



## Winter Winds

The holidays are now over as we all settle in for our long winter naps. The running around to parties with families and friends has ended, leaving us with fond memories. It is the

perfect time to meet up with old friends on the radio, so take a few minutes out of the day, check into your favorite nets, call out a CQ or two and enjoy all the amenities amateur radio has to offer!

## What's The Frequency?

As the year progresses, we are seeing and hearing more and more powerful foreign broadcast signals invading the 40 meter band. There is one particularly strong Asian station that has taken up residence on 7.270 that is, at times, giving us grief on the Chew. During weekends we usually kick off our nets on 7.271 to give a little breathing room between us and friends on the Corn Cob Net on 7.274.1 This has worked satisfactorily for us and them over the past 15 years. Nowadays, the foreign broadcasts, just about every 5kc in the band, hit with a vengeance in the mid morning hours.

I therefore am proposing a slight change to our operations. On week days after 9am, if there is no net activity or QSO's going on 7.275, I believe we can move up to 7.273 on a temporary basis



# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



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to allow everyone to check into the Chew unimpeded. As we say in Brooklyn, "WHADDAYA SAY?"

If anyone has comments or suggestions, please, send them to me, Loby-WA2AXZ at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net).



### 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

[72chew.net](http://72chew.net)

## Congratulations to ED-WA2NDA



Our very own founding member of the Chew was recognized by ARRL in the December 2019 issue. Ed usually jokes that his call sign phonetically is: Never Does Anything, but, that is very far from the truth. Ed has been an "Elmer" to thousands of hams and since his accreditation as a volunteer examiner in July of 1985, he has opened the door to numerous people interested in obtaining their tickets, and getting on the air. While Ed had to step back from the mike for a while due to illness, I know that we all wish him well. Heartfelt congratulations for being named to the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Honor Roll!



## Delores Maeder-KC2KYN-Silent Key

On November 25th, 2019 we lost a dear friend, Delores Maeder. (KC2KYN) Delores was an integral part of our ham radio nets, (Rooster Roster and Seaway net to name two) in the New York North Country, along the mighty St. Lawrence Seaway, in the Thousand Islands. She was a godsend, and along with her husband Ron, in helping Tom-KC8QGJ-SK and me, WA2AXZ, setting up our annual international ham radio gatherings at Kring Point State Park. She will be sorely missed by everyone and, our deepest condolences to Ron-KC2JGP, during this sad time.

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## How were your Holidays?

This year was a special one as for the first time; I had all three of my little grandsons together for Christmas. I usually see Bobby and Riley frequently as they live on Long Island but my eldest daughter, Keri and husband Michael-KD9FCB, live with baby Kilian in the wilds of Wisconsin. The little guy felt right at home under the Christmas tree with my Basset Hound, Prints, alongside. Below is Bobby-age 9, Kilian-at 18 months with Riley-age 6 together. The en-



tire family gathered to watch the older



grandsons teach the baby how to rip open the presents and see what is inside. After the wrapping paper turned to confetti and flew around the room, Grandpa Loby-WA2AXZ and the family gathered for a group photo by the tree.



Back at my QTH, I gathered the gang for a new group photo around Grandpa's Lionel train layout. I updated and posted this on my QRZ page. I had on view an earlier photo made three years ago with only Bobby, Riley and myself. Today's photo shows son-in-law Michael-KD9FCB holding Kilian with Grandpa Loby alongside. Bobby in the black shirt and Riley in the gray, round out the photo nicely. Finally, it wouldn't be Christmas



if new bicycles weren't under the tree. Two "Mongoose" bikes with all the accessories brought on big smiles. Bobby's with a blue bow and Riley's with Red showed which bike belonged to whom.

If you have any holiday photos or stories, please send them to me and they will be included in future issues of our monthly Chew Newsletter.

## 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](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net)  
*Many Thanks!*

<< Our Mascot, The TAZ!

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