

15 years of our 7.272 Ragchew Net



This year marks our 15th anniversary year of operations in our "Ragchew net" and though we have traditionally welcomed in the New Year with the K1R

special event, we will be standing back for this New Year's Day to rebuild interest in our annual activities.

We will continue our regular net on New Year's Day and welcome everyone to a brand spankin' new 2019, inviting everyone to be part of our organization without organization.

Plans are underway for our 15th anniversary "K1R" special event in May. In addition, as the Dayton-Xenia hamfest is occurring right after our anniversary, I hope to be meeting friends from all over as we enjoy our dinners, barbecues and hook up in the aisles of the hamvention.

Our end-of-summer international barbecue at Kring Point, along the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands, is set for September 7th, so here too, I hope to see you there.

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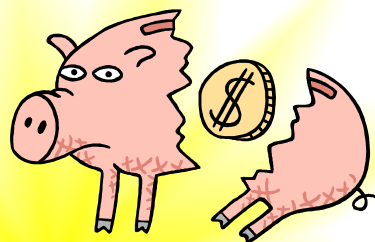
The "Chew"

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Our Annual Fund Rai\$er



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.

Volunteers Really Wanted!



In each issue there is a little blurb asking for volunteers to step up and serve as a temporary net control station or, even better, a permanent NCS. As we move into a new year with a new net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF, it is now more important than ever to help out and prevent dead air from being heard on our frequency.

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, Ken-W3XAF.

A Christmas Story, 2018



Each year I try to bring holiday photos and stories from our members. This year was special for me, Loby-WA2AXZ, as this was the time I'd be with my new grandson for his first Christmas. Step 1: Drive one thousand miles from Brooklyn to Wisconsin. I usually have my rig in the Jeep and am able to pass away the hours speaking with friends all over the country. Well, not this time. Somewhere in New Jersey, the mike cable got stuck and yes I pulled it. That was the end of my being able to transmit as wires broke, leaving me to listen to Sirius Radio Christmas carols for the next dozen driving hours. JOY!

Luckily my daughter and son-in-law, KD9FCB, live barely 8 miles away from the Milwaukee HRO. When I hit town, even before heading to their QTH, I went to HRO.

I am now happy to report that the new Yaesu 857-D mike works fine and I went immediately back on the air. I'll never pull the mike cord



again! Little Kilian just turned 6 months of age and enjoyed immensely his first Christmas. The little guy relished ripping the decorative paper from his presents... and then trying to eat it. Oh well, when a little one is teething, anything will do.

Grandpa had his Icom 7300 set up and Kilian got a first-hand look, like my other grandsons Bobby & Riley, at how ham radio works. He babbles a few things to the gang but was seemingly more interested in munching on the microphone cord. (hihi) My Bas-



set hound, Prints, loves to snuggle with the little guy so everyone got comfy for a big Christmas hug.



Daddy Michael-KD9FCB carries little Kilian through a Christmas lighting wonderland at the Jellystone RV park near Milwaukee. Literally millions of lights pulse along with the holiday music.

Meanwhile, after getting back to Brooklyn after Christmas in Wisconsin, Christmas Part Four was held at my QTH for little Bobby and Riley, my East Coast grandsons.

Bobby loves to build projects including electronic things so, between Bobby and Riley, several kits were under the tree, especially a big 300 electronic project kit for them to build and enjoy. Bobby said he wants to get his ham license!



Riley, age 5 & Bobby, age 8



Of course there have to be other toys to play with and a new "Nerf" gun filled the bill for Bobby. Little Riley was put on notice not to touch it! That lasted a short time. As Bobby was busy building his Erector / Meccano race car, Riley sneaked back to the living room to take a look and play. By the way, Erector sets are still made under the new name, above, so the fun with the tiny screws and nuts continues!



After a full day of play, little Riley pooped out and fell asleep in front of the Christmas tree, probably dreaming about all the nice toys he received this year from the big man, Santa.



Bill-KB1PKS sent us this photo of his daughter Jackie and his little granddaughter Maddie, busy opening presents on Christmas morning. Bill sends his blessings to all, wishing everyone a Happy New Year too.



Bobby, Riley and I would hop on board for a ride. Our museum hooked up several vintage 1930s R1 through R-9 subway cars and under the control of motorman Steve-W2FBR, all passengers were whisked back to a bygone era. The best vantage point was the front window, and Bobby & Riley took up their place with noses on the glass. If you ever wondered



what a rush hour is, the photo above speaks volumes. Somewhere in the crowd (circled) is writer and historian Joseph Cunningham too.

After a long ride, Bobby pooped out and sat on the floor (there were no seats) until our stop where we got off and went home after an exciting day of riding the old trains.



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 Hamvention

February 8 through 10, 2019

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. If anyone is going, please stop by or feel free to call my cell 410-440-0282. 73's, Randy.

In addition, Ken-W3XAF, invites all 7.272 Chewers attending to meet him at 11 AM at Randy's booth on Saturday, February 9. We will take group photos for the upcoming March 2019 newsletter. See you at the Orlando hamvention!

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TAKE THE "A" TRAIN !

Back in the early 30s Billy Strayhorn and Duke Ellington were inspired to write Take the "A" Train after riding the new IND subway to Harlem. Those same cars were put back in operation for the Christmas season to ferry passengers from lower Manhattan to Harlem's 145th Street station. Since I, Loby-WA2AXZ, volunteer at the Transit Museum helping maintain these old beauties, I decided that

