

K1R a fantastic success!

The weeklong celebration of our 19th anniversary, is now in the rearview mirror. From what I saw on the special QRZ-K1R page and my own WA2AXZ page, over 400 friends checked out our K1R 19th Anniversary card to get details on how to get one.

I want to publicly say thank you to every net control operator who participated in our anniversary week. True, the band on certain times didn't cooperate, but the checkins came through nevertheless.

I have been very busy making and sending out the personalized QSL cards I thank everyone for the kind notes enclosed in many of the QSL requests.

And now for something special...

WB8VCR-Tom, is a regular check-in on the 7.272 Ragchew. Tom resides in Wooster, OH, where they spell Wooster the right way, as he says! During the Chew's 2023 K1R 19th Anniversary event, Tom, who says his name means "Tired Old Man," accomplished something that no one else did: he worked all 21 of the net control operators for the week-long K1R special event.

Way to go, Tom! I'll bet he was tired after that. When not listening to or checking into the Chew, Tom enjoys time with his XYL and taking walks with his Jack Russell terrier, Buddy. Thanks, Tom, for being a buddy of the Chew!

The "Chew"

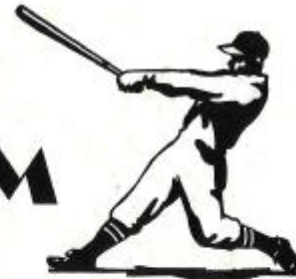


"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
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CHEW!"

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K1R GRAND SLAM AWARD



Presented to
Tom-W8SVCR

For working all Net Control Stations during our



BRONZE 19th
Anniversary Celebration
May 2023



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TAKE A BREATH...



I have noticed, from time to time, that great net control operators take a few moments to listen for weaker stations. Recently, with our ever-challenging band conditions, some stations attempt to check

in and, if an NCS is too fast keying the mike, that contact is lost.

Next time, when calling for check-ins or in between regular ongoing QSOs, take a few moments to listen. You may find that one of our friends, battling conditions, is trying to make contact.

Dayton Next Year???

Dayton 2023 was greeted with mixed feelings. I personally have been going there for about two decades and fully understand the ebb and flow of participation over the years. From our peak, where almost 100 friends from the Chew met up and enjoyed fantastic parties, this year we were down to only eight of the core group there. I will comment on this further down the road, but after Covid, I hope to host the grand gatherings of the past at some future Dayton event.

Loby-WA2AXZ

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Dayton Photos 2023

Our Dayton weekend started with the annual dinner at Rob's restaurant and catering in Brookville.

Ken-W3XAF was first on scene with his new mobile. Since retiring to an assisted living apartment, almost all of his HF operations have been transferred to



his vehicle.

The group went inside Rob's and enjoyed a great meal. We had only a core group of 72-Chewers, and looking at the background, there were all too many



empty tables around us. I guess the other hams that haunted Rob's in previous years may have moved a bit closer to the fairgrounds in Xenia.



As Friday morning dawned, thousands of eager hams lined up for the 9am opening call. Now I know that one can buy anything from a top-end rig to the kitchen sink, and this year proved no different. Everything was truly "ducky.": in one of the booths, hams were greeted by quacking. Yes, there was a duck on the field with the call N1DUC. We had a great QSO over crackers, then continued roaming the aisles.



I was rolling around the flea market area getting the handful of needed items on my list. I wasn't able to get another vintage mike for my collection, but the goodies I found made up for it. (Continued on Page-3)



ARRL has declared 2023 to be the year of the volunteers.

They are recognizing all who have spent time, giving of themselves to forward the art, emergency communications and camaraderie of amateur radio. Our 7.272 Ragchew net, for the past 19 years, relies heavily on good friends to step up



and operate an hour or two each week on air. They enjoy the time spent welcoming friends, old and new, into our nets. All it takes is the volunteering spirit to get on air and talk to some of the friendliest people on the 40 meter band.

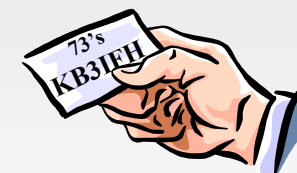
If you would like to help out and be part of our continuing tradition, please contact our net scheduler, Walt-KB3LGO today.

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Throughout the weekend there were large crowds at the Hamvention checking out everything from vintage boat anchors to multi-thousand-dollar rigs.



Our own Randys, Sr-KB3INO and Jr-KB3IFH, held court in their QSL card booth near the prize booth. Randy reports that business was brisk, as hams from all over the world stopped by to look, with many purchasing new QSL cards and other goodies offered by his company.



Most major manufacturers, including Kenwood, had booths open displaying the new equipment. MFJ had its place



showing off the new solid state amplifiers, alongside the older tube units. Ham Radio



Outlet had its booth open for sales too, and if the equipment wasn't on site, they took orders for immediate shipping from HRO stores across the nation.



The most important booths were scattered around the grounds and were visited regularly. *HIHI*



Friends from the afternoon "68 Group" (7.268) had a booth, and it was great to have an eyeball with the guys we frequently speak with.



There was a lot of smoke in the air, and not from hams testing out old boat anchors. The food wagons were in full force, making fresh burgers and dogs, along with chicken, tacos and just about anything one would want to munch on. Lines for each were worth waiting on.





Our Friday group photo (above) consisted of a few members of the 7.272 Chew and the 160m 1721 group. Randall-WV8RKL, one of our new NCS's, is in the blue shirt with glasses.

Below is our Saturday photo with members and friends from all over the band. Represented are members of the Corn Cob Net, the 68 Group, the Rooster Roster, the 1721 Group and, of course, our 7.272 Ragchew.



A few views of the flea market area made for quite a lot of walking each day. At the end of each day we enjoyed the rest, as we sat around the campfire discussing what we would be doing next.

