

It's Coming...

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**K1R**

**19**



Celebrating our  
**19th**  
"BRONZE"  
Anniversary  
of our 7.272  
Ragchew Net  
May 1 through May 7, 2023



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In a few weeks the gang will be coming together for a full week, celebrating the 19th anniversary of our Ragchew net.

Beginning Monday May 1 through Sunday May 7, everyone will be hearing the K1R call during the regular operating hours of our net. Anyone working one of our net control operators during that time, is invited to request the highly collectable 19th anniversary QSL with our mascot, the Taz.

This year, following the anniversary registry, is the Bronze anniversary. We present a Bronze statue of the Taz in commemoration of 19 great years on the 7.272 Ragchew. A simple self-addressed-stamped-envelope to Loby-WA2AXZ is all it takes to obtain your personalized QSL.

*(Bob Lobenstein-WA2AXZ 1539 Golden Drive Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033-9790)*

I will put additional details of the celebration in the May Chew newsletter.

# The "Chew"

**SEVENTY-TWO**



"Where  
Choosy  
People

Choose  
to  
CHEW!

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## Remember Lafayette and Allied ?



My friend, Professor Cunningham, received for his recent birthday, a 1969 copy of the venerable Lafayette catalog. Joe and I frequently speak about our jaunts to the Brooklyn and Syosset Mecca of electronics. We cut our teeth on the myriad of parts in the bins, electronic kits and of course tubes and ham gear.

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We discovered this web site that contains, in PDF format, most all electronic catalogs dating back to the late 20's. I spent hours reminiscing about the gear we used to play with. Jerry-KC2UT also found the Allied link too, sure to bring back fond memories.



Take a gander at these sites, and begin your own journey into the past.

[https://worldradiohistory.com/Lafayette\\_Catalogs.htm](https://worldradiohistory.com/Lafayette_Catalogs.htm)

[https://worldradiohistory.com/Electronics\\_Catalogs.htm](https://worldradiohistory.com/Electronics_Catalogs.htm)

A Happy Easter and  
Blessed Passover  
to our  
friends on  
the Chew.

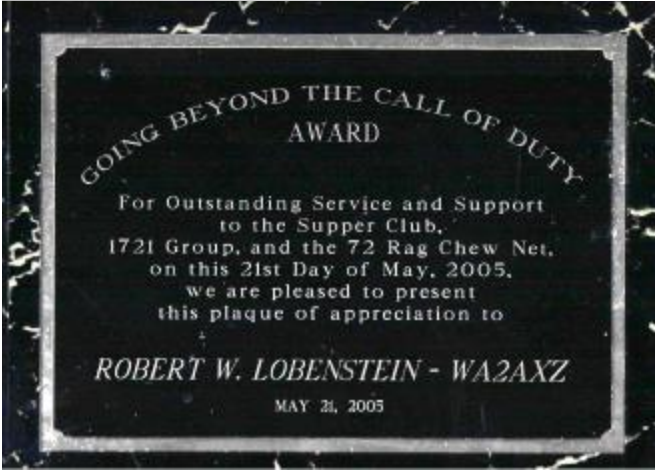


## Volunteer Monitoring

I was in contact with Riley Hollingsworth-K4ZDH about how to contact and work with these monitors. When we experience unlicensed operation or malicious interference, which impacts our net operations, we should go to the Volunteer Monitor section on the ARRL web site, ([arrl.org](http://arrl.org)) and follow the guidance on "How to File a complaint". Your participation in this will assist them in keeping the frequencies clear as we hold our nets as well as enjoy our QSOs. *Loby-WA2AXZ*



*I've been around for  
a few years...*



This year I celebrated my 51st anniversary on amateur radio. Along the way I have made great friends and have participated in many wonderful nets during this period.



My first radio shack in my Brooklyn basement.

I was opening some boxes left over from my move from Brooklyn to Wisconsin, and found this plaque, given me almost two decades ago by the founders of the nets mentioned. Russ-K1LRB for the Chew, Tom-KC8QGJ for the 1721 Net and John-K2YN for the Supper Club net. Looking at it, as it now hangs on the wall of my shack, brings back fond memories of friends still active, and those who sadly have become silent keys.

This highlights an important point to all my ham friends today. **No one is here forever!** There is a continuing need for a new generation to pick up and continue the great works started by the elders. Net managers, schedulers and net control operators are needed to carry on and keep the nets we truly enjoy daily, viable for the future amateurs to participate in and enjoy. The future of our net is in your capable hands.

Loby WA2AXZ

## Volunteers Wanted!

We are entering the spring-summer months of the season where many of us step away from the mike to enjoy a well-deserved vacation. To help keep our nets on air, we truly need good people to step up and become net control operators, on either an emergency fill-in or, even better, a full hour a week on the chew.



If you would like to be one of our net control operators on a regular schedule or as an occasional fill-in, please contact our net scheduler, Walt-KB3LGO, or Loby-WA2AXZ

Your participation is really appreciated!



## Chad's latest restoration.

Chad-KB1HPV has once again shown his prowess in taking a old and seemingly useless piece and turning it into a gem.

Chad visited a thrift store and found a rotten old chair no one wanted. He bought it for \$2.16, took it home and the process of rejuvenation began. He stripped the decades old paint to the wood, sanded and then re-coated it with a beautiful stain. He made a solid checkerboard seat pad and viola, a nice piece of furniture reborn. He sold the chair to a neighbor and is now looking for his next woodworking project. **Great Job!**



## 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!

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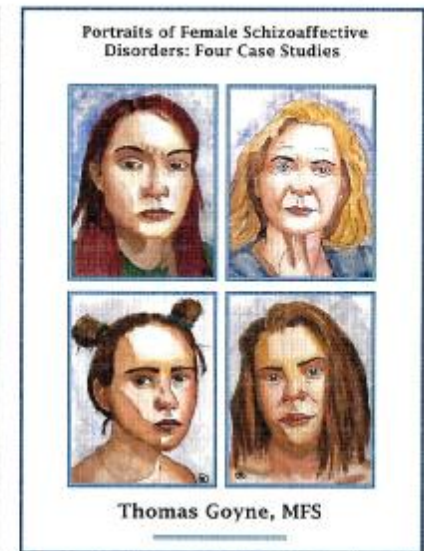
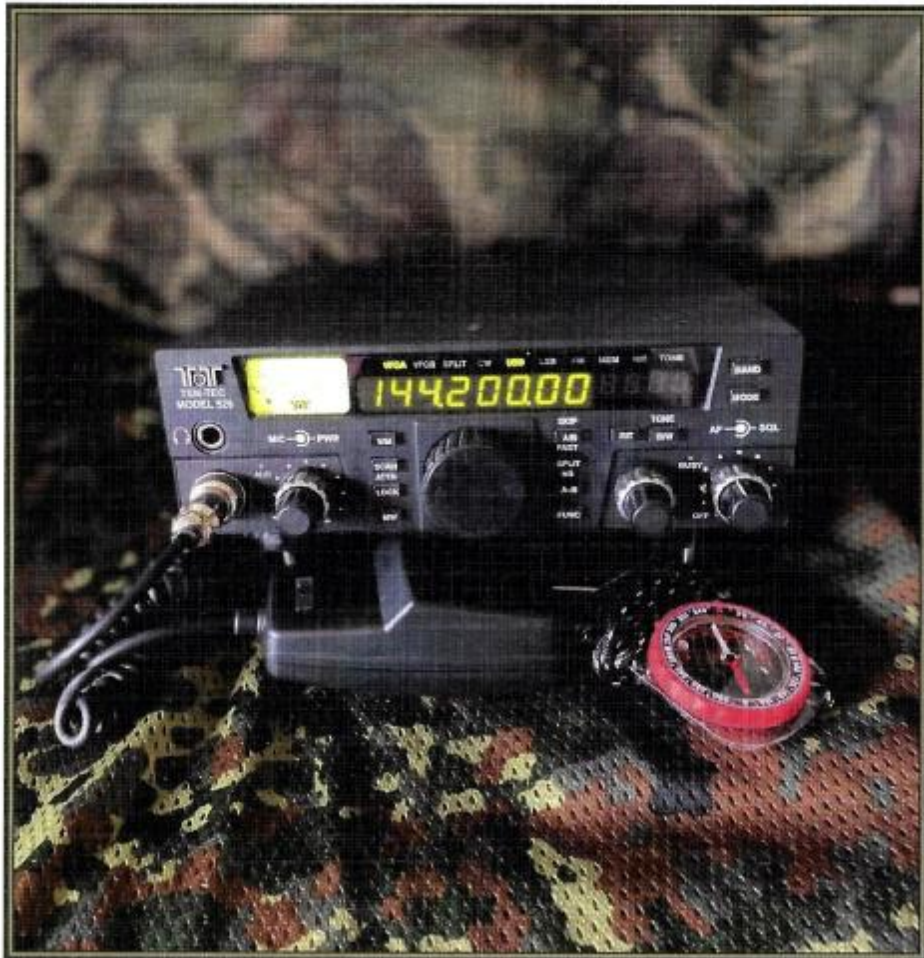
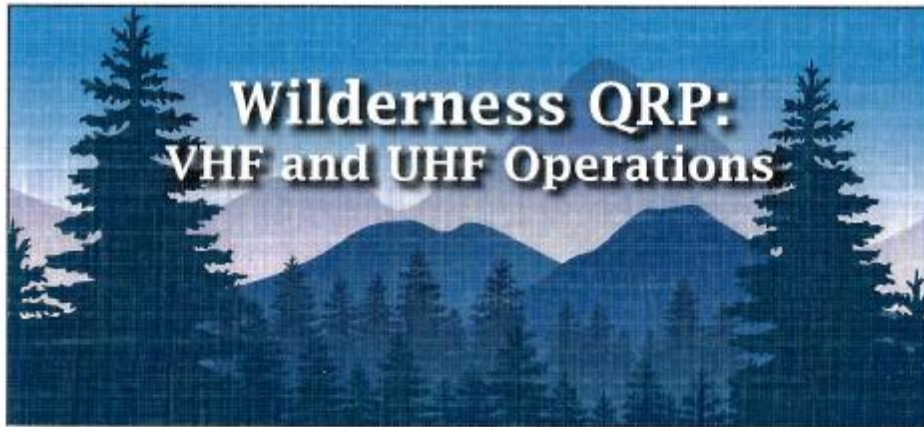
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Thomas Goyne has been an amateur radio operator and avid backpacker for many years. His trips have taken him to Auyuittuq National Park, Pangnirtung, Baffin Island; Newfoundland; and Arctic Quebec (Nunavik). Over the last several summers (aside from 2020), he has operated Wilderness QRP as N1NSP/VE9 at Grand Manan, Canada, grid square FN64. In summer of 2021, he operated VHF QRP along the rolling hills of Presque Isle, Maine (FN66).

As a master watercolor artist, Goyne specializes in portraits and seascapes. His ink and watercolor portraits were included in the two booklets he has written on female schizoaffective disorders.



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