

Happy Birthday America !

July 4th marks the observed anniversary of our country. Here is hoping that you and your families enjoy the weekend, safely, and to the fullest!



The Video Interview



My son-in-law Michael, KD9FCB, is both an accountant as well as a computer programming professional. He recently had a scheduled video interview with a new employer and was there for the interview promptly, at the appointed time.

The interview seemingly went very well when Michael noticed, in the background of the interviewer, ham gear mounted on the shelves directly behind him. As the interview came to a close, Mike wished him the best of 73's! Well, the conversation then turned into a nice ham radio QSO between Mike and prospective employer. The conversation came to an end and the results of the interview are pending. It doesn't hurt to make note of what goes on in the background of video chats, and say a friendly 73's as it could possibly open doors.

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The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where Choosy People

Choose to CHEW!"

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Lights-Camera-Action! CQ Field day, CQ Field Day

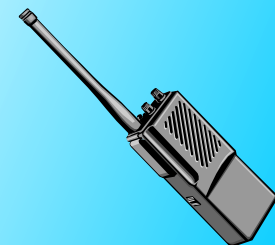
All around the country hams assembled for the first Field Day gatherings, post Covid pandemic. Be it large or small, each group was well prepared to put out the call and rack up points during this annual event.

Upstate New York, our friends from the Thousand Island Repeater Club, set up their field day site at Cerow Recreation Park in Clayton, along the St. Lawrence Seaway.



Will Covy-AC2GE, owner and operator of the AC2GE repeater in Dexter, New York, one of the local repeaters and Echolink repeater for our daily Rooster Roster and Seaway nets, was interviewed by the Watertown Channel 7 "Eyewitness News." Will explained the importance of emergency amateur radio communications and the background for the days' Field Day exercises.

From the look of the equipment filling the pavilion in the park, I can safely say everyone had busy and enjoyable Field Day 2021.



Use it... or lose it!

Field Day 2021 is over and during the weekend, I made it a point, during different hours of the day, to check out the activity on the HF bands.

40 and 80 meters was hopping, as it usually is. 20 meters was chock full of hams CQ-ing their throats off. Meanwhile, the 10 and 15 meter bands seemed to be a ghost town. I will check out the results in upcoming issues of QST.

Fifty years ago I cut my ham radio teeth on 15 meters and it seemingly was as active as 40 is today. Where did everyone go? What concerns me is that the FCC is constantly looking to auction off parts of the spectrum for commercial purposes. It behooves all hams, wishing to preserve their frequencies to, at times, use the frequencies allocated.



AHHHHH, Much Better !

After living in Wisconsin a few months I applied to the local department of motor vehicles for my ham radio license plates.



In the past, when a ham moves to a different state, the call sign is readjusted to reflect the new numerical area. For me it would have changed from 2 to 9.

Nowadays, the FCC will simply renew your license with the original call sign whether you moved from New York's 2 designation, to Oshkosh in 9 land. By the way, Oshkosh is just north of me. So now when my fellow hams hear me, to keep things legal, WA2AXZ/9 is now my call when I am on air. Though, on QRZ and other ARRL sites, I am still listed as

Loby-WA2AXZ.

K1R cards still available.

I have extra K1R seventeenth anniversary cards for anyone wishing one of these great collector cards, for your shack wall. Send me, Loby, a self addressed stamped envelope and I'll send them right out to your QTH. Robert W Lobenstein 1539 Golden Drive Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033-9790



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!



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