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The April RANV Meeting

ECLIPSE ACTIVITIES

The April 9th RANV Meeting Join us on Tuesday, April 9th at 7PM for our next RANV meeting.

At this meeting, attendees will report on their eclipse activities – on air and off air.

Be sure to bring plenty of photos and videos to share.

FCC ACTIONS

The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, NPRM 24-265A. This is concerning the future of the WSJTx digital modes, including FT8, FT4, and others. The Commission is concerned with transmissions being initiated by non-human means, essentially automatic transmission, which is not permitted on the HF frequencies of 1.8 to 30 MHz. The rulemaking will require amateur operators to initiate all transmissions using a PTT switch or something similar. Interested parties who wish to comment on this rulemaking are requested to file comments on the FCC web site, fcc.gov. The NPRM is dated April 1st with reply comments due by May 1st.

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Chittenden County Regional 2m FM Simplex Group Meeting

Zach **K1ZK**

The next meeting of the Chittenden County regional 2m FM simplex group is set for **6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 23 2024** on 146.55 MHz We'll try to wrap up by 7pm so folks can join the UHF RACES net and/or get on 1.25m for 222 MHz "activity night".

Skip, **K1NKR**

I got up Saturday morning and drove from home here in Marlborough, Massachusetts to HAM-CON there in Colchester. Honestly, it was a longer trip than I had estimated and I now have great respect for the hams who attend the New England Division conventions down here.

HAM-CON, as the Vermont State Convention, is one of the three state conventions (Vermont, Maine, and Connecticut) which have kept the ARRL Section spirit alive over the past decades. Take a look at <https://hamxposition.org/one-hundred-years-of-new-england-division-conventions/>. Getting together is important. It's the "convene" in "convention," that promotes sharing ideas and accumulating knowledge among us Radio Amateurs.

Now let me do a little soliciting. The New England Division convention itself is coming up in August. This year's convention is expanding from the usual Friday afternoon workshops and all-day Saturday plus half-day Sunday talks, with banquet dinners Friday and Saturday. We're now opening with entertainment Thursday evening and including talks and workshops on Friday, plus we're planning on having a "PXpedition" POTA activation on Sunday afternoon. While this new schedule may be a little challenging for some of the "9-to-5, five day" crowd, it does provide a good excuse to plan an extended-weekend vacation.

As Programs Chair, I'd certainly like to have some more talks from Vermont. Paul, W1GHZ, attended and spoke last year. So did Mitch, W1SJ. And Tom, W1TP. Will someone else join in?

HAM-CON was a rousing success and worth the trip. Thanks, and congratulations. See you in August!

73,

Skip, K1NKR

March RANV Meeting Minutes

Bob **K1BIF**

RANV meeting. 3/12/2024

Present on-line was: W1EJC, K1TTW, W1MTN
In person: KC1KUW, N1JGB, W4YFJ, KB1LOT, K1BIF, W1SJ, KC1JGM

The meeting began at 7:15. We all introduced ourselves. We discussed Hamcon 2024, K1IP's van talk is the most popular on YouTube. Then we discussed radio activity during the eclipse. Then, we discussed the New England QSO party, there was a good turnout this year. Then we did a practice logging exercise, using a field day logging program. Steering Wheel is Thursday, March 19 at noon in JP's diner in Essex.

Meeting ended at 8:35

Bob, k1bif, secretary



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NEXT MEETING

Holy Family Parrish Hall
Tuesday April 9th 7:30pm

Meeting Topic Eclipse Activities

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

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

- Steering Wheel: 3rd Thur Noon; Guilty Plate Colchester
- VE Exams every 2nd Friday; Contact AB1WG for information
- Dues due? Pay online at www.ranv.org/ranvpay.html