THE SOVARC REPORT

JUNE, 2025

SOVARC (Southern Vermont Amateur Radio Club) is a long-standing club (1988) dedicated to Amateur Radio operation, science, emergency service and general practice within the hobby.

SOVARC maintains a repeater (K1SV) on 146.835 (minus offset) with a PL tone of 100hZ.

Nets are held each Sunday night at 8pm local on 28.333, and an ARES net each Monday night at 7pm local on the K1SV repeater.

Our website is sovarc.org and we have a chat group on the N1SP Groups IO.

The club holds regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm local time. The location is in the Bennington Village Fire Dept at 130 River St., Bennington, VT 05201. There is plenty of parking in the back parking lot and entrance is through the rear door. (Same door where Bennington residents go to vote)

Anyone, licensed or not, with an interest in Amateur Radio, is welcome to attend.

Regular member dues are $25 annually, and due at the beginning of each calendar year.

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May 2025 Meeting Summary

Our first meeting at the new location was called to order at 7 pm with 3 officers and 7 members present. We welcomed George, K2KVI as a newcomer and were happy to see Bob, KB1NFQ out and about again.

Copies of directions and materials to build the Fox Hunt Loop antenna were provided to all members wishing to build one. There is also a link to instructions and video for building the Fox Hunt Yagi in our Group IO chat.

June promises to be a busy month for SOVARC with a schedule as follows:

- *June 4*- ARES Hospital Exercise (Mentioned in the ARES section)
- *June 14*- Club POTA activation at the Southstream Wildlife Management Area, 10 am until about noon. (No time limit)
- *June 18*- Pre Field Day meeting at Deer Park at 6:30 pm.
- *June 28/29* Field Day

Local ARES/ RACES Report

Local News: The coil loaded dipole is now installed on the SVMC roof, so we now have capabilities on 2 meters, 440mHz, 40 and 80 meters.

Hospital Drill: June 4, 2 to 4:30 pm a statewide Hospital Drill will be conducted. See announcements on Groups IO, VT-ARES or original email from John Colt.

Digital Nets: These nets are scheduled on a weekly basis on or about 3.570 using the mode THOR 22. Nets are held each Wednesday night at 7pm local, and have a Zoom meeting in session at the same time. The Zoom info is...https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88089907163?pwd=L9IiblvWNZgtitSQTaAUtU8KvsmNol.1 Meeting ID 880 8990 7163

Passcode spCA7P

Ham Radio Trivia Corner

Question: What was the name of the first amateur radio satellite launched and when was it launched?

Answer to last month's question: On page 11 of the 1930 Radio Amateur's Handbook, it reads: "*The Wouff-Hong is amateur radio's most sacred symbol and stands for the enforcement of law and order in amateur operation.*" Some believe its inventor was Hiram Percy Maxim himself. To this day, the order of the Wouff-Hong meet annually at the Dayton Hamfest. The Rettysnitch was an equally intimidating looking device that also helped encourage proper on-air etiquette.

Photos from "Rob's Hamshack " website: *Rob's Ham Shack (The Wouff-Hong and Rettysnitch Legends)*

An Editors Request

Photos, photos- we need lots of them!

When you do an individual POTA activation, clean or redesign your shack, or see any interesting local ham related item, please snap a shot with your cell and send it to me (randyn1sp@gmail.com) so I may include it in the newsletter to share with all the members!

Word Search

The following page contains a word search game whose theme is "Types of antennas" and contains these words:

ARRAY COLLINEAR EFHW SATTELITE MOBILE QUAD VERTICAL BEAM DIPOLE JPOLE MOXON RANDOM STACKED YAGI BEVERAGE DOUBLET LOOP NVIS RHOMBIC TRAPPED These words may be backwards, diagonal, and share letters- Enjoy!

W H K M H X V J K Y L V E R T I C A L T C P G N I

N K C A G A W C M H T O E Y B K T L D W T Y G W J

J M O D N A R H O V U U O E T E P Q L K V O E W G

R W N C P S I J F C D W V P R Q Y T M F I L Y W Z

Y N M P B V X B Q E E E W Y A I T R S L O K B B L

X U I L Y R J E P D R U B W P M E Y X P M S Z R A

U R Y P B J O K K A G S T R P O Z S J N K I T V J

Z S A C U J Y P G U X F Z Y E X K W U R C L X I Q

A X T E U S X E Q O H H H J D O T E O F A Z G T C

L Z X B N K D R M V T B R V V N U I F O X A R J X

R H O M B I C B S A T E L L I T E F U D Y W S P L

R R K N D B L A N T V P B T L E J Q E O V N E C E

U Z V A R M U L V H W U Z W O S I V N L H C E H C

L D L D S H M Q O N L L H D F C B X H Q L S T E X

D P J A M W C R C C P B E S B D B X A P S R O T W

S F A I P X Q N J B M K Y C O J A D M L G J V H A

V N N R D B K V Y U C S D U I D C I A O A S R L X

Y E A A R Z J R S A B T B I W N J Z R M G E H F D

U S M T Z A G C T D M L G J H V Q L M G P A O Y I

V U H O G P Y S Y H E T B B U J Z T A D A N J W P

V T E K B E W S F T E Z F B R X E X E H C N I J O

H L I D W I G V M X D E R H N Y Z N B O F U P N L

M O O A Y K L L G N Q U X Q B O W V W T J I F N E

R X R U C H G E T S M C A T C C L A Q A O Z D Q L

Y Z D Q Z I R D Z M M P K D E E Y I A W R W I E U

Ham Happenings

Hamfests:

06/07/2025 - East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association 2025 Hamfest

Location: Rensselaer, NY
Sponsor: East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association
Talk-In: 444.700, PL 94.8
Public Contact: Bryan Jackson , W2RBJ
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Contests:

Kentucky QSO Party- June 7/8 http://www.kyqsoparty.org/rules/

Asia/Pacific SSB Sprint- June 14 1100-1300z http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt

Portugal Day Contest- June 14/15 https://portugaldaycontest.rep.pt/rules.php

ARRL June VHF/UHF Contest- June 14-16 https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf

West Virginia QSO Party- June 21/22 https://www.qsl.net/wvqp/

ARRL Field Day- June 28/29 http://www.arrl.org/field-day

For many more and special interest contests, please visit the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at: https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.php

Special Events:

Due to the volume of specials events, we direct you to https://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:1/model:Event

Upcoming DX Expeditions:

T88SG- Koror Island- May 22 until May 31

E6RS- Niue Island- May 2 until mid June

ZK3ZK- Tokelau- Around mid June

Swapmeet – For Sale/Wanted

This area is intended for the use of dues paying members of SOVARC to post personal ham radio related items for sale or wanted. Each month the list will be deleted, but you may repost it for as long as you wish.

To advertise an item for sale, a want, give away or a repost contact N1SP (Editor)