

Happy
July
4th !

During the years leading up to 1776 the colo-

nists were under British rule where draconian measures, dictated by King George III made life miserable for his subjects. A core group of concerned citizens, from every walk of life, from farmers to lawyers, gathered and decided to stand up to the king.

A "Declaration of Independence" was drawn up, debated and when the document was made acceptable to all parties, John Hancock signed his name in a large flourish so, as he stated, "that the king could read it without his spectacles". When it was Ben Franklin's turn it was reported that he hesitated and commented that when we sign this document, you all know that we are committing treason! Nevertheless, using his jocular wit, he further stated, "Gentlemen, we all must hang together or most assuredly, we all will hang separately!"

May each and every American today be bolstered by the courage shown by our forefathers, stand up and keep our country great and strong.

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The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!"

NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

Check-in's Gratefully Accepted



Just a friendly note to our Net Control Stations that we accept check-ins from anyone, anywhere. Our only rule is common courtesy! When band conditions are poor, please if possible, use relay stations to usher friends into the net. Everyone is a welcome and valuable part of our daily nets.



Field Day-2015

The bands are quiet now though for over a 24 hour period from June 27th through the 28th, every corner of the amateur radio spectrum was lit up. AM, FM, SSB, Digital, TV and all modes in between were employed in the annual ARRL Field Day exercises. Your editor, Loby-WA2AXZ, has been involved in these activities for over a dozen years and now, as additional weekend responsibilities are thrust upon me, I have to take a back seat. Nevertheless I did turn my radio on and have made these observations. This photo, taken from my Icom's scope, shows at least 30 stations 100kc up and down from the 7.272 center mark.



Each peak in this impressive pileup is a ham station somewhere across the nation, putting out a call for field day points.

The next shot is of the same scope on a regular day when the contesters are at peace.



Gee, I wonder where the people went when we ask for check in's (hihi) Seriously, according to the QRZ propagation pages, 40m conditions were poor at best yet thousands of fellow hams braved the noise to make quick contacts for points.

If you or your radio clubs participated in field day activities, please send me a few photos and a small blurb about your weekend. They may be featured in a future issue of the Chew.

Below: WA2AXZ's Field Day shack (RV) with



his enthusiastic Bassett Hound keeping watch. (2013)

Ever wonder where the 72 Chewers go at night?

This month I'll highlight one of our sister groups where many of the attendees are also members of the 7.272 Ragchew Net.

After the dinner dishes are put away and one finds out there is nothing but the same old trash on nighttime TV, it is time to fire up the rig and head to the top band, 160m.

On 1.871 MHz, beginning at 8:30 pm eastern time. (*summer hours*) and 7:30 pm (*during fall through early spring*) we kick off our fine roundtable discussion group around the country. For a couple of hours any topic is fair game. From hunting, fishing to model trains, woodworking and coin collecting, the group banter about, putting their comments and friendly suggestions on the table. If you have the ability of getting on 160 meters, grab a good cup of coffee, sit a spell and enjoy old-time ham radio.

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 Many Thanks!



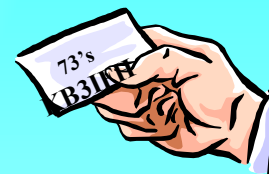
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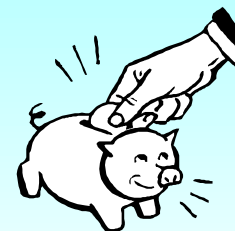
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Heartfelt thanks!



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