

K1R again a spectacular success.

As 2017 winds down and summer is a memory, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for participating in our 13th annual Labor Day weekend event. Our volunteer and regular net control stations did a stellar job of bringing K1R to life as hundreds of check-in's helped celebrate the unofficial last weekend of summer.

I am still making out the certificates, so if you want one to adorn your shack wall, all you need to do is send me, WA2AXZ, a "SASE" (preferably a 9x12 inch to receive the certificate unfolded). Get yours today!



The 15th Annual International Kring Point end-of-summer party.

2017 proved to be a banner year for our fellow hams and their families. First, with the 13th annual gathering at Dayton, then closing out the summer along the banks of the mighty St. Lawrence River. This September gathering was started by Tom-KC8QGJ (SK) in 2002 and has grown steadily over the years. This is the second year that we used the enclosed pavilion. Weather is iffy this time of year so having the

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ability to be safely inside during a storm, or outside in the sun on the veranda, proved to be a plus. Food and fun were the order of the



day and as each of the 65 ham friends and their families checked in and helped set things up. Being the event coordina-



tor for the Chew and the 1721 group, I also became the chief cook. Dozens of sausages and countless hot dogs and burgers flew off the



grills. The XYLs set up the tables inside with every goodie under the sun including salads, casseroles, venison



stew and desserts of every type.

The coolers were filled to the brim with soda and beer to satisfy any palate.

KB1PKS's XYL was a great help as she brought out yet more food for the gang to munch on.

Large pots of corn on the cob, salt potatoes and macaroni boil on the industrial strength burners. The overflow crowd made themselves at home on both the east and west pat-



ios, discussing everything from radios to family events.

The photos of the inside look a bit hazy as, with the doors open, the smoke from the grills invaded the pavilion. No one complained as the smell was delicious. The inside and outside tables were full of happy hams enjoying a great meal and wonderful camaraderie.



Bill-KB1PKS had a local bakery whip up a special anniversary cake to commemorate the dual 15th anniversary of the parties and the 25th of the local "Rooster Roster" net.



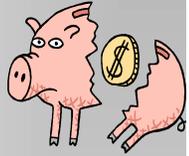
Of course, even with all the food, a few set up a satellite tracking station and made a few contacts along the way.



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Our Fund Rai\$er

A special note of thanks goes to Randy-KB3IFH for his recent, generous contribution to the 7.272 Ragchew net.



Please remember that 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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Evening brought a radiant sunset over the St. Lawrence River.



As the party wound down, a campfire was set up along the banks of the river to continue our conversations and enjoy beverages of every type. Four of the handful of original party old-timers posed for a great photo. (L to R) Bill-KB1PKS, Loby-WA2AXZ, Jerry-KC2UT and "Super Chuck" KC2MDQ.

At the end of a long and rewarding day we all agreed to set up for the 2018 party to be held on September 15th. I hope to see many of our 7.272 Ragchewers there too.



My pooped pup "Prints" says... good night.

Emergency Hurricane Communications.

Even before the party, some of our gang assembled on a hillside along the St. Lawrence river to set up an emergency communications post. Using a simple G5RV strung between pine and oak trees, and utilizing battery



power, they got right to work.

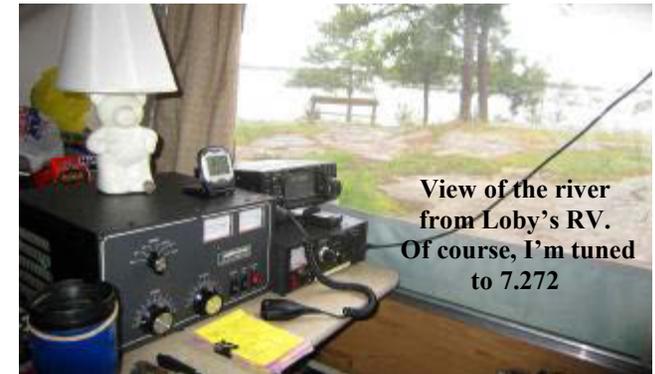
As Hurricane Irma roared through Florida, David-WX2CIB (seated) and Paul-WX2PJR



began hours of relay work between Red Cross, Salvation Army and others, bringing messages to families that friends and family members were OK. In Florida as in Texas and Puerto Rico, the lack of power, cell phone service or computer communications brought a stark message that rings all too true, "When all else fails, Amateur Radio".



If anyone wishes to see more photos of the party and other activities at this year's events, please e-mail me at wa2axz@arrl.net.



View of the river from Loby's RV. Of course, I'm tuned to 7.272



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.