

Two significant events on our horizon.

The dog days of August are upon us though, within a few weeks, the cool breezes of September will begin.



Our 14th Annual Labor Day weekend is Scheduled for Saturday September 1st through Monday September 3rd. We will use our special "K1R" call, as we will welcome all to our end of summer special event. We will operate with our regular hourly Net Control Stations and volunteers are needed to fill in openings as well as take the net into the afternoon hours. Please contact me, Loby-wa2axz@arrl.net for a rewarding NCS position today.

The 16th annual "Kring Point" barbeque is on track for Saturday September 15th. Members of the 7.272 Ragchew along with the 1721 group, the Rooster Roster net and many others will meet in the pavilion at Kring Point State Park, along the mighty St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands. Take a few days off to explore the region and unwind after a long hot summer. Check out wa2axz on the qrz.com site or e mail me at wa2axz@arrl.net for updated info.



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



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New Arrival... June 19, 2018

Little Kilian Robert Hanko, born to Keri and Michael Hanko-KD9FCB.

This little guy joins the team as Loby's - WA2AXZ, third grandson and, no doubt, like Bobby and Riley, will get a great education covering life, sports and of course, Ham Radio!

Welcome
to the
family.



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The 7.272
Rag Chew
needs YOU!

Earlier this past spring, our net scheduler, John-W8LWX, after six wonderful years of keeping our organization-without-organization organized, decided to retire. As his retirement day quickly approaches, I am asking a stalwart individual in the 7.272 network to consider taking up the mantle of net scheduler and help keep everything on track.

When Russ-K1LRB and others started the group, he became the first scheduler, then I, Loby, did the deed for a few years and others picked up where I left off and so on.

The job is not a difficult one. Keeping a master list of Net Control Stations and fill-in volunteers, ensuring there is no "dead air" on the 7.272 frequency.

If you would like to help us out and take this most prestigious position, Please, contact John-W8LWX and Loby-WA2AXZ today.



Behind the mike...

Today we highlight the activities of a fellow ham that takes his work seriously helping soothe Parkinson's patients.

Walt-KB3LGO has been a long time member of the 7.272 Rag chew and the 160m "1721 group"



When not on air, Walt teaches the art of yoga and works with Parkinson's disease patients to aid in their restricted movement caused by the disease. He has proven to be effective in helping make arms and legs more limber.

Viewing the attached web interview on the show "Om Sweet Om" with Walt, will make it easier to appreciate what he does and the care he takes. Please copy the address below into your browser and enjoy the show.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOiWX_IYYKc

You can operate Ham Radio from anywhere.

Field day is over and experience has shown us that during emergencies ham radio operators can set up anywhere-anytime to establish emergency communications. While I was in Wisconsin at my son-in-law's QTH, I decided to take my go-box of an Icom-7300, power supply and all associated cables and do-dads with me. Seeing that there was not enough room to string up a longwire, I decided to get him a new Hustler Vertical antenna. One of the great enjoyments in life is finding out that HRO-Milwaukee is located barely 8 miles away.

I hammered a two inch pipe, four feet into the ground and installing a new Hustler 4-BTV. A handful of radials were added to allow me to get on air and be part of the 7.272 Ragchew as well as all of the other regular nets I visit.

The antenna will stay as part of my son-in-law's station (KD9FCB) and continue to be a presence on the bands. Loby-WA2AXZ



Heard on the Radio...

"I was in the military for only 9 years. I wanted to make it 20 but the war broke out!"



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 or Loby-WA2AXZ



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!

You can help out by making a small contribution that keeps the website on line as well as contending with the postage and background costs encountered during the year. Please, send your contribution to your Special Events Coordinator, WA2AXZ, today.



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KC8SGO's Visit to Voice of America Cincinnati, Ohio.

Recently Mark and a few fellow hams trekked to the site of Voice of America. This station, with a multiple transmitter building and antenna array reached across the globe to bring information to people suppressed by the Nazi regimes as well as communist dogma, post World War 2. Below is his story:



Voice of America Bethany Station in West Chester, OH. Constructed 1942 – 1944, it is one of five stateside transmitter sites. Prior to 1944, VOA programming was carried by WLWO (O for overseas) Powel Crosley Jr's 300 KW short-wave station across the street. Crosley was building the VOA transmitters as the building was being built. The five Crosley 250 KW transmitters were completed before the roof was finished. The sixth transmitter was a Collins 250 KW unit. This is the only transmitter left. All five Crosley units were torn out and scrapped. Truly a waste.



This is the manual antenna switching gear. There were 23 antennas, all switched by hand. Any of the six transmitters could be connected to any of the antennas to meet the needs of direction and frequency. The antennas covered one square mile. Both rhombics and curtain arrays were used.



The dummy load building. That's right, a dummy load so big it needed it's own building. Those three air conditioning units were necessary to keep it cool.



One of two satellite dishes, installed early 80's. Prior to that, VOA programming was piped in via AT&T " long lines Using Six primary lines, one for each transmitter, and six backups incase of a line failure.

No programming originated here at the transmitter site, it all came from studios in Washington DC and New York City. The other dish is in disrepair, but this one was modified for 10 GHZ moon bounce. The West Chester Amateur Radio Association has a large radio room there, and they help out with repairs and new exhibits. The club call is WC8VOA.

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Thanks to Mark and others on the 7.272 Ragchew who contribute stories and photos. You make each issue interesting and informative and I thank you!

Loby-WA2AXZ

