

TWO MONTHS... AND COUNTING!

Our 10th anniversary gala special K1R event will be held the weekend of May 3rd and 4th, 2014.

A special treat is planned as we expect many of our founders to take an NCS spot during the weekend, telling their stories of

the formation of the 7.272 Rag-chew Net.

In addition, we have a special commemorative QSL card and a special token of

appreciation to those who work two NCS's during the event.

If you would like to volunteer for a half hour net control slot on either Saturday or Sunday, contact Loby-WA2AXZ, your special events coordinator, at

wa2axz@arrl.net



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!

NEWSLETTER *March 2014*

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
Everyone,
for their kind donations to the Chew.*

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

To everyone,
Irish or not, on
the 7.272
Ragchew Net.

Now where
did I put my Guinness?



Congratulations to Ed-WA2NDA

Ed has been a volunteer examiner (VE) since 1985 and the ARRL, in this month's QST, recognized him as the "Top Dog" in the Atlantic division with 246 sessions under his belt. Great work Ed, and thanks for fostering the volunteer spirit on our net and across the spectrum.

Hurricane Sandy Update...

And speaking of Ed-WA2NDA, after over a year and a half wrangling with the insurance companies and the federal government, they finally issued him a check so he can rebuild his storm-ravaged home along the southern New Jersey Shore. I'm sure once it is rebuilt, Ed and his XYL, Sally, will be ecstatic.



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Tired of the winter?

I guess the answer is a resounding YES!

Here in the Northeast we've reached a record level of snow that has made it, up to the end of February, 7th in world records snow falls for the area. I'm sure that by the time of publication we'll have moved up a few notches on the scale. Below are a few photos of the snow we've dealt with.

Brooklyn Streets buried...

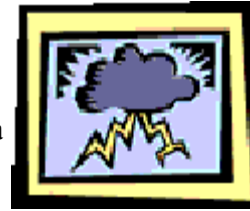


Power companies upstate in the New York north country keeping busy restoring power.



Speaking of summertime...

Jerry-KC2UT gave us all a heads up about a great web site containing up to date information about lightning and lightning strike forecasts.



lightningstorm.com/explorer.html

This free information gives you an advanced warning as to how severe the lightning strikes will be and let you know that all that static and crashing sound over the speaker is an impending storm. For a small membership fee you can delve into the site and get more detailed information too. When thunderstorms hit, ground the antennas and play it safe!

Many thanks Jerry!

NCS Tip of the month

When running your net, think up an interesting question the gang can ponder upon and make comments about. On Washington's Birthday, we threw out a question, *Who was your favorite president and why?* This sparked a series of lively but friendly discussions that lasted past the noon hour. Give it a try!

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. In addition, if you have anything to sell, swap or trade or offer other goods and services, let me know and I'll publish it in the next issue of "THE CHEW".

Please, e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Lobby at wa2axz@arrl.net
Many thanks!

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A leadership handbook for students

This handbook was written to empower students of all ages to become leaders in school, their communities and in life. They will learn many ways to rise to leadership and empower their peers to do so too. From Caesar to Churchill students will read of challenges faced by great leaders and how they overcame them. Joan Ramirez has an M.S. in Journalism, an M.S. in English as a Second Language and an M.S. in Elementary/Special Education. She is an award winning journalist who has worked with great leaders in the business and academic world. Her first book is *Jamie is Autistic* \$7.99 at Amazon.com for Kindle (ASIN:BOOHG280Z8) \$6.08 Audible.com on Amazon.com FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: J.L. Ramirez, author, 201-868-6522 or email: writerjr1044@gmail.com



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