



# RADIO AMATEUR NEWS & VIEWS

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## FIELD DAY 2023 REVIEW

### The November 14th RANV Meeting

Join us at our November meeting where we will cover a number of different topics.

Our main presentation will be by Ron KK1L who will review how we made all of the 4900+ QSO's, which was the 3rd most of ANY Field Day group. Ron put together the Field Day logging system which tied all of our stations together. And while we are on the topic of Field Day, we will introduce and provide some details of our new Field Day site for 2024, which has just been approved.

We have also just booked the Hampton for HAM-CON 2024 (February 24th ). We will briefly discuss some changes in store and are looking for suggestions to make this great show even better.

We are also looking to change the way in which we collect annual dues. We are planning to collect dues once a year and offer the option for reduced dues for autopayment. The discussion should be interesting.

Oh, by the way, we also will have elections for our officers for 2024. Be sure to attend!

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## **RANV HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 16**

Join us for the RANV Holiday Party, Saturday, December 16, 11AM – 3 PM at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction. We have moved the party out one week to allow everyone to take part in the 10 Meter contest on the weekend before. The party will be a large luncheon, mostly potluck.

Everyone will get an E-mail message to fill out a form to see what everyone plans to bring.

PLEASE fill this out as soon as possible so that we can plan. Make a point to bring family members as we really do want this to be a family event!

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## **CONTESTS COMING UP**

We are in the middle of contest season and two popular contests are of interest to our members. The ARRL Sweepstakes Phone is this weekend, Saturday, November 18. The event starts at 4PM and runs until 10PM on Sunday. This involves a complicated exchange, consisting of serial number, category, callsign, year first licensed and ARRL section. Be sure to see the Sweepstakes rules to know what to send. As an example, for my 50 th contact I would exchange 50 U W1SJ 69 VT. Of course you have to copy all this information from each station correctly to get credit, so it is challenging. Several hours in this event will certainly make you a better operator!

The 10 Meter Contest is the weekend of December 9th . The event starts Friday evening at 7PM and runs until 7PM on Sunday. The big time for activity is during the daylight hours, but openings can occur at night as well. This one is a lot easier – just give RST and state. With the sunspots heating up, this should be quite an activity.

Be sure to set aside some time to get in on these super events.

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.

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## October RANV Meeting Minutes

George [KC1JGM](#),

Meeting started at 7pm.

Attendees:

K1BIF, KQ4HAN, KK1L, AA1SU, WY4FJ, W1SJ  
N1TRO KC1SFS, KB1LOT

Bob announced that we are close to confirming a new Field Day site in Essex Junction, The park department requires copies of our club liability insurance and a permit fee of \$50.00

The RANV Holiday party has been confirmed December 16<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family Parrish Hall. Approved \$250.00 payment for the use of the hall.

This meeting discussing some of our most memorable HAM Radio screwups. Listening to some of these events it is a miracle some of our members are still among us.

The most notable was Mitch W1SJ's describing how he lost the pictures he took at the WRTC and why we have no pictures of the WRTC event, Jeff, N1YD spontaneous comment relating this to the fact why have no pictures of the sinking of the Titanic.

Paul, AA1SU will provide snacks at the November meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:20

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### NEXT MEETING

November 14th 2023 7:00pm  
Holy Family Parrish Hall

#### Meeting Topic

• **FIELD DAY 2023 REVIEW**

### Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

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