

Our fifteenth 7.272 Ragchew “Crystal” anniversary!

The weekend of May 4 and 5, 2019, our 7.272 Ragchew net will celebrate 15 fantastic years of operation. Since our founding we have held an annual celebration using the special event call, K1R, and hosted by our mascot, the “Taz”. Stop by, wave a congratulatory hand then send in your request for the special collector’s edition of our anniversary QSL. Heartfelt thanks to all who have volunteered as net control stations and participants over the years, It is truly gratifying and appreciated. Loby-WA2AXZ



More Voice of America Photos from Mark-KC8SGO

While this photo does not do justice to the immense size of this beast, this was one of the final tubes from Powell Crosley Jr’s 500 kW AM transmitter. (WLW Cincinnati, circa 1930s.) There were 12 of these tubes in the final stage. Cooling water was pumped through the copper pipes in the base.



The “Chew”

SEVENTY-TWO



“Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!”

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At its peak, during the cold war, the Voice of America was broadcast, using their massive transmitters and repeating stations world wide, in almost 60 languages.

73, Mark - KC8SGO

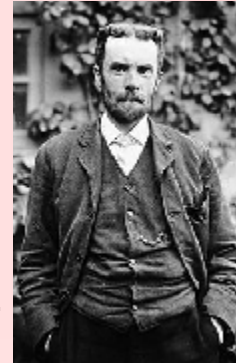
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A very Happy Easter
and Joyous Passover
to everyone!

Forgotten Pioneer: Oliver Heaviside

Walt-KB3LGO has uncovered yet another of the all-to-many unsung electrical/electronic pioneers, forgotten over the eons. Many of us, in radio already know the contributions of Tesla, Marconi and Edison but Mr. Heaviside brought to light the mathematics and associated discoveries to explain how these phenomena actually operate. Walt believes you will find this very interesting and suggests that you look up his achievements, too many to mention in this newsletter, at the following websites: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Heaviside <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Oliver-Heaviside> In addition, there is a great book Walt is reading on this subject, available at: <https://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Genius-Oliver-Heaviside-Electrical/dp/1633883310> 73s Walt-KB3LGO



Volunteers Wanted!

If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or occasional fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF



The Tick is clocking?

In one month, the members of our 7.272 Ragchew net, fellow hams from the 160m-1721 Group, Nightwatch, Rooster Roster et al., will be gathering in the Dayton, Ohio, area for the annual "Dayton-Xenia Hamvention."

Our little band of hams will be holding two great events to enhance the enjoyment of our trek to Ohio. Thursday evening, May 16, the evening before opening day at Xenia, we traditionally meet at Rob's Restaurant for a great buffet-style meal. Everyone is invited to stop by, unwind from the long drive and have great conversations with friends. No QRM and QRN allowed (hihi). Rob's is located right off Interstate 70 at - 705 Arlington Rd, Brookville, OH 45309.

We usually start meeting there at 5:30 pm and have the back dining area reserved for all of our attendees. Stop by and enjoy!

On Friday evening, May 17, right after a full day of trekking through the Hamvention fairgrounds, we gather at the KOA (Kampgrounds of America) for our annual barbeque. Exit 24 on West Interstate 70. No one ever leaves hungry or without a smile as we get to have a great meal and conversations across the picnic tables. The final details of Hamvention weekend will be in the May issue of The Chew.



It is now April and I suggest you start making your reservations and get on the Hamvention website and purchase your tickets in advance.

See y'all at Dayton!

NCS coverage during poor band conditions...

Recently band conditions have been horrible and there were times where other NCS's did not hear the regular NCS and tried to help by taking over the net. This has, at times, led to doubling and other conflicts. Until conditions improve, it has been suggested that if an NCS hears no activity on the band, and wants to act as a fill-in NCS, he or she should first try to get definite confirmation from the regularly scheduled NCS to see if he/she is on-- whether by phone or e-mail or whatever else works -- to be absolutely certain that the band frequency is clear, before stepping up to the mike. Working together, with this and relay stations on the band, we can avoid duplication and interference when 40 meters does not cooperate.



HEARD on the RADIO

BOB: "HOLY SCHMOOZES! I was putting up a new antenna and just fell off a 30 foot ladder!"

JIM: "No way man, are you okay?"

BOB: "Yeah, luckily I was only on the first step."

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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