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The June 11th RANV Meeting

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FIELD DAY PLANNING

Our June meeting will focus on Field Day, which will occur on June 22-23. We have an additional challenge this year, as we will be operating from a new site in Essex Junction. There are myriad details to consider when locating multiple transmitters and antennas at a site.

We will also focus on getting new people to operate. Our GOTA (Get On The Air) and VHF stations are specifically for that purpose. A lot of hams do not operate, mainly because they do not have a station at home. We will supply the station; all you need to do is to show up. At the meeting, we will explain in detail, the steps needed to make and log contacts. You will learn things you never learned before!

So join with us at the June RANV meeting, June 11th at 7PM at the Holy Family Parish Hall, 30 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. The meeting will also be on Zoom. If you have NOT saved this link, contact anyone in the club for this information.

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FIELD DAY – NEW SITE – NEW CHALLENGES

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Last year, we learned that our Field Day site for the last 40 years will be unavailable this year. A search was conducted, and we settled on the Vermont Forest and Parks site at 111 West Street in Essex Junction. This is also colloquially known by park activators as the Tree Farm. We will have a lot of room, a lot of big trees and be close to virtually everything. We will not have the amazing sunsets. With the new site, we have come up with a new layout which will solve the mutual interference that CW and GOTA had to deal with. We also will not have to dance around speeding dump trucks as we try to put dipoles into the trees.

In many years past, we had a blueprint we followed for the exact placement of antennas and tents. The antenna setup will be a bit more challenging as we try to wrangle antenna wires into a different set of trees. It is important that we get a good sized crew on site early to get the bugs worked out and get the infrastructure in place by Friday afternoon.

Another challenge which we face every year is staffing. We have lost 2-3 experienced people for a variety of reasons and they need to be replaced. We had a good sized GOTA crew last year, but so far, half of them have not mentioned anything about operating.

We all need to be promoting this activity! It is sad to see that the largest Field Day group in Vermont can only pull in 20 participants. And right now, we are the only group listed on the ARRL Field Day locator, although I know of a few more who will be operating.

There are a number of Field Day activities to consider. First is the June RANV meeting on June 11, where we will discuss plans in detail and provide information for new participants. We will also have a final Field Day planning meeting, on Monday or Tuesday, June 17 or 18, to iron out last minute details. On Thursday, June 20 at 4PM, we get the antennas put together on site, as preparation for setup. On Friday, June 21, we bring all the rest

of the antenna equipment on site and erect 4 tents, 3 towers, 7 yagis, 6 wire antennas and partridge in a pear tree. This is why we need everyone's help!

The Field Day operating period is 2PM Saturday until 2PM Sunday. We staff the phone and CW stations for 24 hours, and try to keep GOTA on the air for at least 20 hours. To do all of this requires operators at all hours. Get the word out to join us!

Finally, the most maligned part of Field Day is the take down where too few tired people attempt to take down all the stuff we put up on Friday. We need better organization for this, which is being planned for. But we also need more help, especially from folks who were not up all night Saturday. So, if you have nothing to do Sunday afternoon, why not stop by and help take down a few tents and towers. At least you will have gravity on your side.

In years past, we have had grand and glorious Field Day operations. Let's continue the tradition!

MAY PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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We again did our public service doubleheader on Memorial Day weekend, with the Essex Memorial Parade on Saturday and the Vermont City Marathon on Sunday. Nothing exiting happened at either event, which from an emergency preparedness standpoint, is a good thing.

The parade went off like clockwork, event though there was minimal supervision. The eight hams who attended were the only parade marshals and the lineup went off without a hitch. The crew consisted of AA1SU KB1YGP KD2AKK K3BH W1DEB N1WCK W1OKH and W1SJ.



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Let me know if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing YOU at HamXpostion!

The Marathon started on time and ran very smoothly all day. We have noticed that marathon runners are showing up better prepared and there are exponentially less medical calls than we had in the past. Only 3 runners out of thousands required transport and the bike patrol on net got a few runners back on their feet. Debbie was pressed into service as a last-minute replacement at Net Control and all worked well. Thanks to Jeff and Jay for their help in installing and removing the repeater.

The crew consisted of AA1SU KC1PRO KC1SFJ KD2AKK K3BH N1DSO N1DTQ N1YD N2KLC W1DEB, W1NGO and W1SJ and Bike Patrollers KB1LVE KB1OAH KC1IZP KC1ROS N1CCL and KK1L.

Northeast HamXposition

Bruce [K1BG](#)

On behalf of Northeast HamXposition, I'm encouraging you to promote HamXpostion with members of the RADIO AMATEURS OF NORTHERN VERMONT.

This year's program is shaping up to be the best one in years! More details can be found in the press release below. Other formats can be found here:

K1ZK Antenna

Zach **K1ZK**

K1ZK 50-foot tower install the weekend of June 1-2 was a success thanks to help from KK1L, WE1P, NV1Y, N1TRK, and others! The new 40m/20m/17m tribander is looking good! I still have some grounding and cabling work to do but the “heavy lifting” is done. See you in the pileups!



work 10m. They have contests (every member has a unique #).

The FISTS club is the International Morse preservation society. They have events and contests. The CWops club has events and contests. Straight key century club is much the same. Omiss is the international SSB society. Yankee Clipper Contest Club, YCCC.org, is a contest club.

Amateur Radio lighthouse Society (<http://wlol.arlhs.com/>). Summits on the air, like POTA, except you must be on a SOTA approved mountain (<https://www.sota.org.uk/>). 3905 club, (3905ccc.org), for people wanting DXCC and WAS contacts. The Green Mountain Net, (thegmnet.w2blc.net).

List of clubs:



June RANV Meeting Minutes

Bob **K1BIF**

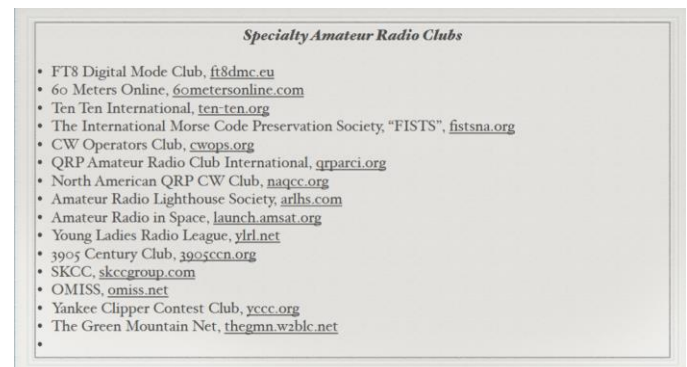
RANV Meeting

May 14, 2024

On line: K1BIF, W1EJC

In person: KC1IFK, AA1SU, N1YD, KB1LOT, W4YFJ, N1JGB, KC1JGM, KQ4HAN, KC1APK

The meeting began at 7:15. We discussed the minutiae of the Parks on the Air program. We began listing clubs/organizations we belong to. K1BIF Began with RACES/ARES (<http://arrl.org/ares>, and <https://vem.vermont.gov/programs/races>). KC1IFK spoke about Ultimate AAC, and the many sites that list regional awards, and how to earn them (ft8dmc.eu). 10-10 club – encourages members to



Steering Wheel is next Tuesday (May 21) at JPs Diner in Essex.

KC1IFK will bring snacks next month.

Bob, k1bif, secretary



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NEXT MEETING

Holy Family Parrish Hall
Tuesday June 11th 7:00pm

Meeting Topic **Field Day Planning**

If the main room is in use, we will use the classroom downstairs

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

- Steering Wheel: 3rd Tue Noon; JP's Essex, Vt
- VE Exams every 2nd Friday; Contact AB1WG for information
- Dues due? Pay online at www.ranv.org/ranvpay.html

