!

A happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all in 2013!

An Interesting Web Site:

This is an interesting site exploring mercury arc rectifiers, used in ham radio and industrial applications... Enjoy!
<http://www.electricstuff.co.uk/mercarc.html>

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The "Chew"

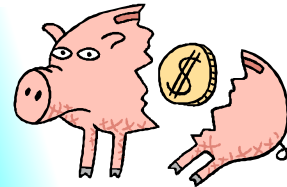
SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

NEWSLETTER *January 2013*



Our Annual Fundraiser is in full swing...

Your small contribution of a few dollars goes to website maintenance and the purchase of paper, ink and postage for the various 7272 Ragchew special events.

A hearty Thank You to Mike George – K3MG and everyone in the group who helped keep our organization without organization running in 2012.

Please, mail yours to Loby-WA2AXZ today.

DAYTON... ??????

Coming sooner than you think....
What should we do?????

It's now time to start seriously considering our annual trek to the Ham Radio Mecca of the world, DAYTON !

For the past 2 years our group was not able to meet due to reduced attendance at this event. Gas prices and the sad state of the economy have impacted many hams ability to attend.

I am asking the members who may be at Dayton this year, to *PLEASE* make suggestions before the end of February, 2013. Should we assemble... or take another break this year ? It's your call!

Loby-WA2AXZ@arrl.net

A Snowy AJ4SV Antenna Farm

Here are a few pictures of the snow/ice on my antenna farm in Shepherdsville Kentucky. This is the



first snow since the tower was put up and functional. The rotor did not want to turn due to ice on the bearing at the

top. Looks like I'll have to make some sort of bearing cover.

With thanks to : Robert Borders AJ4SV

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So, what did you get for Christmas?



Little Bobby tears into his gifts.

In our family, and millions of others across the globe, the children wait and wait sleeplessly for the “Big Man” to come down the chimney and leave gifts under the tree. When they wake, it becomes a storm of wrappings and boxes as they check out every little detail as packages are undone. I've yet to hear of one child getting coal in their stocking.

Grandpa Loby was a good boy too and Santa brought him something special. TAZ floor mats personalized with his name and call sign.



To all in the 72-Ragchew group, send in some of your most cherished photos and I'll put them in an upcoming issue of “The Chew”

Hurricane Sandy Update The Jersey shore...



Ed-WA2NDA is still hammering away at the insurance company and FEMA on a determination about his old QTH. Located along the waterfront, the lower portion of the home and attached garage building was destroyed. The argument about the demolition of the structure vs. rebuilding goes on as Ed and Sally stay at their daughters home.

Steve-W2FBR is also sadly waiting for the official determination of what will be done with his QTH. Unlike Ed, whose equipment was saved, Steve lost his Tentec gear and other expensive electronic ham gear in the rising waters of the Atlantic.

The politicians have left the area, the TV news people are covering other stories and the frustration of those in the disaster area is growing. The wheels of relief and governmental assistance are turning ever so slowly leaving thousands unable to return home. More updates to come.

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, 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!

NCS Tip of the Month... Changing Frequency

There have been times when the QRM-QRN and/or foreign broadcasts cause tremendous interference on our home frequency. NCS's can, if it is a bit clearer up or down from 7.272, move the net for better operations.

Heard on Aire...

“It was so cold this morning, I saw an attorney with both hands in his own pockets!”

Gary-KK9DOG

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

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