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ELECTIONS

“OFFICER SLATE UPDATE”

BOB KB1FRW, RANV PRESIDENT

OUR CURRENT VP/TREASURER, CARL, AB1DD, HAS DECIDED NOT TO RUN FOR THE POSITION. Thank you Carl for your service; you have been quite an asset.

As our bylaws don't allow for nominations within 3 weeks of the election, I took the following actions.

I contacted Jim Hefferon, KE1AZ, who was nominated for Secretary and asked him if he would consider being a write-in for VP/Treasurer and he agreed.

I also asked Kathi Walbridge, K1WAL, to run for Secretary and she agreed to run as a write-in also.

So when you get your ballots, those two positions—VP-Treasurer, Secretar—will only have spaces for write-in candidates. Please use them to write in your candidate of choice.

The current President and Secretary support *Jim Hefferon for VP/Treasurer* and *Kathi Walbridge for Secretary*.

Remember to vote early and often, but at the least—**VOTE**.

Thank you!



RANV: SECRETARY'S REPORT

JEFF N1YD, SECRETARY

OCTOBER MEETING

Business:

- We voted to donate \$150 to WRTC, the World Radiosport Team Championship. As we heard at last month's meeting, they are doing some really cool stuff.
- Jim KB1LOT will bring snacks to our next meeting. The meeting will include elections. Your ballot is enclosed.

- Mitch is looking for ideas on how to get more activity on the repeater, and also on HF. We will try to choose a particular time when a lot of members can join in to chat.
- John Cohn, IBM Fellow and overall mad scientist, will be presenting at the November meeting. I heard that he is bringing a Tesla coil and an Arduino, though I would imagine that the two devices are about as compatible as kittens and crocodiles.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13

“JOHN COHN —JOLTS AND VOLTS”

JOHN IS A TECH ROCK STAR, with 50 patents issued or pending. He was part of the team that designed the chips for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and the Wii. But the 52-year-old, who lives in a converted schoolhouse in Richmond, has had another focus for the last 20 years: getting kids excited about science, engineering and technology. He's traveled to schools across the country with his stage show “Jolts and Volts,” in which he electrocutes pickles, explodes Rice Krispies and uses an EKG hooked up to a theremin — both homebuilt — to make music from kids' heartbeats.

Check out this article from *Seven Days*:
<http://www.7dvt.com/2011john-cohn-vermont-engineering-education>

After the presentation, enjoy our usual gathering chew & chat post meeting confab.



VE Exams

Every 2nd Friday
6:30–8:00PM

29 Mansfield Ave. • Burlington

Tech, General, Extra class licenses.
Bring 2 forms of identification, copies of existing license and CSCE (if applicable), pens and pencils, and the exam fee (\$15—exact amount only please).

Directions:
barcvt.net/directionsarc.html
CARL AB1DD@arrl.net

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Secretary cont.

Presentation: VEM—RACES

Rob Schell, *W1RVT*, spoke to us about a variety of emergency communications groups operating in Vermont. They provide training, have documented "standard operating procedures" and provide two man teams for provide emergency communications where needed.

The Emergency Operations Center (NIVEM) has stations for HF, VHF, 440 MHz, and digital PACTOR. It is part of FNAR, a national alert network from Washington. Microwave stations on mountain tops help to tie tie various centers together.

Amateurs involved in this work practice with Vermont Yankee, the National Weather Service, the Vermont Air National Guard, and major hospitals. No doubt they are always looking for interested operators.

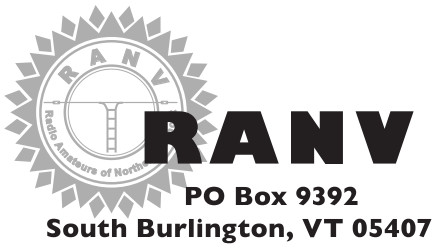
Rob showed us photos of the EOC and their fancy communications trailers. One is set up particularly well. It has folding masts and a specialized ACU 1000 repeater that can connect radio networks to telephone lines.

More info is available at vem.vermont.gov.

VE EXAMS

For the VE sessions every second Friday at the Red Cross, in addition to the things-to-bring, seen to the below, you can now download and bring Form 605 which can be filled out on-line and printed ahead of time. Find it here: arrl.org/files/file/nvec605-3.pdf This is optional, but real helpful.

If you have any questions, contact Carl, AB1DD@arrl.net.



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Upcoming, Notices, & Other Misc

- RANV: December Meeting—Holiday Party
- NEAR-Fest 5/4 & 5, www.near-fest.com/
- Steering Wheel: 3rd Tues, 6:30-8:30; Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Taft Corners
- Dues due? Pay online at www.ranv.org/ranvpay.html
- VT Ham Radio Calendar www.vthrc.net

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 13 • 7:00^{PM}

O'Brien Civic Center • Patchen Rd
South Burlington

"Jolts & Volts"

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