

**And now for something
completely different...
Our extended
“K1R”
anniversary celebration.**

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It has been an interesting spring, to say the least, for everyone across the globe. Social distancing, everyone being sequestered in their homes, and the run on toilet paper- (*sorry for the pun*) have made us irritable and grouchy. The only ray of sunshine has been ensuring the health and well-being of family and friends, and speaking freely to everyone from behind our Covid-19-free microphones. Noting that the continuance of quarantine may continue into the first weeks of May, I have decided to extend our anniversary special from April 27- through May 3, 2020. We will use the special event “K1R” call on May 2 and 3, 2020 and extend a friendly hand to all check-ins during the week to be part of our 16th anniversary. Anyone checking in with any of our stalwart Net Control Stations during the week will be able to obtain our special, 16th anniversary QSL card. All it takes is a self addressed stamped envelope, sent to Loby-WA2AXZ.

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# The “Chew”

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**May 2020**

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**Celebrating the  
16th “Wax”  
Anniversary  
of our 7.272  
Ragchew Net  
May 2nd and 3rd, 2020**

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A personalized card will then be mailed out for proud display in your shack.  
**Robert Lobenstein-WA2AXZ**  
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## Yet another sad announcement, The Passing of Ann Bryan - VA3ABB

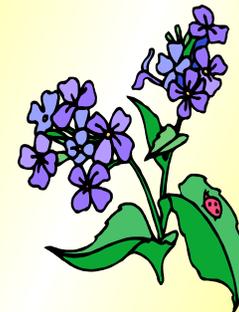
April 13, 2020

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of a dear friend and ham, Ann Bryan.

She was in failing health with heart and kidney problems. Ann was a staple at our annual Kring Point parties and along with her XYM, Ron-VA3RSB, enjoyed every minute together with the gang. In 2018 she and Ron won the big door prize, a beautiful storage chest, built by Chad-KB1HPV.

(L to R Ann and Ron, Chad and Nancy)

We are offering our heartfelt condolences to Ron and his family during these trying times.



## Behind the scenes in our “Organization without Organization”

I usually joke with our fellow Net Control Stations about our great “Organization Without Organization.” This phrase was coined at the beginning of our 7.272 Ragchew net by one of our founders, Russ-K1LRB. Our net was founded by a group of dissidents who broke away from another (*not to be named*) net’s hard driven rules, membership numbers and other stringent requirements. While we endeavor to be one of the friendliest nets, without officers and bylaws, it does take work, behind the scenes, to keep things on track.

This month I’ll show what it is like to handle our K1R



events. Every year I start with a fresh idea on what we need for our anniversary QSL cards. Using Microsoft Publisher, I arrange the card using chosen graphics to come up with various plans under consideration. The draft cards are sent to Ken-W3XAF, Joel-KM4NOU, John-W8LWX, Randy KB3IFH and Russ-K1LRB for their corrections and suggestions for improvement. After a few back and forth reviews, the final anniversary QSL is finished and made ready for professional printing by Randy-KB3IFH.

As our special anniversary event unfolds, many friends make contact with our NCS’s during the weekend and are instructed on how to send in their SASE and get their personalized collectable QSLs. Usually, within a few days, the mail starts rolling in and I get busy, answering each letter, one by one. I have found, over the



years, that HP printers do not like to print QSL cards or post cards of any size. Therefore, I invented a carrier, made from thick paper stock. I cut the edges, on diagonals, to hold the blank QSL card securely when fed into the printer, one by one. Finally, if you look carefully at the folding table I’m facing you will see a coveted roll of toilet paper. I use this roll to act as a blotter, rolling across the face of the newly printed cards to absorb the excess ink to prevent smudging. And no, after I do blotting of dozens of cards, the roll is not used for its intended purpose, as I can only imagine the colorful display I would be wearing. (hihi)  
73 to all, Loby-WA2AXZ

## 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!*

## **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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