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VERMONT CITY MARATHON Mitch W1SJ

The Vermont City Marathon is Sunday, May 24th. We still have a critical need for operators. Several operators from last year cannot make it this year due to travel or medical reasons. With all of the issues surrounding event security, we still play a critical role in communications. At net control, we have to be able to monitor and communicate on several public service frequencies, in addition to the 2 ham radio frequencies. The frequencies may seem quiet, but there is a lot more going on which you don't hear.

The Marathon is the largest event ham radio supported event in Vermont, consisting of 8000 runners, 30,000 spectators, 1000 volunteers and 30 licensed ham operators. The training you will receive is invaluable – sort of like ham radio class graduate school. If you are interested, contact Mitch at w1sj@arrl.net no later than Tuesday, May 12th. We need to have a final list of volunteers in place by that date.

Museum Ship Weekend Carl AB1DD

This year RANV will once again sponsor the Museum Ships Weekend at the Shelburne Museum. The event will take place aboard the Ticonderoga on June 6th and 7th. This will be the 4th year we have participated in the event. It is a low key operation, call CQ and see who answers! This is also a good warm up for Field Day at the end of the month. We need some operators to man the stations on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a couple of people to help with the antennas on Friday afternoon. Please let me know if you can help out. There will be a control operator so a Tech will be able to operate.

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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday • 7:00 PM
113 Patchen Road, South
Burlington

The O'Brien Civic Center

Repeater: 145.150, PL 100; WB1QR

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FIELD DAY 2015
Mitch W1SJ

It is some 48 days until Field Day 2015 and it is not all that early to start planning. The dates are Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th. Postpone the family vacation, say no to all the wedding invites and tell the boss that you're outta town.

We find ourselves in the position of defending our championship once again and we will not rest on our laurels. A major focus will be to fix the IT and staffing problems which plagued the CW station last year, while at the same time, to make sure we continue to do well on phone and GOTA.

We need a large support staff to make the operation run like a well-oiled machine. Besides the operators, it takes many setup and takedown people, as well as support people to keep the generators, computers and foodstuffs running. Field Day is the activity which brings us all together to learn the myriad details of running a large operation as well as having fun in a group setting.

Very soon, we will be soliciting your input on when you will be available. Field Day activities fall into these categories:
Monday June 22: Planning meeting
Friday June 26: Setup
Saturday/Sunday June 27-28: Operating and Support
Sunday June 28: Takedown.
Choose which activities you will like to do. Choose all of 'em if you can!

We especially need operators for the GOTA (beginner) station as well as youngsters for the youth bonus. Bring a kid to Field Day – they'll love it!

ESSEX MEMORIAL PARADE
Mitch W1SJ

The Essex Memorial Parade is Saturday, May 23rd from 7:30 until noon. Hams are needed to serve as Parade Marshals who line up the participants, report any changes and march with them to make sure they all behave. This is a fairly easy, low-key event. And it is fun to march down Pearl Street with everyone cheering at you (how often do hams get cheered?). If interested in helping out, please contact Mitch at w1sj@arrl.net.

NEW HAMS!
Mitch W1SJ

We had a couple of ham classes last week and 9 new hams were hatched.
Say hello to:

KC1DTH	Chris Lafrance	Milton
KC1DTI	Mike Lukas	Warwick RI
KC1DTJ	Mike Pitonyak	Berlin
KC1DTK	Sarah Toscano	Hinesburg

KC1DTL	Michael Saunders	Westford
KC1DUW	Josh Cox	Burlington
KC1DUX	Jason Gosselin	Williston
KC1DUY	Kate Hammond	Burlington
KC1DUZ	Brett Pierce	Waterbury

The last 4 on the list work at Vermont Emergency Management, along with hams Bob Weinert KB1LRR and Rob Schell W1RVT



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday • May 12th • 7:00pm
O'Brien Civic Center • Patchen Rd
South Burlington, VT

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

- Steering Wheel: 3rd Tues 6:30; Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Taft Corners, Williston
- VE Exams every 2nd Friday; Red Cross Building 29 Mansfield Ave, Burlington
- Dues due? Pay online at www.ranv.org/ranvpay.html

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