

Dedication:

ded-i-ca-tion, dedi' kāSHən

Noun: The quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.

Synonyms: commitment, application, diligence, resolve, enthusiasm, zeal, conscientiousness, perseverance, tenacity, drive, staying power.

Our net control stations and the general membership can safely be labeled with this moniker. Each morning our scheduled NCS's pick up the mantle and bring an enjoyable hour to the frequency. Our members check in regularly and bring their own perspective to ham radio and life in general, which makes every minute special.



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For ten years, the 7.272 Ragchew Net has brought the best of the ragchewing tradition, with no numbers, dues or stringent regulations other than common courtesy on the airwaves.

Everyone deserves a pat on the back and a hearty handshake for making our net, for ten years, one of the most pleasurable on 40 meters.

A special note of thanks to John-W8LWX who serves as net scheduler and website manager. He is part of the glue which ensures our organization without organization, stays organized.



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



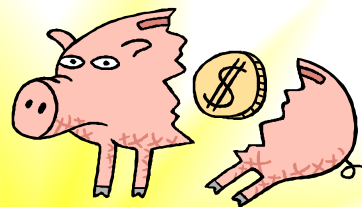
"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!"

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Our Annual Fund Rai\$er

Beginning January of each year, a call goes out to our members to help us keep our organization without organization afloat. Your small contribution keeps the website on line as well as helping with the postage and background costs encountered during the year. Please send your contribution to your special events coordinator, WA2AXZ, today.



*A special thank you to
"Bud" KJ4KKV and "Ray" N4GYN
for their kind donations to the Chew.*



Happy Valentines Day

To the YLs and
XYLs of the
7.272
Ragchew Net.

Planning for our 10th Anniversary K1R Celebration!

Work is still underway, behind the scenes, readying our 10th anniversary weekend, May 3rd and 4th, 2014.

The "K1R" call sign has again been obtained by Russ-K1LRB and we will be hitting the airwaves for two days of fun.

It's never too late for you to put in your suggestions as to other special events or celebrations we can do throughout this special anniversary year. Contact Loby-WA2AXZ, Russ-K1LRB or John-W8LWX and all ideas will be entertained.

One great suggestion under consideration is using the original founders of the Ragchew Net as NCS's during the event. Whatever we do, I'm assured that this will be the best year ever, for our group.

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Ham Radio University-2014

January 5th. At Briarcliff College-Bethpage, New York.

It was a cold, dark, gloomy Sunday with hail, then rain, coming from the skies, though nothing could dampen the spirits of hundreds of hams at the annual ARRL-Ham Radio University. Full day workshops, hands-on demonstrations, lectures and 28 forums to educate and enlighten hams

about various aspects of the hobby. I signed up and attended my first forum covering software-defined radios (SDR). I was sitting with a few of my club members from K2IRT when the speaker, Kevin Morgan-AB2ZI, turned on several recordings to show what the programs could do. And what did my ears hear? Our own Richard - AA2XK speaking with one of the members of our 7.272 Ragchew. There was some QRM and QRN, though when the SDR filters were turned on, what a difference. He sounded great! The SDR system seems to be an impressive addition to the shack. After the sessions on EchoLink and the ARRL forum, a

lunch break was called. The lunchroom was set up with displays from various clubs and organizations including ARES and RACES.

The high point of the day was the keynote speech by Mike Lisenco-N2YBB, who serves as the director of the ARRL Hudson Division. Mike's speech was heard around the amateur radio world via an internet television broadcast. There was standing room only for this talk.



As the new director, he outlined his most recent accomplishments and his vision for improving ARRL membership numbers by encouraging more participation in events and clubs. As this is the ARRL's 100th anniversary, he spoke about the centennial convention to be held in Hartford, Connecticut July 17th through 19th, 2014. Every ham is invited to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

Rain or shine, these Ham Radio Universities, held at various dates in the United States, are worthwhile. After attending one, you will definitely know more about ham radio than before you went in.



A note from your editor ...

Our monthly newsletter "THE CHEW" contains information about the activities and participants in the 7.272 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
Many Thanks!

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