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The OCTOBER 10th RANV Meeting

My Worst Ham Radio Screw-up George [KC1JGM](#)

For our October meeting we plan to share our experiences over the years of our worst ham radio screw-ups. Come prepared to share your years of experience.

ELMORE STATE PARK ACTIVATION Mitch [W1SJ](#)

Saturday, September 16th, we did our last activation for season, at Lake Elmore State Park, which is about 10 miles east of Morrisville. The day was rather overcast and windy, as hurricane Lee battered Nova Scotia 350 miles to the east. We were fortunate that conditions remained dry all day. The activation consisted of 2 stations, tended by K1BIF, N1CFO and W1SJ.

Antenna setup was a bit complicated as we had small trees in the parking area and higher trees in the wrong places, everywhere else. We also had a 2600 foot mountain right smack in the way going west. We eventually got the antennas up in an

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acceptable manner and got on the air a little after 10.

Conditions were OK, but not great. Rates on 20 and 40 meter phone were a pedestrian 60-70 per hour for a few hours. We installed Erik on 20 meter CW for a couple of hours and he returned some real nice numbers. We even had a short stint on 15 meter phone. We ended up with a total of 652 QSO's, which is about average, but reasonably good considering slack conditions and a mountain in the way. While we had 57 DX stations in the log, only 10 stations from the West Coast made it across.

With the parks closing down for the season and the key operators opting for nicer weather, our activations will be on hold until next spring. We hope to finish off our last two northern land-based parks, Hazen's Notch and Maidstone. One of these days, we'll procure a boat and put Knight Island and Woods Island on the air!



Video Elmore Activation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3FiKTsIOkE&t=3s&authuser=0>



NEAR-FEST THIS WEEKEND

Mitch [W1SJ](#)

NEAR-Fest XXXIV (34) will take place Friday-Saturday October 13-14 at the Deerfield, New Hampshire Fairgrounds. Doors open at 9AM Friday and the event ends 2PM on Saturday. You can attend Friday or Saturday, or both days. The long range weather forecast calls for Friday to be the better day, so plan accordingly.

For those who have never been there, NEAR-Fest consists of a flea market covering the entire fairground, 3 buildings with vendors, over 1000 hams and a forums and entertainment program. If you cannot attend in person, you can watch the

forums on line. Go to <http://hamclass.net/near-fest/nearf23.html> for the schedule and details.

To get to NEAR-Fest, take I-89 to I-93 south, to NH-101 to exit 3, NH-43 and go north 6 miles. Travel time is 2:45.

Full details can be found at

<https://near-fest.com>. Hope to see you there!

10 Meter Opening to JA

Paul [AA1SU](#)

Yesterday evening (10/6 after dinner), I was working JA (Japan) stations one after the other on 10 Meters FT8. In fact, I worked 23 of them, most in a row.

I also worked China just before that for a new country on that band.

That is already confirmed on LoTW.

In addition, I worked Zone 19 for a new Zone on 10 Meters. This is not confirmed yet. Right now, I have 180 of 200 CQ Zones confirmed on LoTW for 5 Band Worked All Zones. I recently noticed that I could apply for a basic WAZ Award. There are 40 Zones.

I also saw the JA stations calling John N1NRA in Bristol. I sent him a message via JTAlert that I saw them calling him. He wrote back, "They're hammering me." I think John runs 10 watts or so, but I don't know what his antenna is. I was running about 600 watts.

So you might want to try 10 Meters.

Jim [KB1LOT](#)

Got JR7TKG on 17 meters last night SSB. My first Asian station. Said my signal was strong. Not bad for 100 watts and a dipole. I don't do well with 10 m on my long wire. Maybe I should think about a

dedicated ant.

September RANV Meeting Minutes Bob, [K1BIF](#),

Meeting started at 7pm on-line
n1ro, k1bif, kc1sfj, kb1lot

Bob announced that the possible Field Day site in Essex Junction, West ST, may be available – he will know in the next 2 weeks.

There was a discussion on this and other possible Field Day sites. Then, a discussion of POTA activations – this Saturday will be Elmore State Park, starting at 10am.

Then, Mitch gave a presentation on his trip to the WRTC held in Italy. Mitch was a judge. He then gave a "tourist" tour of Italy.

The meeting ended at 9:04



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NEXT MEETING

October 10th 2023 7:00pm
Holy Family Parrish Hall

Meeting Topic
“My Worst Ham Screw-up”

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

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