

Memorial to Rich KD8FDK

[It's been over a year since we lost KD8FDK-Rich, a longtime net controller for the 7.272 Ragchew and a friendly voice, day and night, on 40 meters. We were pleased to receive this recently from Rich's YL, Barb:]

Rich wanted a 'green' burial (no embalming, no fancy casket and, sorry, no, it's not cheaper). We found a place called Foxfield that was just a big meadow and he just loved it so that's what I did. The headstone has to be natural to the area and just engraved, no polishing or finishing and no bigger than 12 x 18. I wasn't sure how much would fit on such a small stone (thought the name alone would be challenging) but I was pleasantly surprised.

I wanted it to reflect him as much as possible. I can't remember who thought of the fish but the first one with a cross reflects his faith and the other is for his second love of fishing. (I have found 20+ tackle boxes between the basement, attic, shed and garage – not even going to try to count the rods. He was the same with his radios, most of it's older stuff but he's got lots of electronics too.)

Well, it's not your normal stuffy headstone and thought you guys would get a kick out of it. (I know he would.)

Take care,
Barb

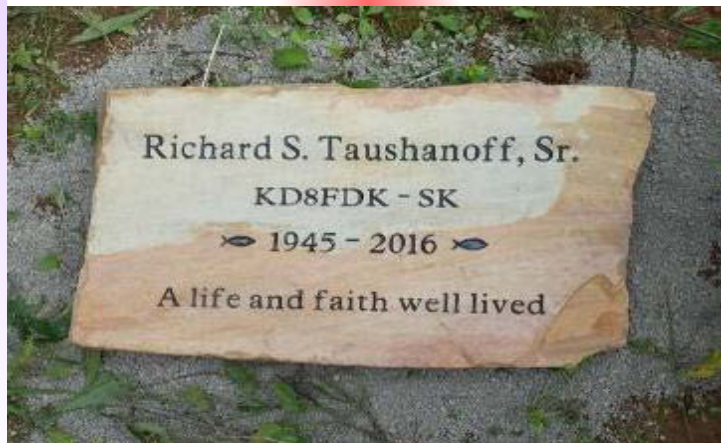
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K1R Labor Day Weekend Special Event!



2017 marks our "lucky" thirteenth year of doing special events with the 7.272 Rag Chew net. For a long time we used to operate with half-hour net control stations but due to the many net control stations taking a much needed late-summer vacation, we will operate with our regular hourly NCS's 8am to noon then ask for volunteers from noon and beyond. If you would like to help out On Saturday, September 2nd, Sunday, the 3rd or Monday the 4th, Labor Day, PLEASE contact me, Loby, your Special Events Coordinator, at wa2axz@arrl.net. I can guarantee a great special event, and as always, a nice certificate is available to anyone working our stations during this weekend.

Kring Point Party September 9th

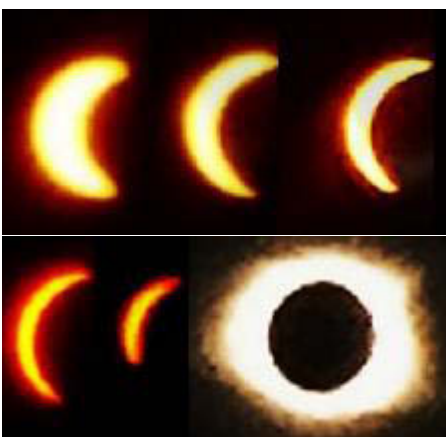
The weekend after Labor Day, we will be having our 15th annual "International" Kring Point Party in the Thousand Islands, Kring Point State Park New York. Founded by Tom-KC8QGJ (SK), friends and families from various radio groups will gather there to enjoy a great day of fun and food. Listen for our annual "K2P" call sign throughout the week



If you would like to be part of this end-of-summer shindig, please contact:
 Loby-WA2AXZ for details and directions before Sept. 5th.
wa2axz@arrl.net

The article below is in Braille for those who looked at the sun too long, during the recent eclipse.-.....-.....-.....-.....
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 (HIHI)

Below: Over 2 minutes of complete eclipse over Greenville, S.C. on



August 21, 2017
 Photos courtesy of Bill-KB1PKS & friends in S.C.

Summer Isn't over yet, BUT...

Many of us know the old saying: "make hay while the sun shines"

As summer winds down and a cooler fall is but days away, it is once again time to think about getting outside and checking our antennas.

Guy ropes ok? Nuts and bolts firmly attached? Any frayed wires or wires in questionable shape? How about the coax cables? Insulation intact and connectors sealed and dry?

We all know the frustration of getting set for a nice stint on the radio to find something went wrong with the antenna system. It usually occurs during a nice stormy time where it is almost impossible to get out and effect repairs.

So, before problems arise causing you grief, take a few moments to check things out so when inclement weather hits, you can sit snugly by the radio, mike in hand and a hot cup of coffee at your side, enjoying a rewarding QSO!

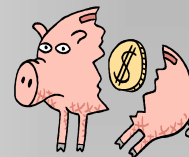
Volunteers Wanted!



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

Our Fund RaiSer

During summer time a call goes out to our members to help us keep our Organization Without Organization afloat. Your small contribution keeps the website on line and also helps with the postage and background costs encountered during the year. Please send your contribution to your special events Coordinator, WA2AXZ, today.



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, 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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