

# Coming Events

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## **Amateur radio operators to hold Field Day**

Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, marks the annual event of Field Day, an activity sponsored by the American Radio Relay League. Field Day is an exercise in which ham radio operators set up temporary transmitting stations in the field, under emergency conditions and using power supplied by generators, batteries and solar cells. The goal is to set up efficient, self-contained stations and contact as many other emergency-powered stations as possible. The Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont, a club consisting of 100 radio enthusiasts, many from the Essex area, will set up a Field Day operation on Redmond Road, off of Mountain View Drive, in Williston. Last year, this group made contact with some 3,400 other stations during a 24-hour period, and finished first nationwide in the competition.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the Field Day site. The site will be open for public visits on Saturday, 2-8 PM and Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM. Guides will be on hand to answer questions and explain the details on obtaining an amateur radio license.

For more information about amateur radio, or how to obtain an amateur radio license, call Mitch at 879-6589 or go to the club's web site at <http://www.ranv.org>.