

## Summer Hamfest Time..

Randy, KF9HS enjoyed a great weekend attending the "Firecracker Hamfest, in Salisbury, NC, July 12, 2025.



A good number of tables were set up offering just about everything from more modern equipment to vintage boat anchors.



There were plenty of vendors selling parts and other goodies to keep a ham interested for a long time to



come. Of course there were tubes-tubes and more tubes to satisfy any one who is restoring a vintage unit. *Many thanks Randy!*



# The "Chew"

## SEVENTY-TWO



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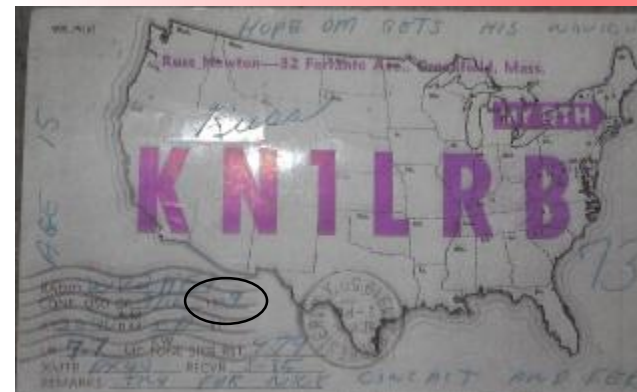
## BURNING HAM

I guess most of us had thought about doing something like this, once in our ham radio lives. What worries me is that I still have that identical soldering gun in my tool drawer, power cord intact. Thanks to Neil for the photo!



## Golden Oldie...

Kevin-WA2ISC found an almost 70 year old QSL card dating back to 1959. The card was sent out by none other than one of our founders, Russ Newton-K1LRB. Apparently his early call from the 50's was KN1LRB.



Russ was an integral part of forming our net, and was a major force in its operation for years. Sadly, time and age took its toll and Russ was unable to continue with the Chew.

The last person to see him was Ken-W3XAF, and he stated that Russ seemingly was suffering from Alzheimer's, and had to sell his QTH. Here's to Russ, one of our founders and I know that we all pray for him.

## Speaking about QSL's...

Our 21st anniversary Chew QSL is still available. If you wish a hard copy, all it takes is a SASE to Loby-WA2AXZ. If you want to print out your own copy. Send Loby an e mail



(wa2axz@arrl.net) and a new QSL will appear on your computer, ready to print and hang on the shack wall.



## Greetings from Lake What?



A good friend from the Rooster Roster net, Dave-WB2UTQ, enjoys a nice cottage by a lake in upstate NY. It is a great place to unwind, sit and enjoy the view, and chat on amateur radio. He jokes that this is his version of "Lake Wobegone," but in reality, he has a picturesque view of lake Ontario.

By the way, this is a family of hams. Dave's XYL, Annette-WB2QNN, made this sign for their cottage shack. WA2BZB was Dave's dad, now silent key, though the call now belongs to Dave's son, John.



A fine lineage of hams you have there Dave, and enjoy the cool summertime breezes!



## All "Churned" Up...

Chad-K1HPV has been "beating" the heat by squirreling himself away in a cool workshop. Between his duties as Chew NCS and playing guitar he enjoys spending time in the wood shop building or restoring things. His latest project was the rebuilding of a vintage butter churn for one of the neighbors. This churn is unusual as most of us think that a churn is a slender tank with a pole that is pumped up and down to make butter. This century old machine



contains paddles which are manually cranked to churn about 2 gallons of cream, to make butter in the barrel-like tank. During disassembly, Chad was greeted with an interesting layer of old butter and mold. All parts were thoroughly cleaned and restored.

The outer shell was stripped and refinished to a



like new condition. When returned to the owner, this piece will become a nice display on the kitchen table or a prominent nearby shelf.

## 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 Lobby at [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto: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 your net scheduler. In addition, while I took over as "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer," I truly need someone from our pool of friends to step up take on the mantle of scheduler, and keep the Chew on the rails for a few years to come.

If you can help me in making sure the Chew remains on the air, please e-mail me at: [wa2axz@arrl.net](mailto:wa2axz@arrl.net) or, if you would

like to chat on the phone, please call me at:

347-583-3612. (Phone only-No Text)

73 and Thanks! *Lobby*-WA2AXZ.



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# HAVING MUCH MORE THAN A ONE TRACK MIND...

LARRY-K2LAG HAS SEVERAL PASSIONS HE WORKS WITH. THE FIRST IS AMATEUR RADIO, THE SECOND IS RAILROADING. NO, NOT JUST MODEL RAILROADING BUT HE WORKS AS A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER AND CONDUCTOR FOR THE ADIRONDACK RAILROAD. WHEN NOT DOING THIS HE IS ON THE ROAD IN FULL "MR. CONDUCTOR" GARB PROMOTING TOURIST RIDES ON HIS RAILWAY AND OF COURSE, PROMOTING RAILROAD SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC.

RECENTLY HE FINISHED UP A FEW DETAILS, AND WHAT MARVELOUS DETAILS, FOR AN HO LAYOUT FOR FRIENDS IN MICHIGAN, MODELED AFTER LARRY'S 1950'S HOMETOWN OF MILFORD, MI.



*Highly detailed hand built model showing a photograph of the original truck.*

LARRY RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED A MODEL FIRE TRUCK FROM AN OLD PHOTO OF AN ACTUAL ENGINE THAT WAS USED IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THIS MODEL FOUND ITS WAY TO FRIENDS BUILDING THE MICHIGAN LAYOUT SHOWING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, AND THE FINELY DETAILED WORK OF THE NEARBY NEIGHBORHOOD.



THIS IS A VIEW SHOWING THE "ARCH"



WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1888 AND UNDER WHERE LARRY AND FRIENDS SWAM AS KIDS. ALONGSIDE WAS A SMALL POWER PLANT HOUSING TWO TURBINES TO ENERGIZE HENRY FORDS CARBURETOR PLANT. PART OF THE FORD "VILLAGE INDUSTRIES"

THE TRAIN STATION IN TOWN CLOSED AND WAS CONVERTED INTO CONDOS.

LARRY WAS PART OF THE ANNUAL NMRA (NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION) NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MICHIGAN, THIS PAST JULY, AND SHOWED ATTENDEES THIS MAGNIFICENT LAYOUT...

MANY THANKS LARRY AND,

**ALL ABOARD!**

