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WRTC and VISIT TO ENGLAND
The September 8th RANV Meeting

Mitch W1SJ

Join us for a real treat! Mitch W1SJ will present highlights of his attendance at the World Radiosport

Team Championship WRTC2026, held this past July which will also include a tour of several tourist spots in England. We'll see some behind the scenes look at station set up, competitors operating, the visitor's station and ceremonies connected with the event.

We'll also see scenes from Dover, Canterbury, London, Warwick Castle, Bletchley Park and Liverpool. It was a unique opportunity to both play ham radio and be a tourist! Be sure to join us Tuesday, September 8 the for our next meeting!

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Mitch W1SJ

Hi Vermont Operators!

It is time for the Fall version of W1AW/1 Vermont. The dates are September 23- 29 UTC. This translates to: Tuesday night, September 22, 8PM until Tuesday night, September 29, 8PM.

We need operators. Lots of;em! To just cover normal the activity times of 8AM-Midnight, Eastern time, each day, requires 112 hours of operating. And then there are 23 band segments to be covered on 80-10 meters (plus other bands).

Back in February we did OK and were a strong presence on the bands that week. But I am concerned that much of the activity was on FT8. Only 65 hours (68%) of the available time was on phone and I did 43 hours (63%) of that. While CW and FT8 are important, phone allows us operators to share details of Vermont and the ARRL, providing a more personal touch. I really enjoyed many of the "short ragchews" with stations all over the globe.

I have been hearing lots of negative feedback of some of the other W1AW activations from other states. The comments include lack of activity, poor operating practices, weak signals, etc. I trust our activation will be much better. But to do this, we must get folks on the air.

What if you do not have a station, or a minimal one? Get together with someone who does have a station! This is a good way to engage with other hams in Vermont for a common goal. Or else, contact me about operating at my station in Essex. I plan to be on every day, but it would be nice to have others do some of the operating. This is an especially good opportunity for newer hams to get on the air and experience what the business end of an operation is like. Don't worry – I'll be there to walk you through it.

I hope we can get some of the remote stations in Vermont on the air as well. The beauty of this is that you don't have be in Vermont! It all goes by where the transmitter is located. If you have access to these, please jump in.

The requirements:

- Willing to sign up for specific operating slots and get on the air

- ARRL member (or having an ARRL member present)

- Reasonable station - at least 100 watts to a high dipole

- Willing to follow FCC and W1AW rules

- Able to keep a computer log and submit an ADIF file to me

I have a posted schedule at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ytl3jRQw7LJvuhlyLhcMP_DB-WG_TfCQcmj8Nk9koFc/edit?gid=1054168797#gid=1054168797

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Chittenden County Region FM Simplex Net
Zachary K1ZK

QST: The September edition of the Chittenden County region 2m FM simplex net will be on **Sunday, September 13 at 2pm on 146.55 MHz**

This is right in the middle of the September VHF contest so stations checking into the net are encouraged to also exchange grid squares for contest credit.

As always, all amateur radio stations are welcome; you don't need to be in Chittenden County. Mark your calendar today and we'll see you on 2m FM!

73 de K1ZK

Antique Wireless Fall Conference / Rochester, NY - 9/29-10/3 - 2026 themes Crystal Sets and Collins Radios

Dear ARRL Club coordinator,

Titles of 2026 Conference presentations are in the attached pdf or can be viewed at www.antiquewireless.org/homepage/conf-schedule/

Hope you decide to attend,

Ed O'Connor
AWA Volunteer

George KC1JGM

The August RANV Picnic

The annual RANV picnic was held Saturday August 8th at Kill Kare state park. . The weather was pleasant and all that attended enjoyed the day

The STARC ham fest was held earlier in the day. Many items were on display in search of a new home.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday September 8th
Holy Family Parish Hall
30 Lincoln St, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Meeting Topic

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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