

“ K1R ”

is on the air!

Celebrating the end of summer with our 9th annual Labor Day weekend event.

The 7272 Ragchew group is once again gathering on a warm August morning, beginning at 8:15 am EDT. The start of our three day Labor Day weekend event. On Saturday the 31st and Sunday, September 1st, we will have our hourly NCS's welcome all to join in our celebration. On Monday-Labor Day we will start at 8:15 am and continue through the day to about 2pm changing NCS's every half hour.

Work two NCS's during the weekend and send WA2AXZ a self-addressed stamped envelope for your personalized K1R certificate. (Robert Lobenstein-WA2AXZ 1958 E. 36 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234)

So come... join us, be part of our annual Labor Day celebration with the “TAZ” and good friends across the globe!

If you would like to be part of our great NCS roster and be part of the celebrations, Please contact

Loby-WA2AXZ at..
wa2axz@arrl.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@arrl.net *Many Thanks!*

The “Chew”

SEVENTY-TWO



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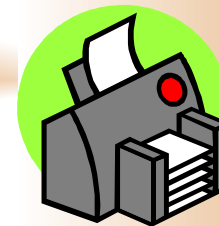
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NEWSLETTER *September 2013*

***A Happy Wedding Celebration
Keri Lobenstein ~ Michael Hanko***



On August 24th your editor, Loby-WA2AXZ was in Wisconsin to give away the bride, Keri. Keri is the oldest daughter of Loby and has been



**News...
you can use!**

Consumer Reports did a nice article last month covering the use of ink in our home printers. It seems as though the frequent turning on and off of inkjet printers wastes a good amount of ink. When a printer starts, a print head cleaning mode, which uses up a remarkable amount of ink, takes place. It was estimated that our printers eat up in excess of \$100 a year in this non-printing mode.

What can you do? Reduce the frequency of startups. Keep the printer turned off and save your printing jobs until there is a good amount of work to be printed.

Manufacturers are looking into changing printers to conserve expensive ink.

Loby-WA2AXZ and daughter Keri walk down the aisle.



living in WI. for four years. After meeting Michael over the internet, it was love at first sight! I wish them all the happiness and love, forever after.

Dad

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Ameritron AL 811/811H Meter Fix

Don't ya just hate it when a bulb blows in one of your panel meters? MFJ-Ameritron has, for the past five years, been retrofitting all new amateur equipment with bright-white LED bulbs. That new look is really something to see though for some



reason, they left out the ever faithful 811 / 811H amplifiers. When the old Edison

style incandescent bulb burns out, one must break the clear cover away from the meter and solder in yet another short life bulb. Enough!

There are several fixes suggested on the internet ham sites and I took the best of all and came up with this simple fix.

Head to Radio Shack, walking past the annoying cell phone salesmen, and hit the parts drawer. Buy two white LED's #276-0017 and a set of 1/2 watt resistors to make two sets of 520 ohms worth of resistance.

Turn off and unplug the amplifier and after waiting 10 minutes for the high voltage bleeder resistors to do their thing, carefully open the case. Unscrew the strap holding both plate and grid meters to the front panel. Looking at the rear, the meter lamp wires attach to the two upper terminals. Cut these wires clear. There is a yellow wire leading down to the standby switch. This is the 12-16vdc supply for the lamps. This is where you will disconnect the internal lamps and insert the LED and resistors in series. The other wire leads to a ground to complete the circuit.

Using a hot glue gun affix the white LED to the bottom of the meter case. Once cool, Insulate the bare wires with tape or liquid tape. Reinstall the meters, make your electrical connections then close the case.



Plug the unit in, turn it on and enjoy the nice bright lights, just like the larger Ameritron cousins.



A visit to A.E.S. Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Before my daughters wedding, I took time to roam Milwaukee and of course visit AES. I got there too late to get on 7.272 but enjoyed looking at all the great ham



gear they sell. They have a full complement of radios set up to test operate and antennas to cover every band.

So, when in Wisconsin, stop by and take a gander. You won't be disappointed!

Loby-WA2AXZ

A 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.

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