

## WARNING...

Ham radio may be hazardous to your health!



It seems as though all those warnings about exposure to RF (Radio Frequencies) have come a little too late for our friend, Gary-KK9DOG.

After years of being part of our 7272 Ragchew and many other nets, the time he spent on air has taken its toll. He used vintage equipment (read: boat anchors), that used high voltages and extremely high



# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



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magnetic fields that slowly wasted him away to the state that you see here. That clicking sound we've been hearing on the net while Gary speaks is the dry old bones rubbing together as he speaks.

Let this serve as a warning that you too can escape his fate by adhering to the FCC rules on exposure to RF!

**SERIOUSLY...** Gary, his family and especially his puppies are all happy, healthy and well. We thank him for these scary Halloween photos of his shack. His emaciated friend just wanted to sit in for a few rounds on our net this Halloween.

Before we leave this macabre scene, Gary and his friend wanted to show off an old 1920s Watt-hour meter. It is rated at 5 amperes 115 volts --

plenty of power for a modern 1920s family. Today our electricity demand makes a 200-ampere 220-volt service the norm.



The old meter was wired into his shack power strips to keep an eye on energy usage. As Gary speaks into the mike, the meter spins faster and faster proving that the more

longwinded we are, the more the electric company thanks us!

## 2014 is the 7272 Ragchew's 10th anniversary year.

Beginning this month, I am accepting suggestions from everyone on how to make this anniversary a special one. We will be having our K1R New Year's Day event and then, in May 2014, we will hold our 10th anniversary on-air special event. If you have new ideas as to how to make the net better, please contact me, your editor ([wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net))

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without you, there is no Chew!

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## 11th annual Kring Point Ham Picnic.

For 11 years Tom-KC8QGJ has hosted an annual get-together for his 160-meter 1721 group and various friends from across the amateur spectrum. On Saturday, September 14th, 2013, hams and their families drove to the Thousand Islands in New York to be part of the fun. This year we had several 7272 Ragchewers present: Randy Jr. and Sr.- (KB3IFH and -INO) Kevin-WA2ISC, Ed-WA2NDA and myself, Loby-WA2AXZ to name but a few. Ultimately there were 72 people at the camp site representing those mentioned above including the Canadian 80m 3730 group and the local 2-meter Sullies International Rooster Roster. Everyone enjoyed a mountain of great food and a spectacular array of desserts at the pot-luck style picnic. Even Prints the Basset Hound tasted a few morsels.



Ed-WA2NDA joined the group by the campfire though he was still cold. A blanket was found to wrap him up and keep him warm. Sunsets along the St. Lawrence River are a thing to behold. Everyone stopped what they were doing and walked to the shore to view the sight. Once the sun was down, the



huddled around the campfire to discuss next year's party.

Hopefully we'll see some of you there in 2014 for the 12th anniversary party!

From noontime to late in the evening the gang sat, ate and chatted about everything from radio to family affairs.



### A note from your editor ...

Our monthly newsletter "THE CHEW" contains information about the activities and 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, 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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