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RANV HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 16 th , 11AM until 3PM

**Holy Family Parish Hall, 30 Lincoln Street,
Essex Junction**

Be sure to join us for our gala winter event, the Holiday Party. This will be our December meeting, and what a meeting it will be! We will have a scrumptious feast with all sorts of stuff. We will again convene in the spacious parish hall where there will be plenty of space for gathering and eating. Entry opens at 11AM, lunch served at noon.

Feel free to bring family, friends, former members, hams, non-hams, etc.

RANV hit another milestone by winning our category in Field Day by a significant margin for the third time in a row and placing 5th of ALL Field Day groups in the event. We will have our traditional celebratory chocolate cake for dessert.

RANV will provide a cold cuts platter, bread and condiments. You all bring the rest!

We will be selling early bird tickets for HAM-CON 2024. The details:

- Price: \$5

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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

New Hams, Mentoring:
RANVMentor@gmail.com

- Allows early access
- You must prepay RANV dues for 2024 (see ranv.org/dues.html)
- Not available after December 31 (price goes up!)

We'll have it all – food to eat and people to talk to so that we can engage in the two activities which hams are best known for – eating and talking!

Let's have a wonderful safe event. All the best for the Holiday Season!

HAM-CON 2024

HAM-CON 2024 will be Saturday, February 24th at the HAMpton Inn, Colchester.

We have had significant price increases in order to run HAM-CON. This has necessitated a price increase for tickets. The new pricing:

Price at door general admission \$12

Price at door early admission: \$18 (required for sellers)

Advanced sale general admission: \$7 (closes Feb 15)

Advanced sale early admission: \$14 (closes Feb 15)
Special RANV Early bird admission: \$5 (closes Dec 31)

Prepay of 2024 dues required. This is about the cheapest ham convention price there is!

Table reservation with early admission: \$25

We will have a smaller flea market area, meaning less available sales tables. You might want to consider table reservations.

Admission also includes on-line streaming access.

Early bird tickets (\$5) will be on sale at the Holiday Party on December 16. Please be able to prepay your 2024 dues at that time

Advanced sale tickets (\$7/14) will be on sale at the Winter Breakfast, January 27.

Otherwise, tickets are available on line (Early bird until December 31; Advance sale until February 15).

Make plans now to join us at HAM-CON 2024!

EARLY 2024 ACTIVITIES

Mitch [W1SJ](#)

We have a wealth of activities coming up in January and February.

Per a decision we made several years ago, RANV does not hold monthly meetings in January and February. It was decided that nighttime driving and snowy roads make for hazardous travel. Instead, we will have the Winter Breakfast on Saturday, January 27 at 9PM at JP's Deli in Essex and HAM-CON on Saturday, February 24 at 8AM. We are always open for your suggestions on how to make these events even better.

There are many on-air events in the next two months. January 6-7: ARRL RTTY Roundup (1PM Sat-7PM Sun). Set your software up and cruise the bands for RTTY contacts over the course of a weekend.

January 13: NA QSO Party CW (1PM Sat-1AM Sun). Exchange name and state in this short 10 hour contest, CW only

January 20: NA QSO Party CW (1PM Sat-1AM Sun). Exchange name and state in this short 10 hour contest, SSB only.

January 26-28: CQ WW 160 (5PM Fri-11AM Sun). The granddaddy of 160 contests, on CW only.

February 2-4: VT QSO Party (7PM Fri-7PM Sun). Vermont's premier operating event. Use any mode, most any band and put Vermont on the air!

February 16-18: ARRL DX CW (7PM Fri-7PM Sun). Work all the rare DX on CW only.

March 2-4: ARRL DX Contest (7PM Fri-7PM Sun). Work all the rare DX on SSB only.

Whew, that should all keep you all busy!.

November RANV Meeting Minutes
George **KC1JGM**,

Meeting started at 7pm.

Attendees:

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

Ron KK1L presented 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.

We discussed 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 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 meeting ended at 9:00



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NEXT MEETING

RANV Holiday Party
Holy Family Parrish Hall
Saturday December 16th
11:00 – 3:00

• **Meeting Topic**
Holiday Party

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