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## NEXT MEETING – WRTC IN GERMANY Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Our September meeting will feature a presentation on the World Radio Team Championship (WRTC), held in Germany this past July. The WRTC featured head-to-head radio competition between 63 2-person teams in a Field Day setting. Presenter Mitch W1SJ was there front and center as an antenna and site team volunteer and will report what it was like to put up antennas with a German team. There'll also be a side show visit of Berlin. Plenty of slides and stories will accompany the presentation – look forward to it!

## VERMONT PARKS ON THE AIR ROLLS ON Dave KC1APK, Bob K1BIF, Mitch W1SJ

Congratulations to the team! It was another busy month with two more activations following the Alburgh Dunes... Kill Kare State Park during the annual RANV picnic and D.A.R. State Park in Addison. For these three, the team racked up a total of 2030 QSO's, 48 states, 30 DXCC countries and 8 operators.

The team activated Alburgh Dunes on 8/5/18. W1SJ, AB1DD and K1BIF put over 650 QSOs in the log on 20 and 40 meters as well as having a great time.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ga0Yr3\\_AFA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ga0Yr3_AFA)

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**ALBURG DUNES – Photos Courtesy of Bob K1BIF**



**KILL KARE STATE PARK**

During the annual RANV picnic the team put Kill Kare State Park on the Air with 680 contacts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVQTUkNxC-c&t=100s>

**KILL KARE STATE PARK – Photos courtesy of Bob K1BIF**



*Photo uncredited*







Obviously, Bob did not take this photo... thanks to "uncredited" for a great pic!



### D.A.R. STATE PARK

On 9/1/2018 **W1SJ**, **AB1DD**, **KE1AZ** and **K1BIF** activated D.A.R. State Park in Addison (KFF-3111), VT from 16:00 to 21:00 UTC with the club call, **WINVT**. Conditions on 20m were poor, but 40m was a bit more useful than on other activations this year. All together we had around 700 QSOs, plus a whole lot of fun. Thanks to all the hams who contacted us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTfjEkm3HMM&t=21s>



On the air from 16:00 to 21:00 UTC  
9/1/2018 at KFF-3111  
about 700 QSOs,  
**THANKS TO ALL!**





#### WINVT State Park activations so far in 2018:

5/6/18	Knight Point	KFF-3125
6/2/18	Lake Carmi	KFF-3126
7/28/18	Mt. Philo	KFF-3134
8/5/18	Alburg Dunes	KFF-3098
8/11/18	Kill Kare	KFF-3121
9/1/18	DAR	KFF-3111

At this point all but two parks in the Champlain Valley have been activated. We plan to activate a few more parks that we can access after Labor Day – including the two remaining island parks. Anyone who is interested in joining us for the next activation, contact Bob [K1BIF](#).

#### **A SOTA ACTIVATION OF FIRSTS**

*Stew KC1IFK*

Last month Anderson and I had the chance to take our show on the road. During our annual family vacation in Long Beach Island, New Jersey I passed my General test. When we came back it just so happened that two weeks worth of days off came in a row for me giving us a four day window, so we decided to visit my sister who lives in Mount Airy, Maryland. She is within 2 hours of 3 different associations, so I came up with a scheme to hit them all up to achieve a Bronze Mountain Explorer award. Long story short, sleeping through an alarm and road construction kept us from 2 out of the 3 activations, but we did make our first planned activation: Hawksbill Mountain in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia.



Hawksbill Mountain, W4V/SH-001, is one of the many SOTA peaks along the beautiful Skyline drive through Shenandoah National Park. On the way to my sisters' house, Anderson and I stopped at Ham Radio Outlet in Delaware and procured a 32' mast and an 10m-40m End Fed Dipole to compliment my new license. The peak of Hawksbill is a pleasant mile hike from Skyline drive. My sister brought her American Bulldog, Quinn, with us; this is the first time we had companions and the first time we hiked with a dog. On the way up the path, my sister stopped, turned around and pointed with Quinn's ears

perked up. On the side of the path, sitting in some bushes was a Black Bear cub! This was the first time in my life seeing a Black Bear in the wild. We made it to the top after encountering some deer and a bunch of millipedes. I set up my Elk antenna and radio while everyone else had something to eat. I started out on VHF making enough contacts for the activation before setting up the mast and End Fed for the first



time. I made my first QSO on 20m with Tim, K5DEZ, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I made 4 more contacts on 20m before my mast fell over! It was getting late anyway so I decide to call it a day with 15 QSOs. On the way back down Skyline drive we pulled into a picnic area to use the restroom and there was the same Black Bear cub we saw earlier running across the parking lot!

I was a great time with wonderful views and I am glad I was able to share all these firsts with my son and sister!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS - New Licensees and Upgrades**

[KC1IFK](#) Stewart Corey (Colchester) GENERAL

#### **UPCOMING QSO PARTIES – CALIFORNIA**

The first weekend of October (October 6-7 this year) sees the 53rd running of the California QSO Party – a great opportunity for stations in California. The object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible on SSB and CW. You can work the same station on each band and each mode for score credit. Details may be found at the following website...

<http://www.cqp.org>

#### **REMEMBER - RANV GROUP HAS A NEW HOME**

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TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> • 7 PM

Wheeler House, 1100 Dorset Street  
South Burlington, VT

### Upcoming, Notices, & Misc.

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