

HOT-HOT-HOT

The dog days of summer are finally here! After too many 90 degree plus days, I find that it is time to get out and check things around the antenna farm. The heat and blaring sun take their toll on guy ropes. If you did not use the special UV resistant guy ropes, and the ones holding your antenna are about three years old, consider adding this to the to-do list for changing in the fall. In addition, if your antenna is guyed to the roof of your QTH, take a good look at the eyebolts attached to the roof. Hot tar has a way of loosening these bolts and making them pull out when summer



thunder storms whip up. Also, take a good look at the ground straps/wires to ensure they are intact. I have found that joints open over time. A good solder/mechanical joint is required to continue protection from the elements.

Most important, if you go out in the summer sun, save yourself a peck of pain. Wear a good sunscreen, drink plenty of water and wear UV rated sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Now go, get these things done, and get back inside the shack where the air conditioning is a cool 76 degrees!



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Congratulations to new grandpa, George-WA2YUZ

Here is a picture of our new grandson, Deacon George Terpstra. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 14.5 oz, born about 11:30 PM, June 28, 2019.

The proud parents are our daughter, Brittany, and her husband Tyson. Hard to tell who is most proud, us or them. Mom and baby are doing well.

73, George

Our Kring Point International end-of-summer bash is right around the corner!

"Time keeps on slippin', into the future!"
As the song goes, wow, summer is half over and we are busy planning our 17th annual party in Kring Point State Park. Saturday September 7th 2019. All the fun is located in New York's Thousand Islands, along the St. Lawrence Seaway. Started by Tom KC8QGJ-(SK), the party continues to grow year after year. Once again the enclosed pavilion in the park will be filled with dozens of hams, their friends and families, as we celebrate radio and the end of summer 2019.

We have had visitors come from as far away as Australia, to be with us at the



celebration. Great food, wonderful conversation with no QRM and QRN

allowed all day!

If you want to be a part of the fun, I suggest you plan for a special weekend not only at the party but touring the beautiful sights around the Thousand Islands. Motels will be in the post-Labor Day season and there are good savings to be realized all around. Please e-mail me, Loby-WA2AXZ at wa2axz@arrl.net to confirm your attendance, and I guarantee, a great time will be had by all.

Solar Cycle 25 begins!

Randy-KB3IFH sends us this little story about the much awaited solar cycle. We all know that for the past few years conditions rated from poor to miserable. This little ray of sunshine may be just what the ham radio doctors ordered. Enjoy the read and let's all keep our fingers crossed.



<https://spaceweatherarchive.com/2019/07/09/a-sunspot-from-the-next-solar-cycle-2/>

73, Randy

Summer fun camping.

This year I decided to do something a little different for my two grandsons. Rather than telling them about where we were going, every other week we took a "secret" trip to



a special place that all of us really enjoyed. The first week we wound up in Essex Connecticut where the kids enjoyed a ride on the steam train to the steamboat up the Connecticut River. After that we went to a dinosaur park on the Rhode Island border where life sized monsters roamed.

No matter where we wound up, a pool was a must, so after walking through the various areas we visited, we all wound up cooling our heels in the campground pool.



We went to a rodeo in Lake George, watched a vintage air show in Rhinebeck, and enjoyed

trolleys in New Haven. I made it a point that on Saturday mornings I did my regular net on the Chew from the campground.

Summer is not over yet and I do have some more "secret" plans for the kids before school starts.



73, Loby-WA2AXZ

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



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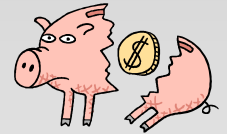
Our monthly newsletter "THE CHEW", contains information about the activities and participants in the 7.272 Ragchew Net. We rely on contributions of stories and pictures from the members to keep all of us up to date, to impart information we can all use and, of course, to raise a smile and a chuckle or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

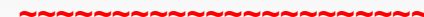


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