

Dayton, 2015 Kring Point, 2015

March winds are howling through the guy wires and a whipping rain is replacing the snow. What better time to start planning for a few great gatherings of fellow hams and their families? This year



on Thursday evening, May 14th, at 6pm friends from our sister net, the

160m 1721 Group and members of the 7.272 Ragchew Net, along with other ham friends, will again meet at Rob's Restaurant for a great buffet-style dinner.

If you are planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention and want to join in the fun, send Loby-WA2AXZ an e-mail and the details/location will be passed along.

Again, it is still March and we are also planning our end-of-summer barbeque in the 1000

Islands, New York. This weekend gather-



ing of hams from the Chew and associated groups will be held Saturday, September 19th, 2015, in Kring Point State Park. Mark your calendars - more to come in future issues.

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ARRL celebrates the 100th anniversary of QST Magazine.

Back in 1914, Hiram Percy Maxim founded the American Radio Relay League. In 1915, the first issue of "QST" hit the stands as a way to educate and inform radio amateurs about new trends of equipment building and amateur operations worldwide.

ARRL has issued, on CDs, scanned copies of the magazine beginning with the first issue in 1915. I bought this set covering 1915 through 1929 and must say it gives one an education about radio and our beginnings. It also reveals the advances in technology from spark gap transmitters to the newfangled "audion" tubes, used in modern receivers. If you are interested in history or real old boat anchors, check out the ARRL website store for these CDs and other historic items.

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There's something to life other than ham radio?

This is the second of our articles covering "There's something to life other than ham radio?"

Terry-KC8OEX has been a staunch supporter of the Chew and many other ham radio activities. There is time, though, when he needs a break to do something other than sitting behind the mike. Some people collect baseball cards, or like me, WA2AXZ, work with Lionel and real trains in the Transit Museum. Terry loves going out into nature



and prospecting for gold. Now there are several methods of getting gold from the earth. Some areas where Terry visits use heavy machinery. There is a machine called a "trommel" which takes hundreds of pounds of gold-bearing earth and



separates the gold from the muck. A backhoe is used to scoop up buckets full of raw earth and the machine produces but a few grams of gold out of ton of material.



If you want to get your hands dirty, head to the river to the "high bankers." This machine uses a shovel or two full of earth.



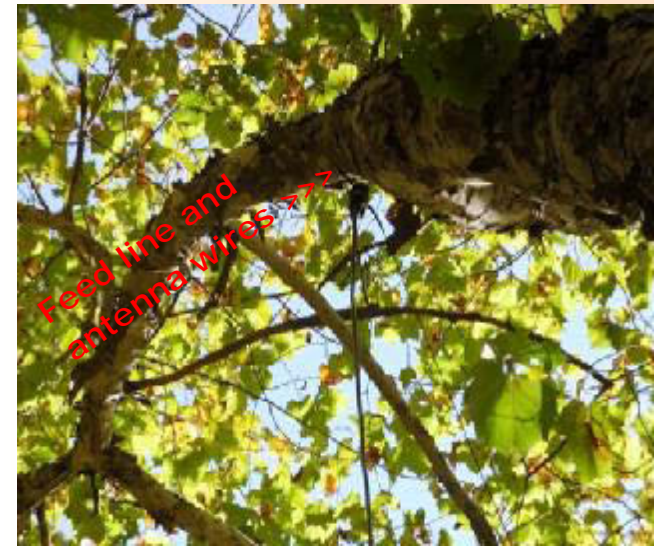
A sluice with running water from a tank on the top pushes the lighter dirt down and out the bottom while gold pieces and flake remain in the sluice for collecting.

The most labor-intensive method is panning for gold, just like the old prospectors in the 1849 gold rush. It is a time-consuming process but so much fun and satisfying too.



This is just about a day's take of gold. <<<<<

At the end of the day you are dirty and tired but there is plenty of open space to string a wire and operate HF in the forest.



Terry has hosted a few morning sessions of the 7.272 Ragchew Net from his campsite then tacked a few DX stations when taking a break from his quest for gold.

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There's something to life other than ham radio? Continued...



Depending on who else is with you, you can mingle, enjoy good ol' country back-

woods music and raise a few hihi. When all is said and



done and you get tired of the company, you return to your campsite, finish panning out your gold



and kick back for a night of home cooked camping food... and a cold one!

73s Terry
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Radio History

If you enjoy reading about the early years of radio, both amateur and broadcast, do I have a site for you!

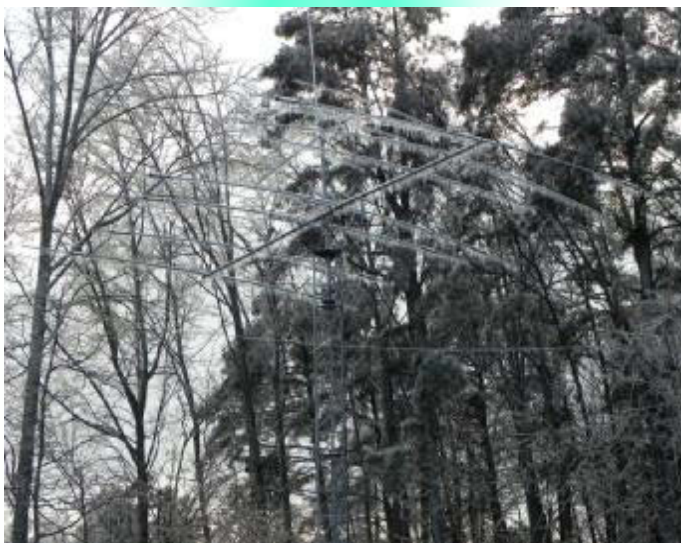
This web site has scanned and presented, in a searchable format, almost every issue of the various radio and electronics publications of the 20th century. Have fun reminiscing!

<http://www.americanradiohistory.com/>



A frozen Ray-N4GYN

After attending the Orlando Florida hamfest this past February, Ray-N4GYN returned to his home in Buford, Georgia, to find every inch of his antenna farm coated in ice. His doublet wires were down as several branches of trees had snapped under the weight. Ray and his neighbors have begun a cleanup and no doubt, as soon as the ice melts, he'll be back on the air with his wires back in the trees.



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Goodbye, Radio Shack

By the time you read this all too many of the Radio Shack stores will have been closed.

Founded by amateur and radio professionals in 1921, these stores evolved from radio parts and

equipment stores to outlets selling few parts but lots of telephones and remote-controlled toys. Under the banners of Allied-Tandy-Radio Shack, time and the Internet/telecommunications revolution have taken their toll. According to the Wall Street Journal, half of the stores have been sold to Sprint to remain open for cell phone sales and service only. The remaining stores will be shuttered.

For me, at least, it was a nice resource for parts and connectors as well as oddball wiring harnesses and cables. So far I have spent a few hundred, snapping up a choice selection of LEDs, resistors, diodes and other things I use throughout the year on radios and model railroading.

Now we will have to search the Internet, hit mouser.com and other providers for parts and things... and wait by the mailbox for delivery. Farewell!

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