

Next step... KRING POINT!

Each year, for the past 14 years, there is a gathering of fellow hams and their families in upstate New York on the Canadian border. Started by the late Tom-



KC8QGJ, members of the 160m 1721 group, the 7.272 Ragchew, the Canadian 3.730 group, the Rooster Roster and many others enjoy an end of summer barbeque. This year, continuing this great tradition, Loby-WA2AXZ is hosting a great party on September 17th, at the Kring Point State Park, east of picturesque Alexandria Bay. We will be meeting at the enclosed pavilion beginning 1pm and will continue until the evening hours. Bring your camera to capture a spectacular sunset over the mighty St. Lawrence seaway!

Usually well over 60 people show up and now with the pavilion, many more are expected. If you are planning to head to this post Labor Day event, hotels & motels are



offering end of summer deals so, e mail me at wa2axz@arrl.net and a complete information sheet will be sent to you.

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Pearl Anniversary



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of our 7.272 Ragchew Net
May 7th and 8th, 2016



A Tasmanian Devil Mailbox?

One of my friends knows that we use the "Taz" as our official 7.272 mascot. He sent me this photo, as well as others, showing unique mail boxes across America. I wonder what the mail carrier thinks when he reaches into that gaping mouth?



Breathing Life into

Vintage Drakes by Bill-KB1PKS

First, I want to thank Jeff Covelli-WA8SAJ who has helped me with repair work and replacements since 2007 when I first became a ham. To date he has repaired and enhanced at least eight different Drake rigs and accessories for me. Way back in 2007 I sent a poorly working T-4XB (obtained via e-Bay) and AC-4 power supply (also e-Bay) to Jeff as my first submission. He repaired, aligned, and replaced all necessary caps in the T-4XB as well as the 6JB6 finals. He also replaced all the caps in the AC-4 as well. When it came back from Jeff the T-4XB looked and ran like new putting out 160 to 170 watts on 160 to 15 meters. If you check out my listing, on QRZ.COM, you will see the various rigs I have collected over the years and many faithfully rebuilt by Jeff.

This past month I purchased a vintage Drake 2B via eBay and the 2BQ Q-multiplier at the Dayton Hamfest. The 2B only poorly received signals on 80 meters and no other band yet, I had all the crystals for >>>



80 through 10 meters and the optional 10A crystal. I sent 2B and 2BQ to Jeff and he brought back both to life, better than factory specs! Not only did Jeff replace all the caps, clean the chassis and repaint or replace the knobs and faceplate, he mechanically repaired a completely messed-up passband tuner. He took it apart and reset the springs, cams and aligned it so that proper passband tracking is now restored (for the details of the Drake 2B passband tuner, please see the recent article in Electric Radio Number 323, April 2016)



Before Restoration



After Restoration



More than this, Jeff gave me instructions on how to use my vintage Collins R390A receiver with the Drake T-4XB, to zero beat and get on the air when I finally got my ticket in 2007. Since then I also sent an R-4B (Dayton Hamfest) to Jeff which he completely refurbished, aligned with my T-4XB. Both B-Line Twins still look and run like a charm.

Over the years Jeff has fully restored and aligned my more recently purchased R-4C (eBay) and T-4XC (e-Bay) twins and repaired a newly installed 4-NC noise blanker (also e-Bay) that needed a new pot and re-wiring to chassis (which is not properly covered in the Drake 4-NC manual).

All I can say is that Jeff supplies great service and there is nobody with his depth of knowledge and passion when it comes to Drake radios. All my Drakes look and perform great thanks to Jeff. Jeff will always be my guy for all my Drake repair and advice in the future! Thank you Jeff.

A tree burns in Brooklyn

On July 18th a wicked thunderstorm struck my area after a sweltering 98 degree day. Now, for whatever reason, lightning ignored the 50 foot tall maple and oak trees in the old Dutch farmhouse, in the background, and my antennas directly behind those trees. It struck a much smaller tree on the

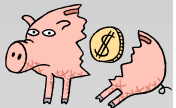


street, splitting it in half. The right side of the trunk fell on a neighbor's car with, thankfully, no damage. The neighbors rallied, showed up with pruning shears and chain saws and made quick work of the mess.

I know that summer is half over but this should serve as a reminder to all hams that when storms threaten, save your equipment! Unscrew and ground all antenna cables. Unplug the rigs from the power source and pray lightning strikes somewhere else. Be safe, stay inside and after it blows over, you can talk about the great storm when it is your turn on the Chew!

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During this time of the year, a call goes out to our members to help us keep our organization without organization afloat. Your small contribution keeps the website on line as well as helping with the postage and background costs encountered during the year. Please send your contribution to your Special Events Coordinator, WA2AXZ, or use the Paypal link on the 72chew.net website today.



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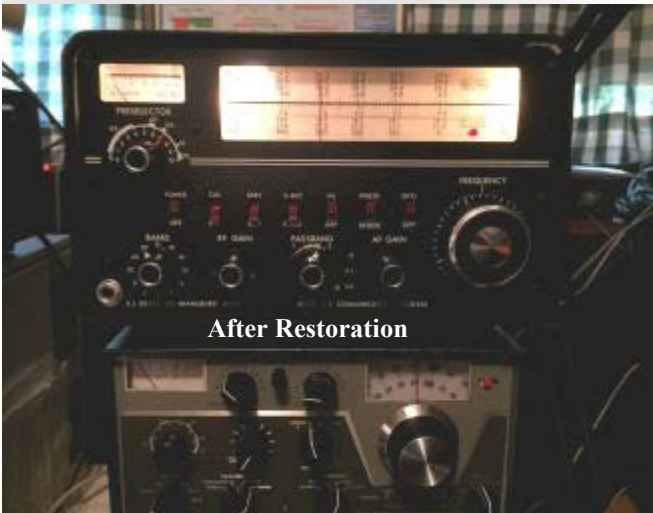


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