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RANV SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, August 10th Kamp Kill Kamp State Park

The RANV Summer Picnic will be this Saturday, August 10, 11AM-3PM at Kamp Kill Kare State Park in St. Albans Bay. There will be no regular meeting on Tuesday, August 13th.

The event will be held as scheduled if there is very light rain or drizzle. We have several dining flies to keep out the rain. We might be able to use the park shelter. The current forecast is looking like the afternoon will clear up.

If the weather is really bad, it will be decided on early Saturday morning whether to move to Sunday.

If you have a Green Mountain Passport card, please use that for park admission. Otherwise, RANV will cover the admission for you. We will also provide charcoal for the grills and water. You bring the food and other drinks.

We plan to set up a radio and do an activation of the park. But this will only happen if the entire group helps out with installation and operating. Bob and Mitch don't want to do all the work. We really want some of our lesser active people to get involved.

Pets are NOT allowed in the park. Don't think of leaving a pet in the car. Keep them at home.

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Meetings: 2nd Tuesday • 7:00 PM
Holy Family Parrish Hall
30 Lincoln Street
Essex Junction, Vt

Repeater: 145.150, PL 100; WB1GQR

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The St. Albans Hamfest is in the morning, 8AM-noon at 353 Lake Street, St. Albans.

Directions: I-89 to Exit 19. Continue down the connector road to Route 7 and go right. In the center of town, make a left on Lake Street (VT 36). Continue all the way to St. Albans Bay, past the Town Park and up to Hathaway Point Road, where you will make a left. Continue for a few miles and go directly into the park.

Be sure to attend and bring family and friends. This is supposed to be fun. Let's do that!

NORTHEAST HAMXPOSITION

August 23-25, Marlboro, MA

The Northeast HamXposition, also known as the New England Division Convention and still referred by some as "Boxboro" (the former location) will be held Friday-Sunday, August 23-25 at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlboro MA.

This show specializes on forums and activities. Think of it as HAM-CON on steroids. There are 12 forums and activities running concurrently during the day on Saturday. So many to choose from! There are some SEVEN forums on POTA and portable operations (I'm doing one!). There is probably a forum for any topic you can think of. There are two banquets, a comedy show, storytelling hour and a music jam.

This is a 3:30 (225 mile) ride from Essex Junction. There "may" be available rooms at the hotel, but the special pricing has passed. There are other hotels in the area, but rates in the area are pricey. There are also campgrounds in the area.

There are a few workshops on Friday, including a smaller version of Contest University, but the forum offerings are small. The big day is Saturday. Sunday has a few forums in the morning. There is a flea market, but it is small. Focus on NEAR-Fest for your shopping for goodies.

If you cannot make it to big shows like Dayton or Orlando, HamXposition is an easier alternative. Go

to the website <https://hamxposition.org> for all the details and pricing.

Hopefully we will see you there.

PARK ACTIVATIONS ANYONE?

The summer is running out soon and it is time to plan for another park activation or two. Everyone says they want to do this, but the participation at these events has been close to nil.

I am focusing on 3 parks. Up in the Kingdom is Sentinel Rock and Maidstone. These would be single day activations. I am also interested in doing a 3-park trifecta over two days down in the Lake St. Catherine area. That is a load of fun as it combines ham radio, camping and overnight operating.

Some of the parks close on Labor Day and may not be accessible so we need to take that into consideration. Otherwise, we have 3 good weekends to do the activations, plus a bunch of weekends in September for the parks which remain open.

QST tells us that Park Activating is the number one activity in ham radio right now. Based on what we see in Vermont, with only 3-4 of us doing these, I'm not so sure.

Let's get out and have some fun! Contact Mitch with the dates you would be available to do any activations.

CHECK OUT RANV.ORG

RANV.ORG is your one-stop shop for all things ham radio in Northern Vermont! You should check this site regularly or even set your browser to wake up on it. What will you find there?

- Meetings and Activities information
- Field Day, HAM-CON and VTQSO Party information
- News & Views Newsletters going back to 1999!
- List of club members and addresses
- List of all repeaters in and around Vermont

- Library of pictures at activities
- Link to web sites and YouTube channels of members
- Membership portal to join and/or pay dues
- Info on joining the RANV Reflector
- Link to exam sessions
- Callsign lookup

Be sure to check the site out often for upcoming events!

Chittenden County region FM simplex

The next Chittenden County region FM simplex activity will be on **Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7pm** on 146.55 MHz.

This coincides with the [144 MHz fall sprint](#) so hopefully we'll get some extra activity that way. Please mark your calendars & we'll see you on simplex soon!

73 de K1ZK

2024 RANV FIELD DAY BOX SCORE

80 CW	148	80 SSB	15
40 CW	373	40 SSB	425
20 CW	901	20 SSB	1529
15 CW	109	15 SSB	326

GOTA Dig	170	GOTA Ph	944
VHF Dig	12	VHF Ph	19
Sat CW	2	Sat Ph	3
Total CW	1533	Total Ph	3261
Total Dig	139		

4976 QSOs 7289 Bonus 20662 Pts

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
QSO's	4906	4681	4945	4171
Bonuses	5865	2510	2130	1570
Points	19782	15294	15900	11214

RANV meeting 7/9/2024

Bob **K1BIF**

Attendance: N1FBZ, W4YFJ, KQ4HAN, KC1LOT, KC1JGM,, N1YD, KB1LOT, AA1SU, W1SJ, KK1L K1BIF

On line: N1JGB, KC1SFJ, AC1RI, KC7THK

Meeting began at 7:13

We did introductions. Then we had a brief Field Day wrap up. RANV picnic is on August 10th . We had a discussion about the RANV reflector, it's being revised. The reflector manager cannot "put" people on it, new users must join it on their own. Instructions on how to join are on the RANV.org website (just under the list of officers).

We helped a new ham get started with repeaters. Mike, N1FBZ gave a demonstration of a service monitor, checking out 2 radios people brought in for testing. Mike tested one receiver for minimum detection signal (MDS) to determine sensitivity. After some time trying to get it to transmit, which never happened, Mike moved on to another radio.

Steering wheel is at JP's at noon Tuesday July 16 th Club picnic is at Kill Kare park on August 10th . Attend the STARC hamfest on Aug 10 th in St Albans.

September meeting is September 10 th .

Meeting ended 8:40

Steering wheel JP's at noon Tuesday June 18th

Meeting ended 8:40

Bob, k1bif, secretary



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NEXT MEETING

RANV Annual Picnic

Saturday August 10th
Kill Kare State Park
11:00am to 3:00pm

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

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

