

Good Old Saint
Nicholas (SANTA)
As portrayed by
Loby-WA2AXZ



**'TIS THE SEASON OF THE YEAR
WHERE EVERYONE HAS A MERRY
CHRISTMAS, HAPPY CHANUKAH OR
HAPPY KWANZAA ON THEIR LIPS.
WHATEVER YOU OBSERVE, ENJOY
ALL THE BLESSINGS AND JOY
THESE HOLIDAYS HAVE TO OFFER!**

**JOHN-W8LWX, RUSS-K1LRB AND
LOBY-WA2AXZ**

“K1R” Coming January 1st

Our 11th annual New Years Day special will kick off at 8 am and change NCS's every half hour. If you would like a prestigious NCS position, contact Loby-WA2AXZ (wa2axz@arrl.net) and get a coveted NCS spot today!

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“Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!”

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NCS tip of the month.

“One-Two-Three”

Wait a few seconds before keying the mike. Friends may not be finished talking and may be pausing to take a breath before continuing their QSO.

This will limit the refrain, **DOUBLE-DOUBLE!**



Congratulations... New Hams!

My son-in law, Michael Hanko – KD9FCB
Loby-WA2AXZ

Also, Marilyn Steinberger—KM4PBV
Mother of John-W8LWX

66th Annual Ohiopyle, Pa. Buckwheat Festival

For more than a half century Ray-KB3HQV has been helping the local Ohio pyle fire department during this early fall celebration. Each year they welcome thousands of visitors to a filling breakfast of buckwheat and regular pancakes, bacon and sausage. Ray reports that this year they cooked 4,000 pounds of sausage, two tons of peeled, then fried potatoes along with 1,300 pounds of flour to feed the masses.

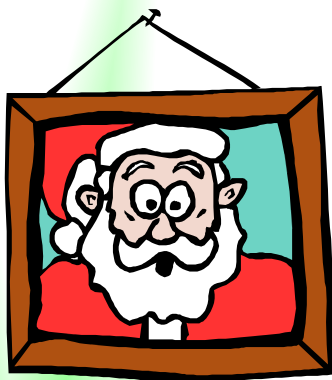
Sadly, there are no photos of Ray and his friends working behind the scenes though we have a WQED-TV link of the remarkable goings on in past years. . www.wqed.org/tv/cooks/chrischat/2009/09/

Ray and his fellow volunteers are hard workers and enjoy pitching in during these events. On November 14th an appreciation dinner was held for Ray and the gang recognizing their work and dedication. Now, wouldn't you know it, Ray was there helping out and cleaning up at his own dinner!



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!

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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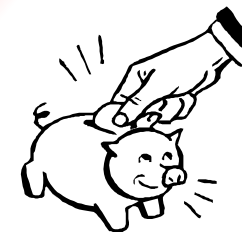
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72 Chew Fundraiser-2015

A special thank you to all concerned for your kind contributions. You too can help us defray operating costs in our organization without organization, by donating to the Chew directly on our 72chew.net website through PayPal or by mail to Loby-WA2AXZ.

Heartfelt thanks!



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