

RADIO AMATEUR NEWS & VIEWS

The Official Journal of the Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont

May • 2019

An ARRL Special Service Club

Vol. 29 No. 05

NEXT MEETING May 14th - TBA

The topic of the May meeting was not available at press time – stop by the meeting to find out!

VERMONT CITY MARATHON

Mitch W1SJ

The Vermont City Marathon is Sunday, May 26TH. Invitations have been sent out to all past communicators for this year's event. However, we always lose a few operators and will be looking for more.

There are 3 requirements to be a Marathon operator: have a license, have or get a two meter HT, and willingness to work between 7AM and 1PM on Marathon Sunday. Most of the jobs will be to provide communications at aid stations along the course. We provide all the training, information and a genuine 2018 Vermont City Marathon T-shirt! If you haven't done the Marathon before and would like to be a communicator, contact Mitch at w1sj@arrl.net. We need to have the team in place ASAP.

The Marathon is the largest event ham radio supported event in Vermont, consisting of 8000 runners, 30,000 spectators, 1000 volunteers and 32 ham operators all compacted into a 6 hour event.

CONTACTS

Bob **KB1FRW**, President
mcamp@gmavt.net

Jim **KE1AZ**, VP/Treasurer
jhefferon@smcvt.edu

Duane **WL7CVD** Secretary
dsalaskasep@ak.net

Dave **KC1APK**, Editor
davidblinvt@gmail.com

Newsletter submissions to davidblinvt@gmail.com

US Mail: PO Box 9392
South Burlington, VT 05407

Web: www.RANV.org

Reflector: RANV@groups.io

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday • 7:00 PM
Wheeler House
1100 Dorset Street
South Burlington

Repeater: 145.150, PL 100; WB1GQR

New Hams, Mentoring:
RANVMentor@gmail.com

VT State Parks On The Air:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/292829457810746/>

Online Dues Payment:
www.ranv.org/ranvpay.html

ESSEX MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Mitch W1SJ

The Essex Memorial Parade is Saturday, May 25TH 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. If interested in helping out, please contact Mitch at w1sj@arrl.net.

FIELD DAY IS COMING

Mitch W1SJ

Field Day is June 22-23. Make sure you mark your calendars correctly as it is NOT the last weekend in June. We have already been discussing plans for how we want to defend our title this year. One of the plans is to use FT8 digital to fill in some of the slow hours. That means you should get familiar with it! Everyone should make an effort to participate in some manner at Field Day. Don't use the silly "I have a wedding" or the "I have an anniversary" excuse. It has been tried before many, many times!

We will discuss Field Day at the upcoming RANV meeting and delve into it in detail at the planning meeting on June 17 at W1SJ. Setup is Friday, June 21 at 10AM!

RANV QSO PARTY RESULTS

Mitch W1SJ

The RANV QSO Party was held April 1 through April 7. There were 3 logs submitted, although I know at least 10 people were on the air looking for contacts. The grand winner is Zach **K1ZK**, who amassed 36 QSO's across 9 counties. I managed second place, although I didn't try very hard! Larry **KB1ZEB** submitted a log without any frequency listing, so he is credited with one QSO. Bob **KB1FRW** and Carl **AB1DD** were active, but no log was submitted, so we can only guess their score. The results:

| | QSO | Pts | Multi | Score |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| K1ZK | 36 | 37 | 9 | 333 |
| W1SJ | 24 | 26 | 6 | 156 |
| KB1ZEB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

VPOTA – KNIGHT STATE PARK (KFF3125)

Bob K1BIF



VPOTA - Knight State Park Photo courtesy of Bob K1BIF

On May 5th, RANV (**W1SJ**, **KB1FRW**, **AB1DD**, and **K1BIF**) activated Knight Point (KFF3125) and participated in the New England QSO Party from Grand Isle. The weather was great and we made 728 contacts in 6 hours with 2 stations!



Bob KB1FRW Operates from Knight State Park – Photo courtesy of Bob K1BIF

To view a video of the activation, visit:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0P0f_HrzGg&t=255s



Mitch WISJ Operates from Knight State Park – Photo courtesy of Bob K1BIF



Bob K1BIF WISJ Operates from Knight State Park



Carl AB1DD Operates from Knight State Park – Photo courtesy of Bob K1BIF

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT

Carl AB1DD

On June 1st and 2nd there is an event that puts museum ships and maritime museums on the air. This is similar to other special events, as others make contact with these stations, and can get certificates for those contacts. This is not a contest. There are no awards for most worked, etc., although the top operators are listed on the website.

Some may remember that a group of us operated from the Ticonderoga at the Shelburne Museum. This came to an end a few years back when it became too expensive. We have now found a new home at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Vergennes. This has been approved by generous folks at the Museum Ships, and we have secured permission to operate at the LCMM.

The event starts on Friday night at 8:00 PM EDT and runs through Sunday at 8:00 PM. We have permission to operate all night from the Maritime Museum. Now, in order to do this, we need operators. I would like to schedule slots of a couple of hours each. You could do more if you wanted, and if space is available. Please let me know as to what time you would like to operate. Day or night, doesn't matter. This will be first come, first served, so get your times in early. License class doesn't matter, because there will be a control operator present so that Techs can operate on HF. This is a fun event, no pressure to make hundreds of contacts.

For more info, visit:

<https://www.qsl.net/w/wa2tvs//museum/>

FROM THE SECRETARY

RANV Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019

Duane WL7CVD - Secretary

There were about 15 in attendance (the sign-in sheet showed 12 names). President Bob Allen (KB1FRW) called meeting to order at 19:51 (presentation was first)

Official Business

No official votes or business was conducted this meeting.

Meeting Notes

Museum on the Air

Carl AB1DD mentioned we used to set up a special event station on the Ticonderoga museum ship at Shelburne Farms, but that activity did not continue due to increased fees. An alternative might be the Maritime Museum. Initial inquiries were encouraging. They can provide power and other facilities. Campers would be welcome. If interested, contact Carl so he can schedule time slots. Setup will take place before sunset on Friday. The event will run from Saturday June 1st 0000 Zulu

(Friday evening) through Sunday, June 2nd 2359 Zulu. Contact Carl at ab1dd@arrl.net for more information.

Other Events

NearFest on May 3rd and 4th was mentioned, as well as Parks on the Air at Knight Point State Park on May 5th. Our club will provide communications support for the Essex Parade May 25th. The Marathon will be on May 26th where we also provide communications support. Field Day will be on June 22nd and 23rd this year.

Newsletter Editor

Current newsletter editor, David KC1APK, indicated he would continue in that role for up to two months. George KC1JGM indicated he would be the new newsletter editor (thank you). The two agreed to work together on upcoming issues.

Other

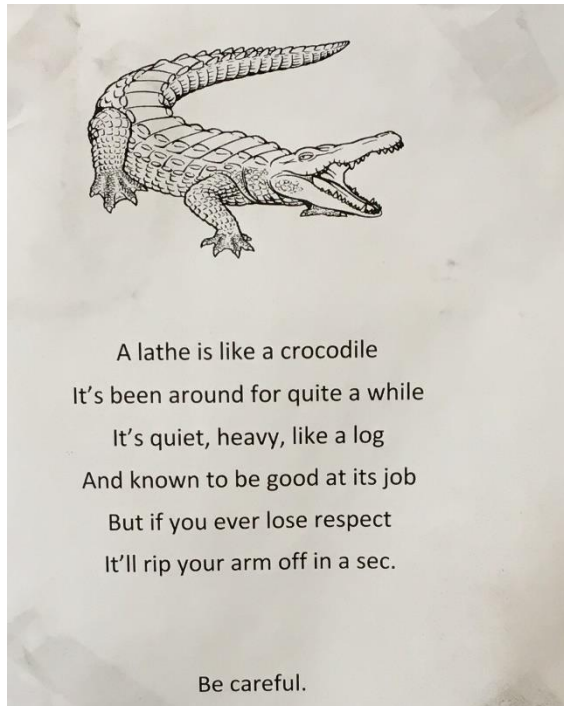
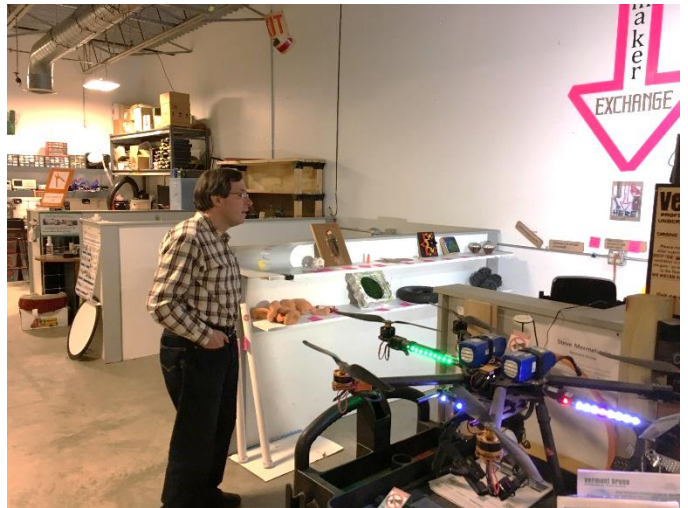
Duane WL7CVD agreed to bring snacks for the May meeting.

Presentation

The presentation consisted of a tour of the Generator Makerspace on Sears Lane in Burlington. The tour began at 19:00 and was conducted by a staff member of that facility. The tour included the electronics lab, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, 3-D printers, metal shop, wood shop, and flex space.

Club members asked some excellent questions and indicated they enjoyed seeing the facility.

Seen at Generator....





CONGRATULATIONS - New Licensees and Upgrades

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| KC1UJC | Jonathan Kerivan | Medfield, MA | TECHNICIAN |
| KC1UJD | Dirk Marek | So. Burlington | TECHNICIAN |
| KC1UJE | Dominic Portelli | Barrington, RI | TECHNICIAN |
| W1BAP | Bruce Parizo | Underhill | GENERAL |



NEWS&VIEWS

INSIDE

- NEXT MEETING – May 14TH
- VT CITY MARATHON
- ESSEX MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- FIELD DAY COMING
- RANV QSO PARTY RESULTS
- VPOTA – KNIGHT STATE PARK
- MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND EVENT
- FROM THE SECRETARY
- CONGRATULATIONS AND UPGRADES

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday • May 14TH • 7 pm

Wheeler House, 1100 Dorset Street
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