



Easter & Passover Greetings



to one and all .

Tribute to a "SK"



Charlie "Q" N2JZA, passed away three years ago this May and tributes to his life and work are still a daily part of life in the NYC Transit's Power Department. The team of Charlie and Loby worked in power substations for 40 years apiece and together, with fellow co

workers, left an indelible imprint on the subway system . Thanks to our knowledge of emergency procedures in Ham Radio, we set up emergency communications , emergency equipment and developed contingency plans when or if the unthinkable happened.

Just this past year during the floods of Hurricane Sandy, these plans came into play and thankfully saved millions of dollars of critical electrical equipment, thus enabling a rapid restoration of subway service to millions of New Yorkers.

His dream of a remote Power Control Center was one of the last things we were working on when pancreatic cancer took Charlie too soon. March 26th, 2013 the new center was dedicated in his honor and memory.

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The "Chew"



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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Charlie, or as the gang used to call him, "CQ-CQ" checked in to the Chew when he was able. He used an old Icom 735 connected to a well bent vertical on his Brooklyn roof that served him for many years.

He loved being part of our Transit Radio Club's K2IRT special events and Field day activities too.

Charlie is gone, I'm retired and a new crowd is ruling the roost. I am happy to say that the fellow who took over my spot is a ham too-KF2WR, and is carrying on as Charlie and I have done before. Loby-WA2AXZ

NCS Tip of the Month

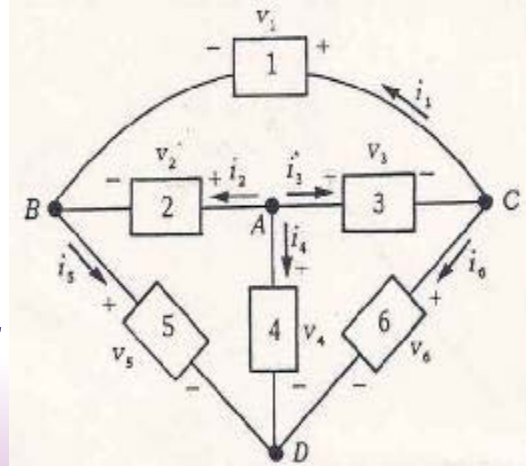
"RELAY"

During poor band conditions, NCS's should ask stronger stations or stations in a different region to act as a relay station. This way we can get as many friends as possible to participate in our nets



Tongue in Cheek... Baseball Vs Kirchoff's law.

If the ball is hit back to the pitcher (A) with runners at 1st (C) and 3rd (B), he



should, if possible, throw to the catcher (D) to get the runner (i5) out: otherwise to 1st base (C) to tag runner (V-6) There will be a test on this in the next ham refresher exam.

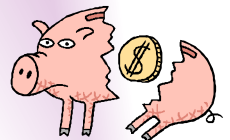
Heard on the radio...

"Kids today have to grow a backbone and not a wish bone!"

If you have a human interest story, please send it to the editor at wa2axz@arrl.net

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.

Please, mail yours to Loby-WA2AXZ today.



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Ham Radio and the great New York - New Year's eve ball drop.

Beginning in 1907, the great tradition of the Times Square New Year's Eve ball countdown and drop began.

Early ball drops were governed by a simple watch in the pocket of the sign manager on the top of the New York Times building.

Later on, wanting to be more accurate as to the beginning of a new year, managers did something new.

At 11:59 pm the "timekeeper" would keep an eye on a stopwatch and give the order to begin lowering the ball. Alongside the time keeper was an amateur radio operator, monitoring the time stamp frequencies of the National Bureau of Standards, the most accurate time in the world.

Once the word was given to lower the ball, the timekeeper would watch second marks taped on the ropes and cables and depending on the speed, order the men to go faster or slower, in time with the bureaus broadcast time stamp. This timing and manually lowering of the ball continued until 1995 when computers took over and the radio operator and the team of ball droppers, were relieved of duty.

(From the book Signs and Wonders)

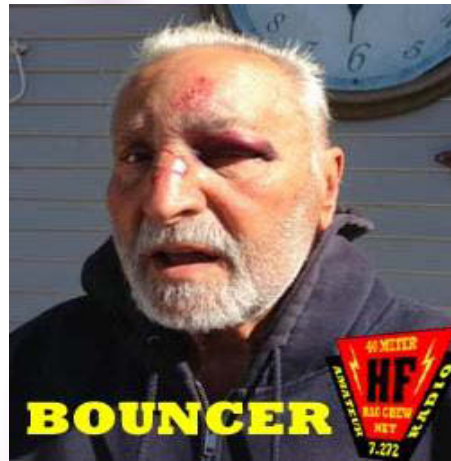


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Have you seen this man?

Our old friend, Ed-WA2NDA took a nasty fall on March 23rd and he has been in a lot of pain for the past week. He hurt his leg too, so walking is a chore.

We originally thought he had a fight over radios with his lovely XYL Sally, but the whole truth came out. He was a bar bouncer and got roughed up a bit by rowdy patrons. Get well Ed, and get back on the air.



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!

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K1R 9th

Anniversary Special Event.

On the weekend of May 4th and 5th, 2013 the 7272 Ragchew Group proudly celebrates the 9th anniversary of operating on 40 meters. May 4th we will do 1/2 hour Net Control operations and run regular hourly NCS spots on the 5th.

If anyone would like to volunteer and help the "Taz" during one of the 1/2 hour spots, Please contact your events coordinator, Loby at WA2AXZ@arrl.net



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 for further information.



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