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Field Day Summary

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The following article is based on Mitch's initial comments on Field Day. We made north of 5400 QSO's, over 20,000 points. Can't find fault with that! This is the highest we have ever done, with a somewhat smaller crew. Conditions were good, but the contacts don't get into the log by themselves - our crew had something to do with that.

Great job in setup working around rain. We were fast and efficient and got most everything in place before the thunderstorm at 4PM. Fortunately, we had tent to wait in.

Phone and CW numbers were tremendous most of the time. We need to do something about the 5-8AM slog rates in the 30s on both modes FT8 on phone would not have helped much - FT8 averages 15/hr. overnight.

Take down was pretty efficient. I was home by 7 - a record!

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Holy Family Parrish Hall
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Essex Junction, Vt

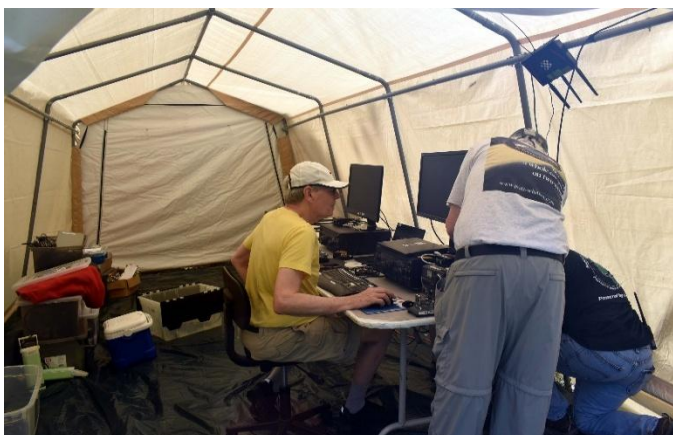
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FIELD DAY Picture / Video

Bob **K1BIF**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dikYfPly04>





BARC Burlington Amateur Radio Club POTA

Eric [NJ1S](#)

BARC is holding a POTA at Sandbar State Park on Saturday July 18th 10:00am

Bob, KB1F from RANV is participating with his equipment



Chittenden County Region FM Simplex Net Zachary [K1ZK](#)

QST: The July 2026 edition of the Chittenden County region 2m FM simplex net will be at **6:30pm EDT on Tuesday, July 14, 2026**, on 146.55MHz.

If you didn't quite get enough ham radio during Field Day, here's a chance to make even more QSOs. This is an informal gathering that occurs monthly but at different days and times. Mark your calendar and add 146.55 to your scan list so you'll hear us even if you forget the exact date and time.

Summertime generally means nice weather - consider visiting a nearby hill or high spot to really stretch your 2m simplex range. Or try out your favorite portable 2m antenna from home to test its performance before your next SOTA outing. Whatever you do, please consider joining



us for our friendly monthly 2m FM simplex get-together.

73 de K1ZK

Dayton Hamvention The June Meeting

Jeff [N1YD](#)

Blair Wolston, KB1UIY, told us all about the Dayton Hamvention. Blair, Stu, and Nick made the 13 hour drive to a rented Vrbo in the area. They set up a Buddipole and made a few contacts.

The Dayton Hamvention is enormous. Its organizers sold more than 37,000 tickets. The event runs over three days. It included forums, vendor booths, and interesting mobile radio setups in the parking lot.

Together the three Vermont hams bought about \$3000 of equipment including a well-equipped K3. They did a lot of walking, and were pleased to meet one of the key people from RT systems, a company that writes software for programming radios.

The Hamvention has "an insane flea market". During the long drive, the long weekend, and the drive back, the three hams all got to know each other very well. Blair told us that Stu and Nick are "essentially the same person", and that their personalities amplify each other.

We also discussed Field Day preparations. We voted to spend \$100 on beverages and water, and to buy two fire extinguishers. We decided that N1MM will be the logging program at all stations.



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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 14th 7:00pm
Holy Family Parish Hall
30 Lincoln St, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Meeting Topic

Field Day Wrap-up / Picnic

Upcoming, Notices, & Misc

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