

To my fellow Roosters,

Nearly fifty years ago, Doug Frothingham, K2IZI founded what was soon to be called The Rooster Net. With him and following him are almost 1200 official Roosters. Although some are now Silent Keys, the net he founded has continued a tradition that all of us can be proud. I encourage all of you to learn more about our heritage. I was told about the Rooster Net over twenty-five years ago. I cannot image what my life and my hobby would have been like without the many great friends I have made through the net.

I now have the privilege and honor of being the new Chief Rooster. I am really looking forward to the next few years and I hope all of you will stay active and involved as we approach our 50th Anniversary.

I plan on reviving a few of the traditions that I found made the nets even more fun and interesting to tune into. I am going to restart the Chief's Corner. It was started by Chief Henry Aldrich as an opportunity to hear from and speak to the Chief. One of the subjects will be about you. I am going to ask all Rooster's to send me an updated biography. We used to read a biography every week day morning. I'll start with some of the biographies of early Roosters who formed our group so that you can all understand where we came from. Then I'll start mixing in some of our present Roosters so that we can get to know some things about each other. I plan on starting the Chief's Corner at 6:45 AM at first, once a week and then I'll continue to add days until we are doing it up to five times a week.

I have some other plans to discuss with you and our board of Advisors. But as one of our fellow Roosters has said, if you want to know more about the Rooster Net, then tune in to 3990 and listen. I hope all of you will support the net and help keep us the best group of Amateurs on the airwaves.

Best to you all,

**Mike, WB3EQW
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