

Happy Holidays !

It is that time once again where we gather friends and family to celebrate the many great holidays of the season. It matters not which one you observe, what matters is that we take time to enjoy everything the season has to offer.

Good friends, great conversation are the hallmarks of the 7.272 Ragchew Net and I, for one, will be forever grateful to everyone spending time on frequency.

Merry Christmas



Happy Hanukkah

Happy Kwanzaa



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

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Silent key founders:
W2LKS and W3ICX



Our Annual K1R New Year's Day Event.

Thursday January 1st, 2015



It seems like only yesterday when we celebrated our first New Year's Day 7.272 Ragchew special together in 2005. Well, after ten years, friends never tire of the fun and once again, we'll invite our mascot, the TAZ, to warm up the air-waves.

We will be doing our traditional 30 minute NCS slots beginning at 8am (EST) and continuing through the early afternoon, . If you would like to volunteer for a spot, contact Loby-WA2AXZ and get ready to kick off another great year on the "Chew"



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For the Love of Lionel

Many of us hams started our foray into electricity and electronics, getting our Lionel trains running. Every Christmas there was, no doubt, something in the way of steam engines or Santa Fe diesels rolling around under the lights of the tree.

It was a rite of passage for every boy across America to read through the annual Lionel catalogs and drool over the train sets and accessories that were, for the most part out of reach. Today's children know not what they miss as they are busy tapping away at their iPads and other >>>



handheld devices, oblivious to anything beyond their screens.

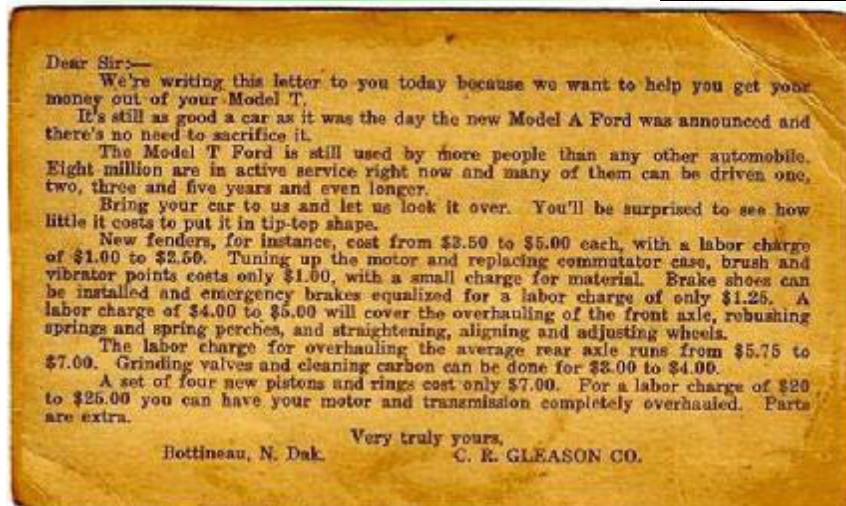
If you are a child or a child at heart, nothing says Christmas more than trains rushing around, whistles blowing and barrels loading. So find those dusty old boxes. Clean off the tracks, oil the gears of the engines and get your children's and grandchild-



dren's hands dirty. The smile on everyone's faces will speak volumes !

Outrageous car repair prices... 1928

With thanks to Gene-KA8HNQ



You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy Mrs. Bloom's Sweet n' Sour Sauce!



My friend, Kevin, had an old neighbor who survived the Nazi camps in WW-2. Mrs. Bloom has shared many a story and recipe from her family's history. Kevin, a good chef, took this recipe and made some wonderful dishes I'll share with you.

Ingredients: 1 large onion-chopped, 2 cloves of garlic-minced, 1 TBSP Five spice powder, 1/2 TSP dried thyme, 1 small jar of capers in brine, 3 or 4 small boxes of golden raisins, 1 cup apple cider vinegar, 6 or 7 cans (14 oz) regular/original style stewed tomatoes (*Del Monte or Hunts are best tasting*), Salt and Pepper to taste.

Sauté onion in a hint of olive oil until almost tender. Add garlic and cook gently for 5 minutes. Add raisins and capers and brine too, stir in well. Add tomatoes and break up large pieces with a fork. Add vinegar, five spice powder, thyme. Let simmer for 30 minutes and taste. After simmering, you can add some sugar to sweeten or additional vinegar to your taste. Add salt and pepper to your liking.

What do we do with this sauce?

Make your own stuffed cabbage and simmer it in this sauce. If you desire meat loaf, make your own basic loaf and pour this sauce over the meat and cook until done.

Kevin has taken thick pork chops with the bone, (*and this is the Jewish recipe?*) fried them in a pan then simmered the chops in this sauce. I've tried all dishes and all I can say is MMMMMM!

So make this sauce, which freezes well, and try it out on your own dishes at home.

As they say in Israel...

Enjoy already!



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A Christmas Ham

By WA2AXZ



'Twas a night before Christmas
and all through my shack
The tubes were a glowing... I was making contacts
The antenna was tuned and rotated
'round
Facing the south, the noise level to drown

I sat in my old chair, earphones on my head
I stopped spinning the dial, now what's being said?
Two old codgers were at it... they were making a scene
Which rig was garbage and which was a dream.

Down the band I slid like snow on the fly
With nothing else heard, 40 meters I'd try
With the snap of a switch, align grid and plate
Setting the filters, hey, there are my mates!

The "72 Chewers" were talking en masse
Each taking turns, their greetings to pass
One by one listing their holiday wishes
Of rigs and amps and satellite dishes.



With a broad smile, the radio I keyed
I checked myself in, what else would one need?

Then all of a sudden, a sizzle and spark
The lights blinked twice and then, all was dark.

A glow in the back of the rig's getting brighter
My heart sinks to the floor,
The Transformer's On Fire!
Pull out the plugs... smoke's filling my nose
I turn on the spray from close garden hose.

Open the windows, fling open the sash
I toss out the rig to the ground with a crash
Stench from the smoke fills my poor head
Then all of a sudden
I wake up in my bed.

What could have caused such a terrible nightmare?
Was it the beer, the nuts or the ham ill prepared?

To my delight the shack is intact and snow lightly falls

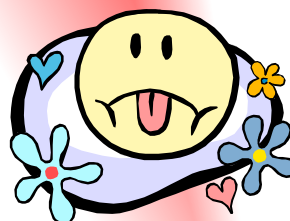
73's to my friends,

Merry Christmas to all!



Point to Ponder:

*If ignorance is bliss,
Why aren't there many more happy people ?*



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

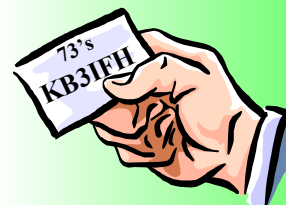
To help keep the website and special events operational, we ask the members, from time to time, for a little financial assistance. Donations can easily be made on the 72chew web page via the PayPal link or by direct mail to Loby-WA2AXZ.

Thank You!

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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. 901 Shadylawn Drive Amherst, Ohio

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