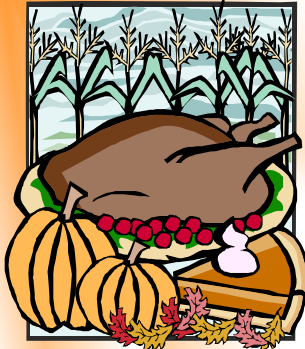


# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



As the old story goes, our early settlers were having a bad time acclimating to their new digs here in America. Friendly Indians assisted them in hunting and farming thus making the settlers very grateful. A special Thanksgiving feast was held to both thank God for His kind grace and the Indians for their help in the settlers' survival.

This observance remained an unofficial holiday until Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War, declared Thanksgiving to be an official holiday to be celebrated across the nation.



Today, no matter what your belief, when Thanksgiving Day rolls around, take a few moments to reflect of all the good things that happened in your life. Good family, good friends, and good health are to be truly thankful for.

In addition, I am thankful to everyone in the 7272 Ragchew Net for becoming an integral part of my family throughout the year.

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!"

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## 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**



## Gone too soon...



**Ryan  
Hannigan**  
October 15th 2014

*It is difficult to put into words how the past few weeks have gone for my family. My 36-year-old son-in-law, father to my two little grandsons, Bobby and Riley, had a heart attack and passed away. My daughter, Maureen, just 30 years old, is now left alone with her two sons to carry on. Thankfully Ryan's family is a loving bunch of individuals and opened their hearts and home to Maureen and the kids. I will continue to be a good grandpa and part-time dad too.*



*It has been difficult to explain to an almost 5-year-old that daddy isn't coming home anymore. And it is even more tearful when you hear him exclaim that "Daddy is in heaven."*

*I want to take this moment to thank all of my friends on the radio for your kind expressions of condolences. Your encouraging words have kept me going during these sad days.*

**Bob Lobenstein-WA2AXZ**

**72chew.net**

# GOING POSTAL!

By Loby-WA2AXZ

Over the past 10 or so years I've been handling special events for the Chew and other nets. I've also received complaints that some certificates, QSLs or general correspondence I mailed out was never received.



Knowing the state of our almost bankrupt U.S.

Postal Service, I happily sent out a second round of mail and that was received.

Fast forward to September 26th, 2014....

## CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

"Neither snow, nor sleet stopped a postal worker from making his rounds - he just didn't feel like delivering the mail."

A Postal Service employee at the Ryder station (yes... my Brooklyn post office at 11234) was arrested after postal inspectors found almost 3 tons of hoarded, unopened mail, in the home, car and garage of this employee. This rather disturbed individual had been hoarding mail as far back as 2003 causing headaches as undelivered bills, checks and important correspondence languished in the dark.

The post office representatives state that this mail will be processed and sent to the intended recipients...a bit later than usual.

So, if someday you receive a faded, yellow envelope in the mail, it may

very well be part of that hoard.



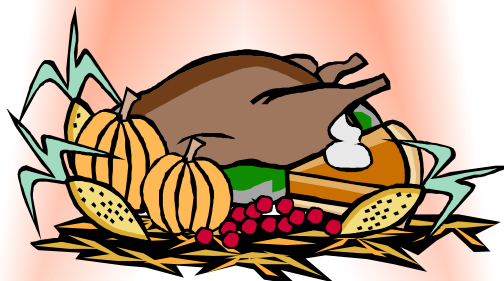
# Malicious interference and what you can do to stop it!



Each month in QST, there is a report from the League and the FCC covering judgments against hams or non-hams for causing interference on the ham bands and emergency service frequencies. Some fines may exceed \$20,000 for repeat offenders.

Recently on the 7.272 Net and other nets on 20 and 80 meters too, a sick individual has been coming onto the frequency spouting animal noises and profanity, and throwing a carrier, in the hope of disrupting the ongoing net.

What can we do? Carefully note the date, time, duration and frequency of the interference. Send an e-mail to our liaison, Charles Skolaut, [k0bog@arrl.org](mailto:k0bog@arrl.org) giving the facts of the interference problem. Our liaison between the League and FCC investigates problems such as these. If enough reports are submitted, officials will track, apprehend and prosecute these "Lids."



# Kring Point Ham Jam and Lunch Bunch

This is a follow-up to last month's report on our annual barbeque at Kring Point State Park in the beautiful Thousand Islands.

The local hams on both HF and the Rooster Roster 2-meter nets keep busy each month with several meetings and fun get-togethers.

On September 16th I was invited to attend a weekly "Ham Jam" where members of the amateur radio community gather to play music, sing and dance. This "jam" session was started well over 20 years ago on the back porch of one of the local hams. The popularity of this impromptu event grew to the point that the porch could not hold the dozens of hams wanting to be part of the fun. The event grew to a point where they eventually wound up at the Dexter, New York fire hall.

On this evening, after the first session, the audience and players gathered for cake and coffee. Friendly discussions covered everything from hunting to ham radio.



## Kring Point Ham Jam and Lunch Bunch, *continued...*



*Below is a roundup, compiled by Tom and Mary Jane Fulton, of the musicians and songs played.*

### AT THE DEXTER FIRE HALL:

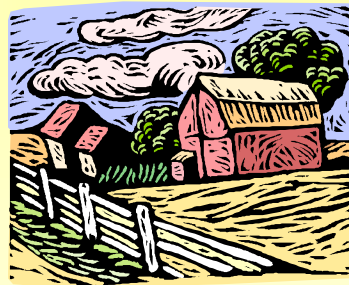
DAVE DESORMO: ELECTRIC GUITAR; SINGER  
"CHATANOOGA SHOESHINE BOY"; "POOR LITTLE FOOL"  
TOM HOOD: BANJO, SINGER  
"I'D RATHER LIVE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD"; "IT'S ME AGAIN, LORD"  
ESTHER HOOD: MANDOLIN; UKELALE; SINGER  
TOM GRANT: BANJO, SINGER;  
"WAUBASH CANNONBALL"; "RED RIVER VALLEY"  
CHARLIE SLOAT: BANJO  
DAVID TURNER: GUITAR; SINGER  
"I'M CRYING MY HEART OUT OVER YOU"  
EARL STEWART: GUITAR  
DAVID SCHRYVER: BASS GUITAR; SINGER  
"THIS IS WHERE THE COWBOY RIDES AWAY"  
MARCIA AND DAVID SCHRYVER:  
"STORMS NEVER LAST"  
JIMMY DUPRE: FIDDLE  
DICK SPENCER: HARMONICAS  
BILL KINNE: MANDOLIN; FIDDLE  
DWAYNE ORMSBY: DOBRO  
BILL INTORCIA: GUITAR; SINGER  
TOOTIE VANBROCKLIN: GUITAR; SINGER  
CAROL: MANDOLIN; SINGER  
CAROL

*I have to say that it was a wonderful evening listening to great music and enjoying speaking to fellow hams.*



The Lunch Bunch gathering occurs every other week, usually on Thursdays where several local hams from the "Rooster Roster" and other local repeater groups convene at various restaurants for great fellowship and, of course, a big lunch.

This meeting on September 18th, was held at a Chinese buffet in Watertown, New York. Depending on the date we usually have a few members of the 7272 Ragchew Net and the 1721 Group attending, though this year, due to the late scheduling, only Loby-WA2AXZ represented both nets.



## Point to Ponder:

Some days you are the top dog...  
Some days you are the hydrant!



## 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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### KB3IFH QSL Cards

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## ESTATE SALE

The estate of our (SK) member Dave-W8DTW is selling his equipment. Dave passed in July 2011.  
1- Yeasu FT-950 asking \$1200.00 1- Yeasu MD-100 mike asking \$115.00 1- Hy Gain Patriot AV-640 antenna asking \$300.00 1- Astron RS-35m power supply asking \$160.00 1- ICOM IC70A with AA pack and speaker mike - asking \$250.00  
Contact Dave's XYL, Fran McCaffrey for further information. You can e-mail her directly at [w8dtw-equip@72chew.net](mailto:w8dtw-equip@72chew.net) if interested.

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