

# Come Celebrate Our Ragchewers' 11th Anniversary!

The year is rolling along and I'm happy to announce that our annual "K1R" special event call will once again be on the air. Our 7.272 Ragchew Net has been perking away for 11 years and thanks to you, our members and friends, shows no sign of letting up.



I am looking for volunteers to cover our traditional half-hour Net Control spots on Saturday, May 2. If you would like to help out -- and who wouldn't? -- send Loby-WA2AXZ an e-mail as soon as possible, and you will get a highly coveted position.



Sunday, May 3, we will continue to use our regularly scheduled net control stations, though if you would like to volunteer for a 12 noon, 1pm or 2pm position, please let me know.

Remember...

Without you, there is no chew!

Loby-WA2AXZ Special Events Coordinator

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!"

### NEWSLETTER April 2015

Robert W. Lobenstein—WA2AXZ Newsletter Editor

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## In Memoriam Tom - KC8QGJ "Smitty" - N2MTR Frank - K2KDL

A pair of dear personal friends and fixtures on amateur radio have passed. Thomas Korycki - KC8QGJ for the last few



years was experiencing heart problems and had cut back on his radio operations to attend to this problem and be with his beloved family. Early in the morning of March 5, he was taken to the hospital in Chardon, Ohio, where doctors could not do anything else to keep his heart going.

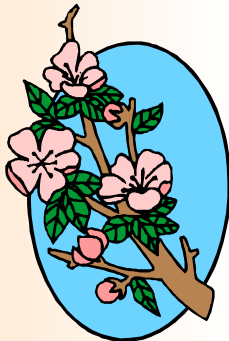
Tom had been a friend to us all and his distinctive voice was a big draw and a welcome to everyone on the 40m 7.272 Ragchew Net as well as his 160m "1721 Net" each evening on 1.871. Continued>>>

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## In Memoriam

Tom's friendly call with his usual "KC8QG and a J" may be silenced but his signal will continue to echo through the air-waves, forever.

For more than a dozen years he was a fixture at the Dayton KOA (*Kampgrounds of America*) during Hamvention week. The annual trek to the Thousand Islands in New York State became legend as a small group of hams and their families began to gather for a simple weekend get-together that blossomed into an international end-of-summer party.



Condolences may be sent to his wife, Karen, and the family at: 12038 Clark Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024-8839

Dennis Smith, N2MTR, or "Smitty" as he called himself, has been here on the Chew as well as the 160m "1721" nets for



years. He passed away just two days after Tom, March 7, 2015.



Both he and Tom-KC8QGJ, along with dozens of hams across international lines, have gathered at Kring Point in the Thousand Islands each year to fish in the mighty St. Lawrence Seaway. Walleye, perch and other fish would wind up on the dinner plates all too frequently during the nighttime gathering of hams around the campfire.

Smitty, over the past few years, suffered a series of strokes which confined him to a wheelchair. Even so, he managed, at times, to get on the air and visit friends at Kring Point.

Condolences may be sent to the Smith family at:  
6292 Old Fremont Rd,  
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Frank P. Nadilo, K2KDL of Lanoka Harbor, NJ, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Community Medical Center in Toms River. Born in Wayne, PA, Frank lived in Bergen County before moving to Lanoka Harbor in 1971. He was a valued employee at Bendix Corporation for 40 years. Frank was an avid gardener, outdoor sportsman and ham radio operator. He served in the United States Army from 1945 TO 1947 during World War II as a telephone operator and carbine sharpshooter. He was awarded the Victory Medal for his efforts.



Condolences may be sent to the Nadilio family at: 311 Lawrence Dr.  
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TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO JOT DOWN INTERESTING STORIES AND SEND THEM TO YOUR EDITOR. 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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## **Dayton, 2015: So close, you can almost taste it!**

The snow is finally melting and hams across the globe are chomping at the bit to do the annual trek to the world-famous Dayton Hamvention.

Friends from the 40m 7.272 Ragchew, the 160m "1721" group and others are invited to be with Loby-WA2AXZ, for a special Thursday evening gathering of hams. We will again meet at Rob's Restaurant at 6pm for a great buffet-style dinner.

If you are planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention and want to join in the fun, send Loby-WA2AXZ an e-mail and the details and location will be passed along.



It is only April but we are also planning our end-of-summer barbeque in the Thousand Islands, New York. This weekend gathering of hams from the Chew and other groups will be held Saturday, September 19, 2015, in Kring Point State Park. Mark your calendars - more to come in future issues.

## **Update on the "Lott Farm- house" restoration project**

A few issues ago, I showcased an interesting restoration project adjacent to my QTH. In old Brooklyn, the Dutch settled the land in the mid-17th century and built dozens of farms and farmhouses. These Brooklyn farms flourished until the mid-1800s when the population surged and there was a demand for housing. With railroads crisscrossing the country, fresh produce could be shipped in from afar, so one by one, these parcels of land were sold and developed. My house sits on what was the Lotts' southern potato farm.

Today there are only 20 or so farmhouses like this preserved. Landscaping work has almost been completed, and as I write this, the new fence around the property is being installed. The exterior has been painted, and when additional funds are raised, interior rehabilitation will commence. I, being an electrician, volunteered and helped install temporary perimeter security lighting until contractors install permanent fixtures.



My friend and the caretaker of the farmhouse, Christy, knows that when they have the official public opening, fellow hams will set up a special event station here to celebrate the saving of this landmark. Below are two websites with additional information.

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