

Kring Point Ham Party is right around the corner!

The annual get together at Kring Point State Park in New York's Thousand Islands, will kick off on Saturday September 26, 2026 noon.

We have been enjoying this party for almost 25 years as the hams from up-state New York, Canada and points all over the world assemble for our yearly party. If you can bring some-



thing to pass around to the crew, or even cook a Burger, Dog, Brat or whatever, that would be great. One year our friend Tom-KC8QGJ (sk) joked with everyone on the air. Since he didn't know what to ask the gang to bring, he casually stated, potato salad. That one year we wound up with almost 50 pounds of potato salad! Whatever you bring will be appreciated. It is a wonderful way to end summer 2026 and welcome in the fall.



The "Chew"

SEVENTY-TWO



"Where
Choosy
People

Choose
to
CHEW!

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Chad-KB1HPV will be raffling off another one of his hand built masterpieces as a door prize. As of this writing, he is busy in his wood shop whipping up something special for the gang. Here is a sneak peek at he unfinished unit. Everyone knows when he comes to Kring Point, something special is about to be unveiled.



If there are any questions, Please Contact:
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What ham radio operators heard when the Nazis invaded Poland.

Events leading up to the second world war were coming fast and furious. Hitler began his clamp down on what the German people could hear on the radio by making them buy "State Radios," only able to be



tuned to official nazi stations under the propaganda ministry. Amateur radio stations were soon eliminated to prevent any truth from filtering out of the country. As the storm troopers invaded Poland they came upon a ham radio

operator and catholic priest, Father Maximilian Colby. Father Colby did his best to conceal wanted people, and hid Jews from persecution. His actions were discovered as nazi radio tracers found him transmitting from his church. He was briefly jailed but returned to the church to continue helping during this pogrom.

He ultimately was re-arrested and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp. While there an escape effort was made, and 10 prisoners were to be killed to make an example for other prisoners. One of the 10 begged for his life and Father Colby volunteered to take his place. This was done and ultimately he and the 9 other prisoners were killed.

His story and other stories about what Ham Radio operators heard at the start of the war is revealed on this web site:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EONs_3d81RA

An Interesting Ham Radio Summer...

This past summer brought joys as well as challenges for anyone working the HF bands. A few of the crew reported excellent DX contacts on 40 meters, especially at night. During the daytime hours the band was iffy at best though, it allowed us to continue 7.272 Chew activities from 9am to 11am est.



With the beginning of the fall season, the crashes of thunder and lightning are waning and the atmosphere is beginning to cooperate, thus allowing us to restart the 11am to noon Nets in October.

I am asking friends and fellow NCS's to help keep the Chew on air, and volunteer to pick up the 11am to noon positions, placing us fully back on air.

As we head into the fall season, it is time for us all to check out our outdoor antenna systems. Replace failing guy ropes and check the heartiness of the antennas and connections. Get ready for a great time on air, no matter what the weather throws our way.



For our readers:

BEHOLD... my dear friend and writer Joan Ramirez, expects she will soon in the fall, be sending to all on our mailing list, and others if they contact Loby-wa2axz@arri.net, electronic copies of book #1 of her historical suspense trilogy. All she asks is honest feedback on what you and your XYL have read. Please e mail her at: writerjr 1044@gmail.com



ICELAND is NICELAND!

My family is back from the fiords of Iceland and my son-in-law, Michael-KD9FCB, has written a memoir with photos showing the beautiful places around this island. Check out: <https://mphinance.substack.com/p/iceland-the-faroes-and-the-most-undramatic>



OUR NEVER ENDING STORY...

I don't know the origins of this comic, but it's appreciated by all.



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@arri.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, Loby-WA2AXZ.



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SAGA OF THE "FIVE COFFEE POTS:"

No, it is not one of Arthur Conan Doyle's detective mysteries, but a real life series of events here at the WA2AXZ QTH. We all know and understand that we hams live on coffee, so this story should raise a smile...

Back in July my daughter received a brand new 12-cup percolator coffee pot. This pot had all new electronics inside that brewed, (*what they advertised,*) as a perfect pot of coffee, and kept the coffee temperature at the perfect level, cup after cup. Everything started out well though, barely after a few weeks, we noticed that when perking, the red light went on, and when warming the blue light came on as usual but, after a few minutes when coming back for another cup, the coffee was cold. A call to the company resulted in them sending us a new body unit as a replacement. In the meantime I had a 20+-year-old 8-cup Farberware "*Superfast*" pot as backup and placed it back into service. A week later the new pot body was received and immediately placed into service. Well, after barely a few pots of coffee, we noticed that the blue light on the pot failed to come on and yes, this new pot had failed too! Of course, looking at the bottom plate these words said it all... "*Made In China*" While my daughter called up the company that sent the second pot for yet another replacement, I decided to buy a real "*American*" 12-cup Farberware pot. In the meantime I schlepped the old 8 Cup Farberware pot to the kitchen to keep everyone caffeinated.

A few days later I received the shiny brand new Farberware 12 cup pot and took a good look. To my dismay, the pot was no longer made in the Bronx, New York, but you guessed it "*Made In China!*" Oh well, I made the first pot and MMMMM the coffee was great. Later in the afternoon I decided to make another pot and yes, again you guessed it... that pot started blowing the ground fault breaker in the kitchen. I tried another outlet and the same thing happened. I went into the garage where we have regular outlets and made a pot of coffee but here too, this pot had to be returned for replacement.

The 3rd electronic replacement pot came in and was put into service immediately while pot number 4 was returned to Farberware for replacement. Coffee kept on flowing at the WA2AXZ QTH for a few days when the new Farberware pot came in though, while the new electronic pot was working well, I decided to keep the new Farberware pot, number 5 in the box. It didn't stay in the box for long. My daughter called me to come up and look at the new pot. *OH NOOO*, the glass top showing where the coffee perks had broken off! We took out the new Farberware pot #5 to keep coffee flowing, and rather than sending things back to the company once again, I went to ACE Hardware to pick up a universal glass replacement and that is the end of that.

Right now the electronic pot is working but you and I know, something will go wrong in the future. Thankfully the good old Farberware pots are in reserve, ready to take a prestigious place on the kitchen counter top.

NEW ELECTRONIC POT WITH LIGHT ON THE BOTTOM.

NEW FARBERWARE POT.