

**Our 12th Anniversary  
K1R Special Event  
May 7th and 8th, 2016**

It is hard to believe that our humble little ragchew group is a dozen years old. During our *silk-linen and pearl* anniversary, once again I am calling upon fellow net control stations as well as members to take a half-hour spot to help celebrate!



On Saturday May 7th we will be rotating our NCS's every half hour beginning 8am and continuing through the early afternoon hours. On Sunday May 8th, we will use regular NCS coverage though the K1R call will again be used to further the celebration.

To volunteer and be an integral part of this anniversary party, please e mail Loby-WA2AXZ at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)  
Many Thanks!

**DAYTON 2016**

Once again we will be meeting on Thursday evening, May 19th, at Rob's Restaurant, in Brookville Ohio. It is an open buffet costing around \$10 per person and senior discounts are given too.

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# The "Chew"

**SEVENTY-TWO**



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!

**NEWSLETTER April 2016**

Everyone is invited to our 12th annual get-together of 72 Chewers Including; 1721'ers Night Watchers, Corn Cobbers, Rooster Rosters ( you get the idea... everyone is welcome! )

If you have decided that you are coming, please let me know via an e mail, [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net) so I can make everything ready for our special evening.

In addition... tickets for the Hamvention are now on sale. You will save \$5 over the Hara Arena ticket office price if you buy your tickets early from the official Hamvention website, <http://hamvention.org/>

I'll be seeing you there in May!

73's-Loby

"Your special events coordinator"



## Radio History- "CQD - SOS"

### *A Night to Remember*

In the early part of the 20th century radio was in its infancy although, more and more ships were being equipped with Marconi radio gear and staffed with Marconi trained operators. There were a few international radio standards observed. CQ became the open call to anybody on frequency. CQD became an early distress call. Although generally accepted to mean, "Come Quick Danger," that is not the case. It is a general call, "CQ," followed by "D," meaning distress

It became apparent that CQD was mistakenly recorded as a simple open call if the operators did not copy the "D" for distress! During the second Berlin Radiotelegraphic Conference of 1906, the distress signal chosen was "SOS." Although the use of "SOS" was officially ratified in 1908, the use of "CQD" lingered for several more years, especially in British service where it originated.

After the great ship Titanic struck the iceberg on April 15th, 1912 and damage was assessed, Captain Smith >>



*gave the order to radio for help. First radio officer Jack Phillips sent "CQD" six times followed by the Titanic call letters, "MGY." Later, at Brides suggestion, Phillips interspersed his calls with "SOS." It is documented in personal accounts of Harold*

*Bride, second radio officer, and in the logs of the SS Carpathia, that the Titanic first used "CQD" to call for help.*

*After this tragic sinking, more and more the distress call CQD faded and SOS, as well as other emergency calls were adopted. To read a full account of these events and calls, check out:*

*<http://www.telegraph-office.com/pages/arc2-2.html> and, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CQD>*

## *Our Annual Fund Rai\$er*

During this time of the 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, or use the Paypal link on the 72.chew.net website today.



Heartfelt thanks to Jack-K4VAX and Rich-KC2CZK for their kind donations!



## Get well soon...

Our founder, Russ-K1LRB

It seems when it rains it pours. In January Russ's XYL fell and broke her arm. Thankfully she is on the mend, and now, Russ reports, that he has a torn rotator cuff. Russ expects to go in for surgery on May 6th so he will, for the first time in 12 years, miss the K1R anniversary of the 7.272 rag chew. Rest well Russ and once you are home healing, we expect to hear more of you on the net.

## So, it took a year.

Part of my duties as your special events coordinator is to also notify ARRL headquarters of our silent keys. As a reminder to both you and your families, if a member becomes a silent key, the family should contact me with all of the details including obituary and other required information to be forwarded to the silent key editor. Family members may also notify ARRL directly via the following e mail address : [sk@arrl.org](mailto:sk@arrl.org).

Back on March 5th, 2015 Tom Korycki-KC8QGJ passed and I immediately notified the silent key editors with the pertinent information. Seeing that it takes almost five months to get published, I checked each issue of QST and saw nothing. I called the SK editors to find that due to an oversight on their part, they did not list Tom's passing in a timely manner.

I am pleased to announce that in the April 2016 Issue of QST, page 105, Tom-KC8QGJ is now listed as a silent key.



## 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!

## Heard on the radio....

What is a lady of the evening called who accepts payment only in the form of spaghetti dinners?

**A Pasta-tute!**

(OOOOOHH, Sorry about that!)

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