

Catamount Radio Issues List

Catamount Radio (WDVT, WJEN, WJJR, WSYB, WZRT) serves our city of license (Rutland/Killington) and beyond to the surrounding areas by gearing our programming to meet the areas of concern to our community members through our issues list.

Our radio stations' staff meets regularly to discuss these issues of importance and based upon recommendations from community leaders, and news topics, both local and regional. We arrive at our issues list and focus our *public service and public affairs* in that direction.

We integrate guests (usually local experts) into our regular programming. Our issues, although addressed in pre-recorded PSA's, are also presented in a more informal fashion with "live" in-studio interviews with representatives from the police department, schools, hospitals and various community leaders.

The stations also broadcast numerous free announcements from non-profit community organizations who request such time to promote their causes.

We also execute a number of "on-location" broadcasts if the event warrants such activity. Catamount Radio believes that *public service is more than lip service*. We know we can encourage more people by example, rather than just more talk.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

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2022 Q1 WJEN

Program: Our Town

Sat 4-9-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

Jim Andrews B.A. M.A. was our guest.

Jim is a scientist and works with the Vermont State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Federal Government with Herpetological Projects. We covered a 10-segment brief of reptiles and amphibians. Jim discussed his work with dozens of species of critters from “Sported Salamanders” to Mud Puppies, Turtles and Snakes. The interaction of people and critters, the evolution of reptiles and man and what nature can tell us about who we are and where we are going.

Sat 4-16-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

This was an In-Studio Guest Show: local hunter and avid runner, Mike Canty was in to discuss the up-coming Turkey Season and lead a general discussion of Calling, Cammo and General Turkey Hunting Safety. We also discussed how to score in the cold high water on Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season. (4-9-2022) We fielded some interesting calls about Posted-Land here in Rutland County and beyond. Mike brought in some slate and box calls and demonstrated them live on the air. The general Turkey discussion centered on how healthy the birds are here in Vermont and how they flourished since being re-introduced in the early 1970s.

Sat 4-23-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minute

We covered “Shed Hunting” which is the search for deer horns that have been shed by the animals late in the fall and early winter. Jeremy Ballantine, a registered Vermont Guide and Maine Guide, gave a very concise explanation of how the shed process in the Whitetail Deer’s life cycle occurs. He also talked about how deer change their patterns as the 4-seasons progress here in Vermont and why Spring Scouting of deer habitat is so important is the process of learning deer habits and habitat. Morgan Govey’a and his fiancée Tammy were also on the air with us. Morgan, who is a solid advocate for The National Wild Turkey Federation, spoke of the recent banquet held in West Rutland. Sixty thousand dollars was raised for the cause. Tammy gave us a Woman’s Perspective of hunting and being in the outdoor environment. Women are joining the ranks of outdoor enthusiasts in Vermont in ever increasing numbers. Our sponsor and co-producer Greg Boglioli of Vermont. Field Sports in Middlebury was also with us from New Jersey to help set the tone for spring and summer outdoor activities.

Sat 4-30-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

This Saturday was a 6-segment show with plenty of information prepared by the host Mike Cameron. We presented in this order: Vermont Youth Turkey Hunting Week-End and Mentor Turkey hunting week-end. We started the show with a weather summary for the morning hunt on Saturday. Youth covered 2-days with the regular season beginning on May 1st till the 31st.

Water safety was discussed and why cold water emersion is an immediate threat to someone’s life.

Wilderness First Aid was also discussed the basic First Aid Kit was also presented by the host.

Walleye Fishing was presented and we mentioned some of the ways that the fish are taken in Vermont and where fish can be found.

Rutland's Pine Hill Park is open! Reasons were presented as to why this resource is important to the City and the Rutland Region.

Respecting Private Property Rights and why more and more private property owners are posting their Land. 1-call about the property rights segment.

Sat 5-7-2022 - @ @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

This show featured a guest in studio. Paul Boyer who heads-up the

Annual Kiwanis Combination Pond Fishing Derby, was in the studio to explain this year's event and who some of the sponsors and what some of the prizes are. The event is being held on the 7th of May from 8am till 11am at the pond at 9-Sharon Drive in Rutland.

Kiwanis International locally has an active club here in Rutland and is also looking for new members. Greg Bog was also with us via the phone to talk about the Youth Turkey Day and

Mentor Day results this year at his store in Middlebury. A number of healthy 20-plus pound birds were shot this year (2022). Habitat looks good and the flock so far looks good.

The Vermont Wild Turkey Season has become one of the most significant spring economic drivers for State of Vermont Outdoor Dollars ever.

Sat 5-14-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

We get a local on-scene report from the Kiwanis

Free Kids Fishing Derby, live from Combination Pond at 9-Sharon Dr. Rutland. Paul Boyer the Event Coordinator and Greg Tatco the President of Kiwanis were on live from the event. Upwards of 500-kids and their families register for the Derby every year and the weather was perfect this year. Over 50-area businesses and the Vermont Fish and Wild Life Service were involved in this year's event held Saturday for one morning from 8:30am till 11:00am.

Sat 5-21-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

This week's show featured a brief review of current seasons underway through the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department...namely:

Walleye-fishing-season, Vermont Wild Turkey Season (Up-date) and the beginning of some of the best hiking treks of the year.

We also mentioned the Coin Drop for Ukrainian Refugee women and kids that will be conducted by Rutland Rotary South on Saturday 5-21-2022 from 9am till 1pm.

The continued conversation concerning the application of an herbicide permit for Lake Bomoseen in Castleton was presented for discussion. Added to the conversation was the recent vote by the Castleton Vermont Select-board not to recommend spraying the lake for nuisance-lake-vegetation.

Members-(mostly property owners), of the lake Bomoseen Assn. want to spray and to control the weeds.

Fishing has been excellent of late and the local fishing reports are very good with catches of trout and bull-head reported. I caught 5-nice brook trout with the largest at just under 15-inches.

Sat 5-28-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

We continued with some of the important Vermont Outdoor Issues of the day. We took a look at some of the wild-life opportunities that are now open here in our region. We began with a conversation about destinations in Vermont that hold some important recreational resources. Rutland's Pine Hill Park and Georgetti Complex. The D&H Rail Trail in Castleton and Poultney is an important hiking and biking path. There was also a brief discussion of getting out and enjoying activities in the fresh air near home including walking and perhaps using a bike more. Greg Bog had some thoughts about spring trout fishing opportunities now in the works. 4-calls and a letter to the show

Sat 6-11-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

We began to talk a bit about some graduation gifts for 2022 in the inventory at Vermont Field Sports in Middlebury and we were looking forward to some of the summer outdoor events coming-up. The Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby will be held Father's Day week-end. We took some time to remember Richard Phillips last week. Richard was the founder of our sponsor business, Vermont Field Sports in Middlebury and spent many years developing the business into a successful outdoor enterprise.

Sat 6-18-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

Roger Loizelle was in to talk about R-V's and why people continue to enjoy the freedom of self- contained travel.

Roger explained from his on-the-road experience that he and his wife Donna have had a fantastic time traveling and seeing new places. He was also pleased that they have made new and lasting friends while traveling in their motor-home. Roger gave listeners some timely tips on purchasing a motor home and what to look for in new and used units. He also gave us some behind the wheel driving tips as to how it feels to be driving such a large vehicle on the high-way and on secondary roads. Tips on fuel usage and planning were also discussed. 1-call.

Sat 6-25-2022 - @ 6am

Duration: 60 minutes

The Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby was mentioned and why many families and friends have fished this late spring derby for generations. We also covered the importance of the

Walleye recovery program here in Vermont from stocking to the reduction of the sea lamprey population in Lake Champlain. The importance of walking and exercise was also mentioned.

Summer camps were also covered. A call from Greg Bog at Vermont Field Sports let listeners know about the new "Fish Hawk" sonar unit and what other new gear is on the market.