

Field Day, June 27-28, 2020

Where there is a will, there was a way to enjoy a productive and safe field day weekend. Thanks to the Covid-19 virus, most all events were scaled back and using the revised ARRL guidelines, many participated from their homes. Several clubs were

able to set up their club stations though, entry into the field tents and buildings was restricted, to maintain safe working distances and wearing protective gear to operate station positions.

I am asking our friends, if you have some photographs or filed day stories, Please send them to me, Loby-WA2AXZ, for inclusion in next month's newsletter.

Sad Farewell to two old friends.

Last month saw two fine hams pass on.

Raymond Bossert-AI4DU, a long time member and Net control station of our 7.272 Ragchew net passed on June 6, 2020. He was 87 years of age, just two days shy of his 88th birthday.

Walter Minschwaner Jr.-AA3VK, a frequent check in of the "Chew" and a corner stone of our 160m 1721 group passed June 10, 2020. Walter was 89 years of age.



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



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Both were long time hams with similar interests and occupations, electricians and television/radio repairs.

One would always know Ray was on air as he often spoke about this early life in Queens New York. And anytime you heard an elderly gentleman speaking of mouth watering goodies he was making, we instantly knew it was Walter giving a run down of what tenderloin was in the oven.

Each one was an avid ham and now, sadly, the bands are a little quieter due to the loss of these fine individuals. Rest in Peace.

16th Anniversary K1R Collectable QSL cards are still available!

I am still making personalized and collectable "Taz" 7.272 Rag Chew QSL cards. If you would like to have one of the fantastic cards, and a handful of other goodies too, gracing your radio shack, all it takes is a simple Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) to



me, Loby-WA2AXZ Show visiting friends and family that you are a proud member

of the best radio net on 40 meters.
Bob Lobenstein (Loby-WA2AXZ)
1958 East 36 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234

Grandpa Loby-WA2AXZ and little Kilian's Red Jeeps.

The only difference is that grandpa has WA2AXZ license plates. Kilian's dad is



KD9FCB, so no doubt, Kilian will follow in dad's & grandpa's footsteps and get his ticket too!

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The month of June in Wisconsin.



This month I visited my eldest daughter, Keri, Husband Michael-KD9FCB and grandson #3, Kilian, in Menomonee Falls. Kilian was having his second birthday on June 19th so Grandpa Loby had to be there. In between being with fam-

Vince Lombardi still watching his team.



Football Mecca, Packers Lambeau Field

ily, I made it a point to visit the sights. Last year, when Milwaukee was covid-free, I visited a majestic microphone museum and enjoyed the lake front dining and sightseeing. As most of Milwaukee was still "Locked Down" I ventured north to the open areas of the state. First stop was Green Bay, home of the packers football team. The green "G" is to be seen everywhere and it is remarkable to see the "foreign" license plates on cars coming to pay homage to Vince Lombardi and his team... and it's not even football season yet. Five minutes away is the National Railroad Museum where many engines and cars have been lovingly restored while others wait patiently in the car

sheds for their turn in the sun. One of the



engines on display in the open sheds was the ill fated GM "Aerotrain." A pair of these streamlined passenger diesels was constructed to win back passengers from the airlines. True, it was fast but never accomplished its mission and was soon retired from service.



As you enter the enclosed museum, you are greeted with a gigantic Union Pacific "Big Boy" the worlds largest steam engine, which ruled the western freight rails for barely two decades, beginning in 1941. Also, on display, is a historic Raymond Lowey designed, Pennsylvania GG-1 Electric engine. Running on 11,000 volts-25 cycle power, these engines graced the eastern United States in passenger service from the 1930's through the 1980's.

100 miles south of Green Bay, in the town of Hartford, a new vintage automobile museum has opened. Here, on display, one will find a large collection of Kissel-AMC and Nash cars, built in Wisconsin. Among the collection is a famous and pristine Maxwell car. This is the type that Rochester drove Jack Benny around Hollywood. (On the radio show that is!)



As you walk around the floors you come upon an oddly familiar Lincoln Continental. Yes this mid-1950's luxury car was the type converted into the 1960's Batman TV show "Batmobile" This museum also has a large



scale Lionel Train Layout on the main floor but a surprise awaits through a special doorway...



As you open a door there, is a fully restored and operational ALCO steam engine built in 1913. This engine is out doing special tourist runs during the year and, of course, becomes the Polar Express with Santa entertaining children of all ages.



Back in the museum, the model Lionel trains also bring joy to everyone watching them, and the accessories, go through their paces.

This is how I finished my first few days in Wisconsin, away from the lockdown doldrums of Brooklyn. I wonder where little Kilian and I will be going... tomorrow?
Grandpa Loby-WA2AXZ

On the air from Wisconsin...

During June I was away from NYC. I set up my temporary shack in my son-in-law's (Michael-KD9FCB) QTH. I brought my Icom-7300, the Ameritron 811 amp and the 3kW MFJ tuner, the same equipment I use for the "Chew" in Brooklyn.

I bought my son-in-law a Hustler BTV antenna and while there, I modified it for 160m. The black resonator on top replaces the 80m unit with a 160m "Valor" resonator. Surprisingly it works well on 1.871 MHz after the gray line passes. This radio setup is what I



would normally use during field day but I guess I'll have to sit this one out this year.

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
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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