

## Welcome our new Net Control Stations...

Dave Jones—KB3AUM



Dave hails from the northeastern part of Pennsylvania and has joined as our Thursday NCS beginning at 11am. Let's all

give him a hearty welcome to the fold and encourage others to become respected NCS's of our ragchew clan.

Wayne Whitman—K4ELO

We are very pleased to announce that Wayne, K4ELO,



has taken the open Saturday 10-11 slot (2nd/4th/5th Saturday of each month, alternating with AA2T), starting June 22nd. Most of you probably know Wayne from the Nightwatch Net. (If not, see [nightwatchnet.net](http://nightwatchnet.net)).

## HAM HOUNDS

Liza-KB3AUM and Prints-WA2AXZ



# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!

NEWSLETTER

July 2013



to all in the  
72 Ragchew Group!

July 4th 1776

July 4th 2013

## June moon over my antenna farm.

After an unusually warm day it was nice to feel a cool breeze as evening fell upon the city. I was sitting on my front stoop and saw the makings of a nice photo. I grabbed my camera and clicked away.

There was a beautiful half moon in the sky, perfectly positioned between my Hustler 6BTV (Right side 10-80m) and my ham stick for 160m on the left.

*Speaking of beautiful sights, how about this one...*

That fellow, way up on top of his 90 foot tall tower, is Larry, KN8I doing his High Standing Wave! He calls his compound "antenna hill" Google KN8I - antenna hill for more of his interesting photos. Larry can



be heard on the Corn Cob Net and the 68 Group each day and is a frequent check in to our net too.

If any of our members have nice antenna farm shots, send them to me for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the chew. Loby-WA2AXZ

[72chew.net](http://72chew.net)

# Field Day 2013

Once again thousands of hams, across America and Canada packed up their gear and headed out to farm and field for the annual ARRL Field Day exercise. Beginning June 22nd and ending June 23rd, they came together, set up emergency antennas, portable shacks and the obligatory barbecue, for a week-end of testing emergency communications equipment that recently was employed, only too frequently, during the past year.

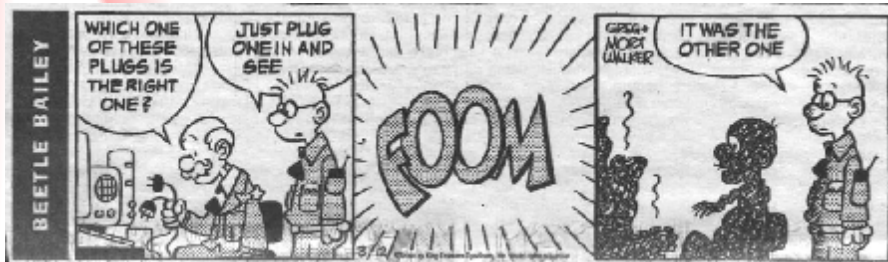


While we on the Chew and other groups take a few sessions off, we must realize that this Field Day activity hones the skills of participants in providing emergency communications when disaster strikes. Hurricane Sandy, the tornados in Oklahoma and Texas prove that landline and cell communications are all too vulnerable. Ham radio operators stepped up and along with teams from local police-fire and National Guard divisions, keep the critical path of information flowing.

Hats off to everyone who worked their local Field day operations and I for one am a bit hoarse from repeating a thousand times and more...

“CQ CQ Field Day”

A chuckle from Beetle Bailey. Has this ever happened to you in your shack? >>>>>



## Morse Code Urn

My friend and fellow historian, Joe Cunningham sent me this interesting little story. This wooden urn was constructed by Michael Diesso (a *non-ham*) using walnut and oak segments spelling out a wedding greeting.

There are 45 rings each using a combination of segments arranged into dots, dashes and spaces for a greeting: *Kathryn Tyrell and David Rivera married the 23rd of June 2012... Love and happiness forever! From Michael and Janet.*

The segments and rings were painstakingly glued together and the whole urn was turned on a lathe to its final form. After sanding and finishing with a fine wax, this made a very special personalized wedding gift.

## Note from your Editor...

Our monthly newsletter “*THE CHEW*” contains information about the activities of participants in the 7272 Ragchew Net. 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 will be greatly appreciated.

Please, e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Loby at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)

Many thanks!

## NCS Tip of the Month: Volunteers.

During a break on your net, remind our friends that we have open NCS slots (Check the schedule on the website) and can always use good operators to fill in. Have them contact our net scheduler, John-W8LWX to volunteer.



## K1R 9th Anniversary

We still have plenty of QSL cards to distribute to those who checked in. If you'd like one personalized, please send a SASE to Loby-WA2AXZ today.

## Thank You:

To Ed-WA2NDA for his kind contribution to the chew! 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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