

Our 10th anniversary year is winding down!

It is heartwarming to see the amount of participation in our daily nets as we work through this most auspicious year. Our special event stations, "K1R", have brought in literally hundreds of contacts during the official New Year, Labor Day and 7.272 Anniversary events.

None of this would be possible without you, our dear friends and fellow hams around the globe.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who continue to make our little group an outstanding success.

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**Seen on a hunter's T shirt.**

Pictures of a Turkey, Duck and Deer



"There's a place for all of God's creatures..."

On a dish next to the potatoes and gravy!"

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

**NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2014**

### 2004—2014

Our 10th anniversary year.

Founders of the 7.272 Ragchew.

K1LRB - AA2XK - WA2ISC - W2LEI

NI2W - N2COM AA2T-K3SEA and W2CSQ

Silent key founders:  
W2LKS and W3ICX



**Too much RF can be a dangerous thing!**



WA2AXZ-Loby

It has been reported from time to time in QST that safety precautions must be taken against too much exposure to RF radiation.

My Jeep Sahara affords little protection as the antenna is barely 4 feet away from my body. I've been feeling a little weak lately and have lost a bit of weight, though nothing will deter me from checking in on the Chew when I'm in the mobile.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



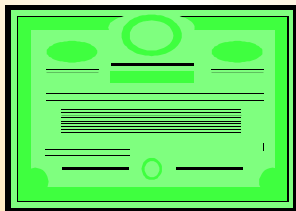
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# QSLs and Certificates—101

By Loby-WA2AXZ

*During my 42+ year stint on ham radio, I've sent out thousands of QSLs and certificates for the special events I've been involved with. With each batch*



*there are invariably several requests with vital information missing. Thankfully, using the QRZ and ARRL search pages, I have been able to complete*

*my task and get these acknowledgements out to the participants.*

**1: When requesting a QSL or certificate, make sure you include your QSL card with your complete call sign, name and address as well as contact info such as frequency, date and time. If you write in a request, make sure you include all the information listed above.**

**2: Usually a simple business letter sized "self addressed stamped envelope" will suffice for special event QSLs.**

**If certificates are offered, a 9x12-inch envelope with proper postage will ensure you receive a certificate unfolded.**

**Proper postage for certificates is 99¢ for one ounce and \$1.19 for two ounces. If you use a heavy envelope, affix \$1.19 in postage to ensure delivery.**

**Following these simple steps will make the issuer a happy camper and soon a great QSL or certificate will be hanging on your shack wall.**

## Collins Receiver Restoration by: Bill-KB1PKS

I have an update for you on my beloved boat anchor of boat anchors. My Collins-designed R-390A URR had been getting progressively worse with



time as to an incredible amount of crackling noise after about 15 to 30 minutes warm-

up time. It typically came on perfectly but then, after 15 to 30 minutes, the noise was like huge continuous static crashes (like thunder storms) and the carrier meter registered them as 40 to 60 dB! There were still signals underneath but the receiver jumped 4 to 5 KC in either direction along with the static crashes.



This called for a complete break-down and repair and replacement of the following parts:  
14 paper caps, 16 mica caps  
5 RF deck coils (leakage to ground in T208 was one of the main noise problems)  
2 power supply filters, 4 tubes

1 RF deck frame brace, 1 MB connector RF deck (corrected dead balanced antenna input)

On many of the 32 one-megahertz incremental bands it had only 100-500 $\mu$ V sensitivity. (all sensitivities are at 10dB sn/n). Now after repair, the average sensitivity on all 32 bands is 2  $\mu$ V with a maximum and minimum sensitivity of 0.5 to 2.5  $\mu$ V. Not bad for a 60-year-old gal when the original spec was 4  $\mu$ V! Burn-in is another 2 weeks. I plan to pick it up in late September.



All of this restoration was done by a good friend and fellow ham, Bill Riches-WA2DVU who is a specialist in breathing new life into vintage equipment. (Bill's repair shop shown below.)



I have a big smile now and kudos to Bill for a job well done. Cheers, Bill—KB1PKS





# Kring Point Party 2014

Who knew that a small gathering of friendly hams, over a dozen years ago, would blossom into an annual feast of friends on the frequency. Tom-KC8QGJ began the annual end-of-summer get-together with friends and acquaintances from his 160m "1721 Group" and local hams in the Thousand Islands area.



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As the years progressed, members of the 7.272 Ragchew Net began attending as well as Canadian hams from the 80m band. Over 60 attendees have enjoyed the fun.

This year, Tom bowed out in his hosting duties and Loby-WA2AXZ picked up the ball to continue our annual end-of-summer party.

Usually the weather cooperates and the full Saturday event is held without a hitch. Not this year! For the first time in our history the rain gods let loose a torrent that was destined to wash out the party.

Two local hams, Ron and Delores Maeder



(KC2JGP and KC2KYN) came to the rescue, opening up their big garage for Part 1 of the party. Thirty-five happy hams braved the rain and enjoyed a wonderful party. Great food and friends made the evening. Ed-WB1CEI and Bill-KB1PKS, along with their XYLs, added to

the camaraderie.

On Sunday several members of the Chew and other groups had to leave and a second party was held at our traditional spot in the Kring Point State Park along the St. Lawrence Seaway. Here too,



another group of about 35 friends braved cool but dry weather for another afternoon of food and fun. Our annual photo

on "the Rock" was a bit smaller this year though everyone had a ball.

In addition, a



few hams brought their instruments and played a few sing along



tunes for the captive audience.

The coals in the fire were barely cool when planning started for next

year's gathering at the Point. Some suggested a pig roast while others want the traditional barbeque. Whatever is decided, I hope you take a few days off and visit with us in the north country of New York. Further details and articles covering the 2015 party will appear in upcoming issues of "The Chew."

## Thank You for your kind and generous donations to The "Chew"

**Mike-K4CMT, Garland-AJ4KKV  
Frank-WD8FM, Robert-WB2JOB**

To help keep the website and special events operational, we ask the members, from time to time, for a little financial assistance. Donations can easily be made on the 72chew.net web page via the PayPal link or by direct mail to Loby-WA2AXZ.

Thank You!

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*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, check out my call on QRZ and e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Loby-WA2AXZ

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