

K1R, 13th Anniversary collectible QSLs still available!

On Saturday May 6, and Sunday May 7, 2017 we held the anniversary gala of our 7.272 Ragchew net. Newly minted QSL cards, courtesy of Randy-KB3IFH, are now being issued to anyone working one of our NCS's during the weekend. If you want one of these fine cards for your shack, all it takes is a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) to me. Loby-WA2AXZ at 1958 East 36 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234. A card will be specially printed and immediately mailed to your QTH.

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



May 6th and 7th,
2017



Why a JUN-LY issue?

This year I have decided that with the annual hamvention and my extended vacation, the June and July issues of the "Chew" are combined. I am sure that you will forgive me, though. After my recent heart problems, I am more than happy to still be here, serving the net and keeping the Chew on track. Loby-WA2AXZ

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!

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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

Giving 100%

No organization, no matter how good, can stand on the shoulders of very few people. It takes a bevy of dedicated individuals, working together, to make a success of any endeavor. When one person leaves, there must be someone in the background to step up, take the reins, and continue operations seamlessly.

I had a bit of a health scare right after the Dayton Hamvention. Those seeing me run the two parties, our Thursday evening dinner at "Rob's" and the Friday barbeque at the KOA, saw that I was not running at my usual peak. I knew from recent doctors visits that I had heart problems though they did not hit home until I was in Wisconsin at my daughters and son-in-law's (KD9FCB) QTH. How does one give 100% when the heart is only working at 40%? After a stay at a nice Wis. heart hospital, I'm back in the saddle, a little tired, but still doing what I love best, being with friends on the air.



I have already made it known that Dayton 2018 is still a GO, though I will be asking friends on the chew and other related nets to give me a hand. It is important to have great people helping out as no one is here forever. I hope that others in the group can give a hand where needed, and even consider becoming one of the organizers running things in the background in our "Organization without Organization."

We have a proud history in the 7.272 Ragchew net and I always have been saying, "Without you, there is no chew."

Many thanks to everyone for your kind wishes and get well cards. I believe it made me quite a bit happier knowing what good friends we really have.

73's... Loby

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.

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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DAYTON ~ 2017

As your special events coordinator, I made it a point to get to the Xenia fairgrounds a few days earlier to scope out the place. I stopped by with my basset hound and walked around unimpeded although everyone had to stop and pat Prints' belly and get the soulful look from those eternally sad eyes. "Not bad," I said to myself as I walked in the 80 degree sunshine. Buildings were well placed and the open-air flea market looked grand inside the race track area. I found an ideal place to take the annual group photo, smiles and took



off for a few days' rest at the KOA Kampground.

One by one, friends from all over the world started entering Dayton and most of our usual suspects on the 7.272 Ragchew as well as friends from the 160m 1721 group, the 2-meter Rooster roster, the corn Cob net and others set up in the KOA Kampground for our 13-15th anniversary gathering.



On Thursday evening, May 18th, a nice group of friends met at Rob's Restaurant for our 13th annual gathering of 7.272 Rag Chew-



ers, 1721ers and the Rooster Roster. It is always great to see good friends again and catch up on what is happening with them and their families. There was great anticipation in the air about the new Hamvention venue which made the top of conversation around the tables.

The Hamvention Day 1, Friday May 19th

One thing is certain at Hamvention, RAIN! The evening before the opening, a downpour washed over the entire area and thus started the adventure. Even though the sun popped out for a short time, everyone was more comfortable walking inside the buildings checking out the new equipment and other goodies.





Our two Randy's, Randy Sr.-KB3INO and Randy Jr.-KB3IFH took their position in a building selling their great QSL cards along with many other ham related items.



Thanks to the inclement weather, the crowds stayed in the buildings giving Randy's business a captive and productive audience.

The photo below shows a rare moment in the flea market area where blue skies and grass can be seen. The area was filled to



capacity with vendors though according to hamvention officials, many had to be turned away due to insufficient space.

During the entire weekend there were several times where heavy thunderstorms sent



the crowds inside for shelter. This photo looks as though it was taken in Grand Central during rush hour.

Our group photo by the central assembly area included a new mascot. Instead of the "Taz" we picked up "Hammy the Ham" Even though this was the first Hamvention at the new venue I guess bugs will be worked out by "DARA" for 2018.



We held our annual Friday evening barbeque at the KOA pavilion and of course, I was cooking so there are no photos. Here is your host on Saturday evening enjoying barbeque part two. Additional Friday photos will be published once the gang sends them to me.

Looking back we all had a great time. The most important aspect was being with good friends and their families for our annual hamvention vacation. There are always challenges and rewards when the doors open at the hamvention and everyone to the last said that they will be back for the 2018 version.

I have amassed quite a number of Dayton photos that didn't make this issue of the Chew. If you would like to see more or want a dvd copy of the shots, please contact me. Loby-WA2AXZ at wa2axz@arrl.net

