



*Begorrah...*  
A Happy  
St. Patrick's Day  
to one and all .

**DAYTON...**

**The Golden Ticket!**

Tickets are now on sale for the 2013 Dayton Hamvention. They may be ordered online at [hamvention.org/tickets.php](http://hamvention.org/tickets.php)



If you prefer to order by "Snail Mail", Go to the above web site, download and print

the order form. Advance ticket price is \$20 at the door hamvention weekend, \$25 If you want the three day bus pass to and from the event add \$8.

**Speaking about Dayton,**

Due to the financial downturn and other factors, there has not been enough interest in having a 7272 Ragchew get together this year. There will be other group's having an assembly and I will be looking into the probability of having us join in. More to come... Loby-WA2AXZ .

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**The "Chew"**



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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**NCS Tip of the Month "Net e mails"**

When corresponding with John-W8LWX, our net scheduler, be careful not to send an unwanted and unnecessary "global" e mail to all of the NCS's on the e mail list.

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 Lee—K4ALM and everyone in the group who help keep our organization running smoothly.

Please, mail yours to Loby-WA2AXZ today.



**Is it Max or Buttons?**

by: Gary-KK9DOG

Here are some pictures of Max, my Airedale Terrier. He had surgery on his right ear to repair ruptured arteries and veins inside.



Veterinarians split the inside of the ear, repaired the damaged vessels and as you can see, inserted buttons? Yes, this was done to prevent his ear from



being deformed as it slowly heals. Some people thought

these buttons were decoration and thought that they were cute until I told them what had happened.

A friend of mine in New York saw the pictures and he showed them to his daughter which is a student at Cornell University. She had never seen anything like this so she had pictures copied for review by the professors and vets in training at the University.

Max is improving every day and has gotten accustomed to his new adornments.

**If you have a human interest story, please send it to the editor at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)**

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## Tongue in Cheek....

Rich, AA2XK, as net control station, opens up his hour covering just about every topic from ham radio to life. If one wants to truly animate the conversation, start speaking about trains... from models to the real rail road. Rich will spark to life as he relates stories of his over 38 year career as conductor on the Long Island Railroad. One morning we were speaking about railroad cabooses. Rich spoke fondly about

being inducted into the LIRR ancient order of the "Hack" Hack is one of the many slang terms for caboose. They served as

everything from the conductors office, mess hall and bed room. I informed him that we, in our Transit



that he probably slept in that one too! Sure enough, when I looked closely at that caboose I found this sign.

Enough said!



## High Flying Ham Ray-N4GYN

Ray's passion, other than being a professional broadcast announcer and Ham Radio, is flying. He enjoys the freedom of the open skies with family and friends. Ray sends us these photos and the smile seen on his face speaks volumes.



## 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](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)

Many Thanks!

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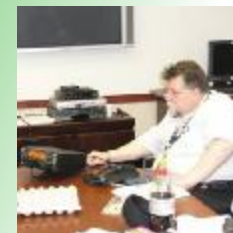


## Passings:

Donald Sayre-AA2DS

February 3, 2013

Member of the ragchew group, our local K2IRT NYC Transit club and various clubs near his QTH in Middletown, New York. Don was a longtime friend and subway colleague of Loby-WA2AXZ



Wife of Dave-KD8CSQ

February 13, 2013

Dave is known to all on the various nets as "The Big Red Tractor" Heartfelt condolences to the families.

## Goods and Services:



I have KD8FTO's complete HO train set. He is now a silent key. I have dismantled the set and have carefully wrapped each car and engine. There are about 9 engines, 20 cars, 200 plus feet of track, many

turnouts and switches with controls and a complete working round house turn table. I also have, I think, a New York Central set with 4 observation cars. There is also a working "Tom Thumb" engine. I also have a dual transformer. Contact Rodger-KA8FTS at [rodger1860@att.net](mailto:rodger1860@att.net) for further information.

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