

**Happy
Thanksgiving
to all on the
Chew**

A Note from your Editor...

With Thanksgiving around the corner and the December holidays in tow, we should spend a few moments to reflect on these times and give thanks, not only for living in the greatest land on earth, but a special thank you to all the men and women serving in the armed forces, keeping our country free so we may continue to enjoy the blessings of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!

**HURRICANE
SANDY**

One year later....



The winds have died down and water has receded and work goes on to this day, trying to rebuild neighborhoods and lives shattered by the storm. Sadly, thousands are still battling bureaucratic red tape and insurance companies to get funding to rebuild homes lost in the storm. Our own NCS, ED-WA2NDA lost his home on the Jersey shore and is still fighting to get what is owed him so he can rebuild. Our thoughts go out to him and his XYL Sally.

When a disaster strikes and the government steps in and says "We're here to help," watch out! I'm sure Ed has a few choice words to say about them himself.

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!

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SHADY

RAYFORD

A Round Tuit

Many hams have several of these in their pockets or atop their dresser drawers. Some haven't any and say "I'll get a round tuit someday"



Winter storms with driving wind, snow and rain are just around the corner. Now is the time to take a few moments to check out your antenna farm (*well, in my case, planter-hihi*)

While fall weather cooperates, check the guy wire system, all fasteners and turn-buckles. Check all cables for both the coax and rotator for clean connections and ensure that they are sealed against the elements.

I know only too many hams that gave gone QRT, missing the fun on the 72 Chew as they procrastinated saying they'll get a round tuit someday. Don't miss out, do that checkup today!

I'm feeling much better now...

Mike, KI4CBJ, reports that his pup, Shady, (left side of the photo) is up and around again after a serious operation. This little doggy was in such poor shape that Mike and his family expected to lose her. The vet performed a long operation resulting in a hysterectomy and happily saving her life. Shady spent three days in the hospital and is now back home with her companion, Rayford (right side of the photo).

Mike and the family are overjoyed to have their cherished pet back at home.

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News you can use....

Two years ago the FCC ordered television stations across America to change from an analog to digital transmission format. While many households have cable or fiber optic TV providers, the changeover was not seamless. Homes using the good old TV antenna for basic local station reception, left owners scrambling to get the antenna positioned just right.

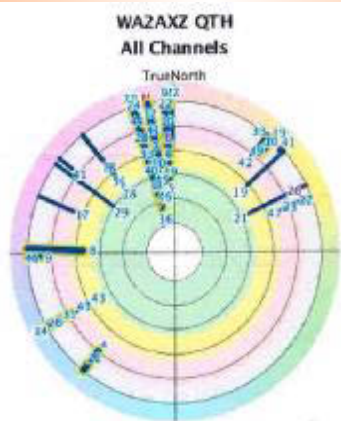
The new digital stations, under FCC rules, have been operating at reduced power and unless the antenna is pointing dead on to the transmission

tower, a blank screen or pixilated screen results.

Here in the city, even though I am barely 10 miles away from the Empire State Building and its massive transmission tower system, over-the-air reception using indoor antennas is marginal at best.

I discovered a very useful web site that lets one get the exact positioning for crystal clear hi-def reception: www.tvfool.com (Now don't be fooled by this great web address.)

Simply type in your home address, give it a name, (mine was WA2AXZ-QTH) and within a few seconds a two page detailed list of television stations in your area will be shown. There are two -position coordinates for both true and magnetic north. Since the bulk of the stations I view were between 357 and 321 degrees magnetic, I adjusted my outdoor roof antennas and now I get over 80 channels of high definition TV for my low definition eyes. (hihi) Give it a try! An alternate website is: <http://transition.fcc.gov/mb/engineering/dtvmaps/>



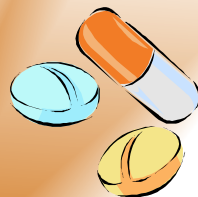
FUNNY STUFF-1

I went to the doctor the other day trying to get relief from knee pain I was

having. The doctor prescribed a new medicine, though under the new Obama care-FDA rules, he had to tell me what side effects to expect.

He said, "You will experience headaches, nose bleeds, dizziness, diarrhea, occasional hallucinations, green urine, dry mouth, thoughts of suicide, blurry vision, weight gain and you should not drive or operate heavy machinery...."

But your knee will feel great!"



FUNNY STUFF-2

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation: "I would like very much to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote:



"SIR: I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware, or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too!"

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

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). REMEMBER... without you, there is no Chew!

Another note from your editor ...

Our monthly newsletter "[THE CHEW](#)" contains information about the activities and participants in the 7272 Ragchew 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 Lobby at wa2axz@arrl.net. Many Thanks!

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