

How was your Field Day?

Thousands of hams got together on Field Day to hone their skills in emergency antenna erecting and station operations. This seems to be the most popular radio event of the year where we get together, working our behinds off, installing antennas, running cables and setting up stations from anywhere from the beach front to mountain tops.

This year, more and more hams are using emergency power in the form of solar cells, batteries or portable generators to energize stations. Each mode adds to the measure of success of these stations. This year, due to scheduling, I was not able to participate fully, although I did hit all the HF bands to give away a few points. Use it or lose it! One observation made each Field Day or during any special contest or event, is that bands usually considered "dead" come alive. I cut my teeth on 15 meters back in the late '60s and for almost 10 years this band was hopping. Since the '80s this and other bands are sparsely populated, giving rise to concerns that if the FCC sees that the frequency is not used, they may take it away from hams and give it away for commercial operations. I hope everyone had a great weekend and if you have any photos or stories of your activities, please, send them to me. Loby wa2axz@arrl.net



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!"

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One can never have enough....

Thankfully, there is no computer running this car.
With thanks to Gary-W9VS



A happy 4th of July !

It behooves all of us to read the Declaration of Independence, to truly

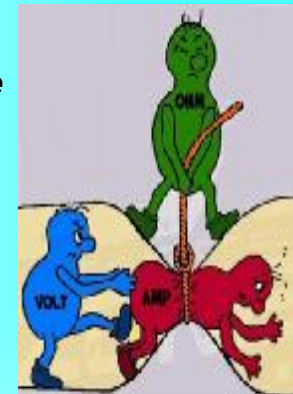


see why we celebrate, and what tyranny we wanted to break away from!

Gary W9VS also sends us this vintage explanation of a power circuit.

$$\frac{E}{I \times R} \quad \frac{P}{I \times E}$$

I wonder how many of us felt the "Kick" of voltage while working on our rigs? (hihi)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Summer is here and with the vacation season in full swing, there are several NCS openings during the week. If you would like to be one of our Net Control Stations on a regular schedule or as an occasional fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF



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Up in the air with Tom-KA3CRC



These pictures are of my new antenna , a Cushcraft MA6B 6-band antenna. It covers 6, 10, 12,17 and 20 meters.

I put up a new 25-foot tower last fall, before I went to Florida for the winter. There was not enough time for me to get the antenna up. I did partially assemble all of the elements of the antenna in my basement, and hang them up on bike hooks. When I returned to my QTH in mid-May, I took them up to my garage and assembled them, on the ground, to the boom on a couple of horses. The beam was a lot larger than I had imagined. It was supposed to be a mini beam but it's almost full size, as you can see.

Along with getting on air with our 1721 net on 160 meters and the 7.272 Ragchew, I get on several local nets in the Erie area. The Lake Erie emergency net on 29.000 MHz , Novice Tech net on 28.410 MHz, as well as a 6m AM ragchew net 50.400 MHz and another 6m SSB net on 50.190 MHz. I also keep tabs on ex-Erie people on the Fort Pierce, Florida net on 14.340 MHz.

Several friends on the various nets complained that my signal was weak as I tried to load up on various dipoles. They always gave me heck, saying, "Get something directional!" So, I finally did. I cannot do heavy climbing anymore. A few friends from a Ham Club ham club to which I belong, "The Wattsburg Wireless Association" (K3WWA), helped out. Rick Cutter KA3MKT, (shown in the photos), helped put up the rotor and mast, placing the antenna on the top of the tower and fastening



down the clamps. Friends on my nets say I have a much better signal now.

By the way, my house is surrounded by many trees, so it was difficult even to get the antenna around to the back of the house. It has many 14 gauge wire "X" capacitor hat spokes, so we had to be careful not to bang into things and break them off. We also had to trim many tree limbs just to make a safe path through the side yard, to bring it around in the back yard. Anyway, it done now and I can relax a little.

73 to all! Tom-KA3CRC



A note from your editor ...

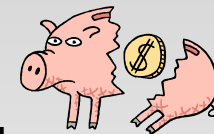
Our monthly newsletter "THE CHEW", contains information about the activities and participants in the 7.272 Ragchew Net. We rely on contributions of stories and pictures from the members to keep all of us up to date, impart information we can all use and, of course, to raise a smile and a chuckle or two. 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.

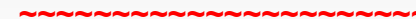


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The Owl
by Arthur Sze

The path was
purple in the dusk.
I saw an owl, perched, on a
branch.

And when the owl stirred, a
fine dust fell from its wings.
I was silent then. And felt the
owl quaver.

And at dawn, waking, the
path was green in the May
light.

*(You tube video of poet
Arthur Sze)*

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**While walking her
pups through her
back yard,
she was greeted by
the sight of two young
Great Horned Owl
chicks sitting in a
tree, watching her.**