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On Thursday morning, January 1st, 2015, members of the 7.272 Ragchew

group wake up... hopefully without a hangover (hihi), and join us in a very special event.

This year signals two very auspicious anniversaries: the 11th anniversary of the 7.272 Ragchew Net and the 100th of the ARRL's *QST* magazine .

Join Baby Taz, our mascot, make two contacts with our special 1/2 hour NCS's and earn our celebratory anniversary certificate.

Send your SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) preferably a 9x12 inch envelope if you don't want the certificate folded, to: Loby-WA2AXZ  
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Send us your **Christmas-Holiday** photos for upcoming newsletters!

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# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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## Our Annual Fund RaiSer



During 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. Or, connect with the PayPal link on the 72chew.net web site for a quick method of helping out. Many Thanks!



A very happy, prosperous, healthy and serene New Year to all of our friends and family of the 7.272 Ragchew Net.

## New Year's Eve in Times Square with Loby

For over a dozen years from the late 90s to 2010 I've had the honor and privilege of watching the ball drop from our NYC Transit emergency command post in the city. Being able to move freely through the throngs of frozen revelers, penned up in their holding cages along 7th Ave, made for interesting viewing. Millions of people get to Manhattan starting in the afternoon. Police usher all into the special holding areas along Broadway and 7th Ave. from the Times building at 42nd Street, all the way to Central Park. By the way, the happy celebrants, once in their pens, cannot leave, not even for a bathroom or dinner break.

That pretty much accounts for them jumping around like Mexican jumping beans.

One minute before midnight the countdown begins 5-4-3-2-1...

Happy New Year!

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< Times Square Ball

Loby

Wm. Sansone

## KB1HPV, Woodworker Deluxe!

When not on the 7.272 "Chew" or our night-time 160 meter 1721 group, Chad busies himself making great looking chests and furniture out of "Stuff." Chad defines stuff as 80 to 90% recycled wooden pallets, scrap pieces and found-wherever wood that crosses his path. Depending on the stock on hand, he strips and finishes each piece then from home-drawn plans begins the magic of building each masterpiece. Below are a few fine examples of his handiwork.



Note the hand-hewn antique pine heart on the chest on the right. These chests

are cedar-lined. Below: another chest with two false drawer fronts made from leftover bamboo flooring from "Patriots Place" in Foxboro, Ma.



This is one of a pair of tables with marble table top inserts. Not bad, seeing that the major-

ity of wood used is made of discarded pieces.

If you need a good and solid table for your shack, look up Chad-KB1HPV on QRZ and you will be pleasantly surprised.

## Seen at a model railroad show in Brooklyn.

I guess the crew displaying the train layouts got tired of children putting their fingers where they didn't belong!



## New Year's Eve in Times Square continued...

Now you are probably wondering why, less than 5 minutes after the ball drops, all TV stations cut away to some dance club in Los Angeles. Those millions of revelers, once the event is complete, dash down into the subway to escape the freezing cold and find bathrooms. I joke it is like someone flushing a toilet and the throng swirls to the underground. I can safely say within 30 minutes of the new year, Times Square is a ghost town.

Our little band of General Superintendents hang about until the masses are safely on their way and we begin our trek home satisfied that another good job was done and a bright new year has begun.

### 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](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net) Many Thanks!

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