

~ Field Day 2010 ~

As I write this newsletter, the ARRL Sanctioned Field Day Activities June 26th and 27th, 2010 have yet to take place...

I know that many of us "Ragchewers" are members of local radio clubs that really strive to put on a good showing during those two days. It seems as though we put in a tremendous amount of work setting up those antennas, running the cables and getting those rigs working just right. At the appointed hour the bands light up like a bunch fourth of July firecrackers!

No one is forced to join in on field day and during those brief times throughout the year when the 40 meter band is turned over to contests and other activities, I'm sure that our members understand and will relinquish the home frequency until the event is concluded.

Note*** After June 27th, please send



Loby-WA2AXZ on the left with a few of his K2IRT N.Y.C. Transit Radio Club members during Field Day 2009. By the way, according to Mosley... That's a 50 year old TA-33!

The "Chew"

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WA2AXZ your Field Day photos and stories for inclusion in a future edition of the CHEW!

REMEMBER...

Without YOU... there is no Chew!

Antique Wireless Museum, N.Y.

During Dayton Hamfest a group of amateurs were showing off some vintage equipment and handing out brochures for their AWA museum in upstate New York. On June 12th, I stopped by for a looksee and was pleasantly surprised.

This museum is chock-full of radio and TV gear, some pieces dating back to the late 1890's.

As I'm into "boat anchors" I was in my glory. Vintage radio station transmitters, Collins ham gear, spring suspended carbon microphones



Take a moment to Salute our men and women in the service and reflect on the true meaning of our July 4th Holiday!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Just want to let you folks know that Betty, wife of John, W2LKS, recently had a stroke. She was hospitalized but is home now and no doubt, going to have to go to PT. We all wish her a speedy recovery!

Russ K1LRB



and every radio related gadget imaginable.

One room was dedicated to receivers and speakers of every sort. A selector switch enables visitors to hear what each speaker sounds like... From the old horn types to a "modern" 1920's cone speaker.

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(Don't forget the "s" in ragchewers!)



The high point of the afternoon was a visit to the third floor "Radio Shack" where spark gap transmitters were set up. I was asked if I had a pacemaker for this equipment throws out a mean magnetic and RF field. Cleared to go up, a monster 1,000w machine was fired up and as the key was touched...an ear splitting CQ was sent over the airwaves!



The curator explained that many radio operators in that period of the late teens and twenties went deaf as a result of operating this equipment. Thankfully Vacuum tubes were perfected and saved many an operators eardrum.

Another room was outfitted with the latest in ship-board Marconi equipment, much like the installation

on the ill fated Titanic.



Another area was set up with several microphones of the teens-twenties and thirties. Donning a headphone, we selected each mike to see what sound was reproduced. The tinny-ness of the magnetic Mikes vs. the

carbons was amazing. The clear favorite was the RCA ribbon mike of the 30's with the best clarity and tone. This mike was so good it became a standard for the old radio shows across the globe.

If anyone is interested in seeing more, contact Loby-WA2AXZ and a CD will be made for you.

The museum is located at 2 South Ave, Bloomfield, NY 14469. For more information, driving directions and operating hours, The Antique Wireless Association web site is: www.antiquewireless.org

A Note from your Editor...

Our Monthly Newsletter "THE CHEW" contains information about the activities and participants in the 7272 Rag Chew Group. 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. Please, "E" mail Loby at wa2xz@arrl.net



NCS Tip of the Month...

As each N.C.S. takes the reigns, pause a few moments to tell all that are listening on frequency about...

- 1: The Weekly Schedule
- 2: The Ragchewers website
- 3: The Active Chat Room when band conditions are poor or just about anytime.
- 4: Upcoming special events such as the July 3rd and 4th KIR Celebration and the "Tazmanian Devil" Labor Day Weekend.
- 5: Any other relevant item, tip, get well wishes etc. It makes our Ragchew Experience much more enjoyable.

Be part of Our Special Independence Day Weekend , July 3rd and 4th, 2010

KIR will be back on the air for a two day stint to help all of us celebrate our nations independence.

We will utilize our regular NCS's for the morning shift and we request that volunteer NCS's step foreword to take the afternoon shifts to the 3 o'clock hour. Contact Dan AD8I or Loby WA2AXZ today.

I will send out our anniversary QSL card with the July 3rd and 4th notation of participation.

To get yours, please send Loby-WA2AXZ a self addressed stamped envelope and get one of these collectors items today!

Many Thanks to:

Martin-KK4PI for his recent generous contribution. Remember that your contribution of a few dollars goes to website maintenance and the purchase of paper, ink and postage for the various 7272 Ragchew special events.

Mail yours to
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