

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

to our fellow spirits, ghouls and goblins haunting the frequency! BOO!



## Kring Point Party-2019

On September 7, 2019, an international gathering of hams and their families met, for the 17th year, for our annual end-of-summer party. Planning for this party started right after last year's party as this was to be a special celebration. Our local "Rooster Roster" net, attended by a few of our 72 Chewers, celebrated their 10,000th net on September 20.



As usual, the fare included hot dogs and burgers though, many families brought in goodies such as chili, corn, salt potatoes, stews and other great plate-filling items.

# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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As the crock pots bubbled, the heavy-duty burners went to work making other goodies while Loby-WA2AXZ, fired up the grills.



Fortunately the weather was fantastic as friends and families gathered on the outside verandas to enjoy a few cold ones and have great face-to-face conversations with no QRM and QRN allowed. Some of the gang showed off some of their new radios while others spoke about work on the local repeaters.



From where everyone was seated, all had a spectacular view of the St. Lawrence Seaway, looking into Canada. Several large cargo and ore ships passed, making themselves appear as if they were small on this mighty river.



After the charcoal and propane burners did their thing, it was time for the dinner bell. The line for the buffet table went out the door as the great repast was unveiled.



Funny to note this year, nobody brought ham for the hams! But we had a full house



and some ate on the outside tables, enjoying the food and great atmosphere.

One little guy decided to set up his table on the rocks, in the side yard. He had a best friend, Prints the Basset hound, alongside, just waiting for some goodie to fall from his plate.



After a fantastic afternoon, several well fed hams stood on the deck for the annual photo. (rear page). After the cleanup, many filtered to Loby's-WA2AXZ campsite to light the campfire and reminisce over the day's event.



Everyone had a wonderful time at the party and even Prints had a prime spot to watch the sun set over the St. Lawrence River.

Next year's party is set for Saturday September 12, 2020. So mark your calendar today!



## WA2AXZ PORTABLE

A quick look at the Loby-WA2AXZ radio shack setup at campsite #96 at Kring Point. A wicked thunder storm took down the Hustler 5BTV on the first day, as evidenced by the bent elements. The thing still worked very well and we had nice propagation on 40 and 160 meters.

Inside the camper, the radio equipment took precedence and filled the entire dinner table. Who needs to eat anyway?

After two weeks the saddest day arrived when I broke down the station for the return trip home. True, I traded the green grass for NYC pavement but I'll always look back and enjoy the great time we all had on the St. Lawrence Seaway.





## A special note of thanks!

For many years I have been alongside our old group commander, Tom-KC8QGJ-SK, helping plan and set up not only Kring Point parties but our Dayton gatherings too. Since Tom's passing, I have had the honor and privilege to fill his shoes, making sure our friends and family continue to enjoy the annual outings. I give my heartfelt thanks to everyone helping me in carrying out this work. It is not easy as I all too quickly approach my 70s. Each helping hand, be it cooking, setting up or cleaning is a godsend for me.

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got to do it!"  
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### A note from your editor ...

Our monthly newsletter "[THE CHEW](#)" contains information about the activities and participants in the 7.272 Rag-chew 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](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are several NCS openings during the week and weekend. 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