

**'His one true love':
Vietnam veteran's last
wish to broadcast on ham
radio fulfilled** - *Lake County News-Sun*



Our fellow Net Control Station, Ray-N4GYN, sent us this wonderful article about an old Army Signal Corps veteran, John Nugent- WA2EQJ,

living in a nursing home, sadly dying from cancer. Through the efforts of his son and other hams, his wish came true to get on air one last time. Please, take a few moments to read through the article and I suggest having a tissue handy.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-Ins-veteran-last-wish-radio-st-1206-20171205-story.html>

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

72chew.net

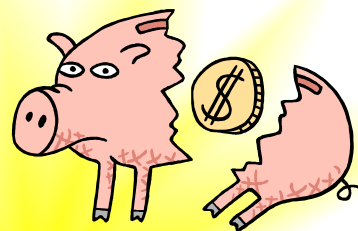
The "Chew"

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*Our Annual
Fund
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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, today.

14 years of K1R



This year we are gathering once again to welcome in a brand new year, 2018, and continue the great traditions of our 7.272 Ragchew. On December 30 and 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018 we will be meeting on frequency to greet everyone with the special K1R call. If anyone would like to volunteer for a NCS spot from 12 noon onwards, please e-mail me or simply show up and keep the conversation going.

This year we have whipped up a great new certificate that will look stunning on the wall of your shack.

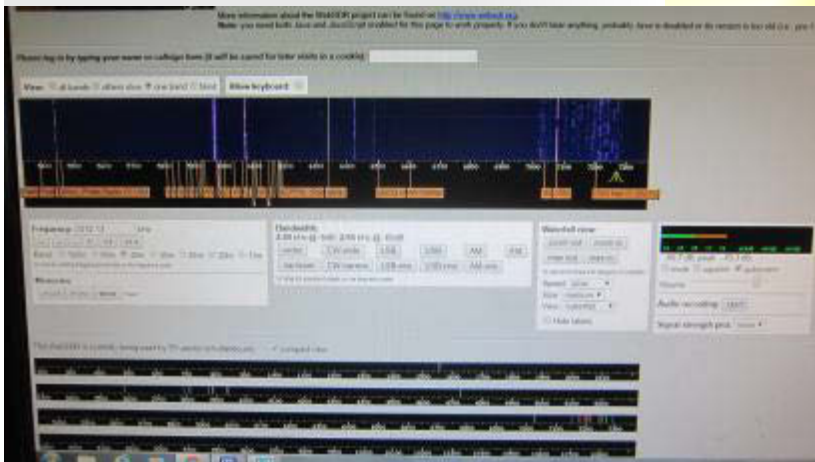
If you would like to have one of these fine collectables, all it takes is a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) sent to me: Bob Lobenstein-WA2AXZ 1958 East 36 Street Brooklyn, New York 11234.

Software Defined Radio Listening Outposts

There are times when we in our shacks tear our hair out, if we are lucky to still have hair (hihi), contending with low signals and the consistent roar of QRM and QRN. For the past few months I have hooked up with an active SDR site, <http://k3fef.com:8901/> which has proven to be a godsend when the band is marginal. There is a new article in the January 2018 QST which extols the virtues of the many world wide SDR listening sites, free to the public domain.

The site I have been using is in Pennsylvania, giving operators the HF spectrum at their fingertips, including broadcast stations and everything in between.

Once you type the site into your browser, you have the ability of entering the frequency you wish to hear along with whatever mode is applicable. I use the 160m, 1.871 MHz frequency for my nighttime net as well as listening in on 7.272 for our daytime nets. Give it a try, play around with it and you will be pleasantly surprised. In addition, you can call up this site and others on your portable devices, so you can be listening in on your favorite nets anywhere.



So what did Santa bring you this Christmas?

The holiday season is winding down. As the winter months seemingly drag on, I am hoping that everyone takes advantage of the downtime to spend more time with friends over the airwaves. It is also the time to start seriously thinking about the special gatherings we hold each year and consider being with us. Dayton-2018 will be in May and we will hold our traditional Thursday evening get-together at Rob's Restaurant as well as holding our potluck barbeque at the Dayton KOA on Friday. (Dates to be announced)

We are also considering a southern assembly in Charlotte North Carolina in March or April. If anyone is truly interested in this, please, join the e-mail discussion with John-W8LWX and me, Loby-WA2AXZ.

In the fall we hold our annual international end-of-summer party at Kring Point State Park in the Thousand Islands. While you cuddle up to your 811s and 572s for warmth, join us for the warm and hearty parties planned for our Chew's 14th anniversary!

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. Without you, there is no chew!

Please, e-mail your stories, tech info and photos to Loby at wa2axz@arrl.net

Many Thanks!

Orlando Fl. Hamvention

Saturday February 10, 2018

Randy-KB3IFH and his QSL card business will be in Orlando, sharing a booth with WB2JKJ, The Classroom Net - 7.238, Radio Club of Jr High School 22. He will be in Commercial Building, Booth #1, At noon that Saturday. If anyone is going, please stop by or feel free to call my cell 410-440-0282.

Randy-KB3IFH

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