

K1R

Celebrating the "Lucky"
13th Anniversary
of our 7.272 Ragchew Net



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



NEWSLETTER **MAY 2017**

Our Annual Group Photo at Hamvention

Each year, since 2005, the group has gathered in front of the Hara Arena Pub for the photo. This year I'll have to scope out the grounds at Xenia, to pick the perfect spot. I suggest that if you have a 2m handheld, set it for 147.390 simplex. I will make announcements on both Friday and Saturday where the 12 noon photo shoot will be done. I'm sure everyone will display their newly acquired goodies.



DAYTON 2017

It is now down to the wire for our annual trek to the ham radio Mecca. Even though the venue moved to Xenia Ohio, southeast of the city, the gang will be assembling for our traditional get together.

Thursday evening May 18 at 5:30, we will have our annual buffet dinner at Robs in Brookville Ohio.

On Friday May 19, we will have our annual barbeque at the Dayton KOA (Kampgrounds of America) on Exit #24 on I-70.

If you and your family will be in Dayton and would like to join in our annual get together, please e mail me ASAP Loby-WA2AXZ, at wa2axz@arrl.net.

Kring Point 2017

Yeah... I know that it is barely the beginning of spring and here I go speaking about our fall 2017 party in the New York Thousand Islands.

On Saturday September 9th the gang from the 7.272 Ragchew, the Rooster Roster and various nets will hold our 15th annual end of summer party. Put this date on your calendar and start thinking about a very enjoyable visit to the area. I'll bring additional information to you as the summer progresses.

Bob Lobenstein (LOBY)-WA2AXZ
Your special events coordinator.

K1R, back on the air for our 13th Anniversary!

On Saturday May 6, and Sunday May 7, 2017 we will begin the anniversary gala of our 7.272 Ragchew net. On the 6th we will be operating with our traditional half hour net control stations through the afternoon. On Sunday we will run with regular NCS's and be looking for volunteers to carry the celebration into the afternoon. If you would like to be one of the half hour NCS's during Saturday, or an afternoon NCS on Sunday, please let Loby-WA2AXZ know. wa2axz@arrl.net

Newly minted QSL cards, courtesy of Randy-KB3IFH, will be issued to anyone working one of our NCS's during the weekend. A grand time is guaranteed for all!

~~~~~ **Volunteers Wanted!**

If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or emergency fill in, please contact our net scheduler, John-W8LWX



Chad's (KB1HPV's) other love.

Chad spends a lot of time in his wood-working shop making great items for family and friends. Over this past winter he



1987 Honda Gold Wing Interstate 1200

spent many hours rebuilding his vintage Honda. One by one the old parts were removed and bright new ones installed to bring this machine up to snuff. Now Chad can be found in the back roads of his Massachusetts QTH, wind in his hair, driving this historic motorcycle.

A new and useful band condition website

Fellow Hams, I just learned today of this website which shows graphically the band conditions in real-time. Perhaps you already know about it and didn't tell me. Heheheh No problem. Here it is for your use also:

<http://www.cleanairwithultraviolet.com/bandconditions/>

After you study it a while, be sure to click on "instructions" and learn how it works. (hihi) 73, Ray Bailey - N4GYN

The following was taken from the qrz.com web page of W4TJE:

I have been fortunate over the years to have a few articles published in ham radio magazines. Unfortunately, most of my articles have been rejected. Read the list below and maybe you will see why they were rejected. I hope you will see the humor in it. #1 and #2 were rejected because the articles were too short to be published. (hihi)

- 1 "Ethical Contesting"
- 2 "Friends I Have Made in Pile-Ups"
- 3 "My Antenna is Bigger Than Yours", A Freudian Study as to Why Some Hams Feel the Need to Brag about their Antenna Size (credit to K2XX/4 "How Are You Tonight My Friend?", The Wit and Wisdom of the 75m DX Window
- 5 "Eye Candy", A Voyeur's Guide to Field Day
- 6 "We Were Here First!", Social Interactions on 75m
- 7 "Up, Up, Up You Lid!!", The Fascinating Life Stories of the DX Cops, the Real Heroes of the Ham Bands
- 8 "It's Time for my Pills", A User's Guide to 40m Phone Nets
- 9 "Radio Face", A Pictorial Profile of Hams
- 10 "Where's My XYL?", A Statistical Analysis of Divorce Rates Among Contestors
- 11 "Hamfests, The Real Key To Our Nation's Economic Recovery"
- 12 "Where Did Everybody Go?" One Ham's Solitary Quest to Revive the Novice Sub bands
- 13 "Top Band QRP, and Other Useless, Non-Productive Projects"

For the complete tongue in cheek rant, check out W4TJE-Jack on qrz.com

73 de Jack W4TJE

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!

Goods and Services:

DAYTON Hamvention

May 19,20, & 21, 2017.

Randy-KB3IFH and his QSL card business will be in Xenia. His company now, not only makes cards, but other ham related items to enhance your shack.

Visit him and his dad, Randy Sr. KB3INO, at the Hamvention in booth #6305. Feel free to call his cell, 410-440-0282 if you need directions while in the area . 73's Randy-KB3IFH



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