

**WE NEED YOU...  
NOW!**



*For the past 16 years, our 7.272 Ragchew Net has been kept going by dedicated volunteers. Each and every morning from 9 am to noon, good people like yourself, have stepped up to the plate and served as Net Control Stations. Sadly many good friends and NCS's have relinquished their spots, due to illnesses or retiring and moving away, leaving too many open positions. One thing ham radio abhors is "Dead Air." This is an urgent appeal to everyone. Even if you cannot work a steady, NCS position, filling in and keeping our net operating is greatly appreciated.*

# The "Chew"

**SEVENTY-TWO**



"Where  
Choosy  
People

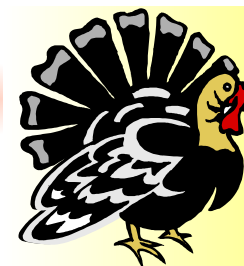
Choose  
to  
CHEW!

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Please visit our website at [72chew.net](http://72chew.net) and take a gander at the operating schedule. If you find that you can help out, all it takes is a simple shout-out, via an e mail, to our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF or myself, Loby-WA2AXZ. We will pencil you in for a rewarding position.

You may notice, when you look at the schedule, that Ken-W3XAF and others are taking over numerous spots during the week. You can help relieve the burden by volunteering today!

Thank you.



**Happy  
Thanksgiving  
to all !**

**A funny cartoon from  
Gary-W9VS**



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# Loby's Rant!

I feel as though I am becoming the Chew's version of Andy Rooney. I guess with age comes a small modicum of wisdom. Living here in the "Rotting Apple" (New York City) has never been inexpensive. Taxes, fees and excessively high prices for everything from food to clothing have imposed a burden on many. Whereupon this city, like many other cities across the nation, is losing its middle class. More and more, you'll find the uber-rich or downtrodden poor living in the urban confines. My personal escape comes when we have our annual ham radio outings to Dayton, then Kring Point. Seeing the towers of Manhattan in my rear-view mirror brings a well deserved sigh of relief for me although, here now is the rub.

New York along with the robber barons in New Jersey have colluded to make leaving and entering Gotham City ridiculously expensive. Last week I received the EZ Pass bill covering my September trip to the Thousand Islands. Looking line by line at the \$20- plus tolls across various bridges, I was hit right between the eyes with a \$56 toll to go over the new



Goethals Bridge. WHAT? The regular toll for cars is about \$20 BUT, don't dare tow a trailer or drive a truck over this



bridge. You'll have to rob a bank first! After a few calls to EZ Pass and the NY-NJ Port Authority, I was told that tolls all around the city have gone up enormously. If one tows a small RV trailer, as

I do, it doesn't matter if I am hauling tons of freight, the toll for the additional axle is still 56 bucks, no matter what.

Many ham friends have visited the city and others are contemplating a visit here. I can only say, fill your pockets with lots of cash first, as just getting here will drain your wallets. It is no wonder all of my daughters, family members and close friends have fled the city for more reasonable digs. I am still here biding my time with the hope someday, I can finally wave goodbye too.

Loby-WA2AXZ

## New Year's Day K1R ?

For the past year we have held off with the many K1R events to give the net a chance to be revitalized and renewed. I am now opening this question to our members and readers. Should we re-inaugurate the New Year's Day K1R special event? If you have an opinion, please e mail me at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net). On December 1, 2019, I'll see if there will be enough interest and carry on from there. LOBY

## A note from your editor ...

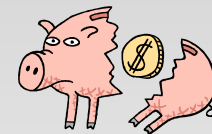
Our monthly newsletter "THE CHEW", contains information about the activities and participants in the 7.272 Ragchew Net. We rely on contributions of stories and pictures from the members to keep all of us up to date, to impart information we can all use and, of course, to raise a smile and a chuckle or 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](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)

Many Thanks!



You can help out by making a small contribution that keeps the website online 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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## Get Well Ed-WA2NDA

One of our original Net Control Stations, and dear friend, has fallen ill, first, having eye operations, and now having trouble walking. I wonder who labeled this time our "golden years?"



Due to this infirmity, Ed has to step away from the mike. If you can, please send him a cheerful note or a nice get well card. He will truly appreciate the sentiments:  
**Edward E. Genoio-WA2NDA**  
**1429 ISLAND VIEW DR**  
**FORKED RIVER, NJ 08731**

I know that we all wish him well for a speedy recovery, with the hope he will return to the net and his Atlantic Ocean fishing hobby he loves so much, soon.



## AROUND THE BANDS

### The New OVARC-WA2NAN Repeater

Those of us visiting the Thousand Islands each year for our annual Kring Point party, know, how important ham radio communication really is. We use the WA2NAN or the linked AC2GE repeaters to stay in touch, as the North Country repeaters provide an important lifeline for all users in this vast coverage area.



Recently, Kerry-WA2NAN reported that their old 1960 General Electric repeater had become a Ford. *Fix Or Repair Daily!* Having an unreliable repeater serving such an important function would not do. A new repeater was bought, installed and fired up to serve this area and so far everything is running well. Kerry asks that if the users of the WA2NAN repeater in the OVARC, "*The Oswegatchie Valley Amateur Radio Club,*" could send in a few dollars to defray the cost of the repeater installation, it would be greatly appreciated. The OVARC treasurer is:

*David Jackson-KB2HPR*  
**#8 2<sup>nd</sup> Street - PO Box 227**  
**Edwards, New York 13635**

Everyone not in the area is invited to log into Echolink via the WA2NAN-R link to enjoy the morning Rooster Roster Net beginning at 7:30 am Eastern Time. For the nighttime Sea Way Net, log into the AC2GE-R link at 7:30 pm.

### The "Gentleman's Band" Our 1721 evening net on 160 meters.

Each evening, beginning around 7:30 pm Eastern Time, the nightly 1721 net convenes on 1.871 MHz. Depending on band conditions and the position of the "gray line," good friends meet to enjoy a roundtable discussion covering hunting to coin collecting and just about anything in between. If you have the ability to get on the "Top Band," stop by, grab a cup of coffee, put your feet up and join in on the conversation. All are welcome to our friendly net.

