

**K1R was a
resounding
success!**



During May 1 & 2, through May 7, we gathered to celebrate our 17th anniversary of operation. Hundreds of hams stopped by to wish us well. Loby-WA2AXZ/9, has been busy sending out our personalized anniversary QSL cards. Anyone can still get a card. All it takes is a SASE request to: Loby-WA2AXZ/9

Please note that my address has changed, so send QSL requests to: **Robert W. Lobenstein-WA2AXZ**
1539 Golden Drive, Hubertus, WI
53033-9790

Please include your call sign and address. A brand new QSL will be prepared and sent to you. Come and enjoy the afterglow of our 17th annual "wine and spirits" event.

The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!

NEWSLETTER **JUNE 2021**

Field Day 2021



Field Day operations since 2020. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Since Covid-19 impacted everyone, world wide, changes to gatherings of hams and families have crimped Where

As the new vaccines are distributed and the infection and death rate dramatically fall, the CDC has reduced some of the stringent restrictions. All hams should check the pages of QST and view the updated Field Day rules in the web pages of arrl.org.

The photo is of an earlier, pre-Covid, Field Day operation of our K2IRT club. Equipment was set up in the active Hamhams 1905 railroad tower, overlooking Jamaica Bay and Kennedy airport.

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Another "Svengoolie" devotee

Rocky-K4EZY has joined the fold of Svengoolie watchers each Saturday evening during our Svengoolie-Saturday Net on 160 meters-1.871 net. Rocky can also be found on the Chew checking in almost daily. Stop by and wave a hand to Rocky and Svengoolie's rubber chicken Kerwin." If you are wondering about this strange show we have fun



Sacrifices must be made!

For each of the past 17 years, I have been printing the greetings on our highly collectible K1R anniversary QSL cards. Randy-KB3IFH makes the cards at his work QTH, and each year the gang gets to see the great quality cards he makes.

2021 is no exception, as we celebrate our "wine & spirits" anniversary.

Using my HP OfficeJet Pro, each card gets the personalized touch with the critical QSO information on the rear. One tiny problem though: I use an inkjet printer, and while the lettering and graphics come out perfect, the ink takes up to a hour to dry on the card.



I therefore sacrificed one of my prized rolls of scarce, soft, Charmin toilet paper to use as an ink blotter so I can quickly turn around these cards, without an ink smear, and get them in the hands of our fellow hams on the 7.272 Rag Chew net. And no, after printing, these sheets are not used for the intended purpose of the roll.

Loby-WA2AXZ/9



What's outside my radio shack window ?

Each morning when I get on the air, I sit at my radio table and look outside at my backyard. Since moving from Brooklyn, where I had a small 8'x12' patch of lawn to tend, nowadays I have a few acres that need attention. It is a far cry from the concrete and asphalt streets of NYC and it is wonderful to see nature right over my head. My QTH is sandwiched between two farms. While the photo is small, inside the circle I see one of the farmers' silos towering over the property next door. The chain link fence surrounds the house area where it keeps my little grandson and friends corralled in the side yard play area. The fence also supports a Hustler 6BTV, mounted securely to a fence post while using the entire fence as a counterpoise. It works well! It finally defrosted here in Wisconsin and, as of May 21, I went into the pool where it was a balmy 70 degrees. *Happy Summer all!*

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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 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 as an occasional fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Ken-W3XAF.

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