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RANV November 10th Meeting:
Mitch **W1SJ** / Bob **K1BIF**

EMERGENCIES: WHAT TO DO WHEN THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT HITS THE FAN

Are you ready to support amateur radio's PRIME
DIRECTIVE?

*“Recognition and enhancement of the value of the
amateur service to the public as a voluntary
noncommercial communication service, particularly
with respect to providing emergency
communications.”*

Sadly, most hams are NOT ready to provide
emergency communications. Ask yourself: Do you
have an HT with you? Is it charged and ready to go?
Do you even know how to program it without a
computer? Do you have a mobile radio installed, or
ready to be deployed? Do you have emergency
rations handy? Do you even have any idea what to
do?

Unless the answers to all of these are yes, then you
really are not ready to deal with an emergency.
Emergencies are NOT scheduled. They can happen
at any time, even as you read this. If you are not
prepared, you will be of limited usefulness. Mitch
W1SJ will start the presentation, covering the
preparations you will need to do to be ready for

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emergency communications and then focus on things we all need to do to be more effective communicators. Bob K1BIF will follow up with details on software, protocol and interfacing with government agencies.

With this knowledge, you will be a much better communicator and an asset to amateur radio. But this only works if you show up – you don't learn nothin' if you don't show. Meeting attendance has been awful lately. Let's break from this poor tradition.

We will also count the ballots for the officer elections. Be sure to vote! The meeting will be live at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction, and also on Zoom. Be sure to be there!

RANV WINTER SCHEDULE

Mitch [W1SJ](#)

This is useful compendium of RANV events for the next few months.

Thu Nov 10 7-9PM: November Meeting: “Emergencies: What To Do When the You-Know-What Hits The Fan”. This will be an in-depth discussion on the radio preparations you will need to do to be ready for during an emergency and to learn all the necessary procedures. Presented by W1SJ and K1BIF. Also available on Zoom.

Sat Dec 10 12-3PM: RANV Holiday Party at Holy Family Parish Hall. This is our end of year feast. Sign ups for what to bring will appear soon.

Sat Jan 28 9AM-Noon: Mid-Winter Breakfast at JP's Deli, Essex Junction. Our winter breakfast is BACK!

Sat-Sun Feb 4-5 7PM-7PM: Vermont QSO Party. Club Station W1NVT will be open for guest operators.

Sat Feb 25 8AM-1PM: HAM-CON. The Vermont ARRL State Convention!

Notes:

1. Unless we hear otherwise, we will stop doing Zoom meetings after November. The sad fact is that very few people utilize this facility and it takes a lot of effort to set up each month.

2. We normally do not schedule live meetings in January and February due to the weather and do not plan to schedule Zoom meetings for these months. We already have the Breakfast and HAM-CON scheduled for January and February

3. The forums at HAM-CON will be broadcast on Zoom. BUT... you need to attend live! No live attendance means the vendors don't sell anything and they will stop coming.

4. We will go back to our usual monthly meeting schedule starting Thursday, March 9.

5. The Steering Wheel (board meeting) will take place each on the third Thursday of each month at Noon at the Guilty Plate Diner in Colchester. All are invited. The food is great.

It takes a lot of planning and work to set up club meetings - a job done by only 4 people. No one else is helping out. When the attendance is less than 10 people out of a membership of 90, that tells us that there is little interest in meetings. If you have recommendations for activities, we are all listening. This is OUR CLUB, and that means that everyone needs to be on board. If we should be going down a different path, please let that be known!

COME TO THE STEERING WHEEL!

The Steering Wheel is the RANV officer's meeting. It is run by the officers, but it has been attended by the membership since its inception 30+ years ago. In the past few years, the meeting went to Zoom and membership visits dropped off. We want to change that! Having the membership present is absolutely healthy. It gives us insight into what everyone is thinking so that meetings and activities can be better planned.

Where did the name “Steering Wheel” come from. Many years ago, this meeting started at a diner in

Milton and was supposed to be the Steering Committee, but it got transposed to Steering Wheel. The diner is no longer there. We should erect a plaque, though.

We'll make no bones about it – the primary function of the Steering Wheel is to eat and BS. Yes, we do get a little club work done, but only after the primary function is satisfied. We have recently changed the meeting to a luncheon to move away from driving at night and the fact that it fit everyone's schedule better. It might be hard to attend if you work regular hours, but most of us in the club do not work, or work their own hours. We have also recently moved to the Guilty Plate Diner on Porter's Point Road, just inside of Colchester from North Burlington. They serve up some real nice breakfast and lunch items. They also own Mark Barbecue, which is next door. So even if the conversation is lacking (it isn't) the food is pretty good.

Make an effort to join us at the Steering Wheel on the third Thursday of EVERY month at noon. Next meeting is November 17.

Mitch **W1SJ** / Paul **AA1SU**

Another K1OIK NearFest Video

I got this link for Burt's video of Oct, 22 NearFest.
<https://youtu.be/By1f9ulzU8s>

Videos from the RANV Family

Dr DX 28 Videos

Here you will find most of the HAM-CON Forums, POTA activations from the Groton State Forest, a few National Park Activations from NY from 2017, the RANV presentation on Shortwave Listening, the last hour of the KA6LMS/1 special event and even a rail fan favorite - a VT Railway passenger special train going into the Burlington yard.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzbTaI87SG0-6i2lwlm9Vkw/videos>

Sandy149 78 Videos

Videos posted by K1BIF, and here you will find

most RANV POTA activations, RANV Field Day, RANV picnics and several K1BIF activations.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Sandy149/videos>

VT Radio 47 Videos

Videos posted by AA1SU include National Park activations from 2017, radio videos, and Vermont scenes.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZjoflIcq4haM4pxYr_LAYQ/videos

Near-Fest 18

These are the video presentations of forums done at NEAR-Fest over the last 2 years, including W1SJ and W1RC on the art of Festering!
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCePTOk7fv8zTshXaQQCFUMw/videos>

RANV meeting. 10/13/2022
Bob **K1BIF**

Present on-line was: W4YFJ, and briefly W1SJ

In person: KC1IFK, KC1JGM, K1BIF, N1YD

The meeting began at 7:07

Nominations were called for next year's club officers: N1YD nominated the existing officers and KC1JGM seconded. Additional nominations will be taken for the next 2 weeks by email to George May, VP and Treasurer (email address on the RANV website).

Additional nominations should be sent by Oct 27. The ballots will be emailed out October 28th, and are due back by Nov 3rd . Results will be announced at the November meeting.

A call, again, went out for those who want to build a tennis ball launcher. So far, those interested are Mitch, Paul and Stew. If anyone else is interested, contact k1bif at arlldot net.

A reminder was voiced that the Vermont Ham Fest is coming up in February. We all need to plan for volunteering at the fest, there are a lot of jobs, and never enough people.

We discussed a possible radio event with a scout troop. Either a radio demo, or a park activation. George and Jeff will look into this.

Bob, K1BIF, gave a presentation on logging software. He showed a brief list of logging programs, and gave the link to the eham review of logging programs:

eham.net/reviews/view-categoryid=27

Click twice on the # reviews header to get the highest # of reviews on top. Then look at the most reviewed logging programs. Bob then discussed the two logging programs he uses, Ham Radio Deluxe and N3FJP.

The Steering Wheel is held on the third Thursday at the Guilty Plate in Colchester at noon.

The meeting ended at 8:32

Bob, k1bif, secretary



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NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 10TH • 7:00 PM
Holy Family Parrish Hall

Meeting Topic:
**EMERGENCIES: WHAT TO DO WHEN
THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT HITS THE FAN**

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

- Steering Wheel: 3rd Thur Noon; Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Taft Corners, Williston
- VE Exams every 2nd Friday; Contact AB1DD@arrl.net for information
- Dues due? Pay online at www.ranv.org/ranvpay.html