

FIELD DAY 2026 K1WAS & N1KT

ARRL FIELD DAY



JUNE 27–28

Summer Field Day 2026: Teamwork, Training, and a Great Weekend of Radio

Our Summer Field Day operation, held June 27–28, 2026, was another successful weekend of amateur radio, camaraderie, and emergency communications training. This year's event was hosted by the Westport Astronomical Society Amateur Radio Club (K1WAS) at 182 Bayberry Lane in Westport, Connecticut, with participation from the Greater Fairfield Amateur Radio Association, the Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club, our club and our gracious hosts at the Westport Astronomical Society ARC.

Setup began on Friday and continued through late Saturday morning as volunteers assembled three operating stations. Our antenna systems included the triplexer and Hex Beam for 10, 15, and 20 meters, along with an Off-Center-Fed Dipole covering 40 and 80 meters. We operated three stations in the Class D (Home Station) category.

Adapting to the Situation

Our original goal was ambitious: field five stations operating on emergency power, including an alternate power station, while surpassing last year's bonus point total. As the old saying goes, "The harvest was plentiful, but the laborers were few" (with apologies to the original Author!) Unfortunately, we were unable to recruit enough operators willing to set up and manage generators in the forecast of possible rainy weather. Rather than overextend ourselves, we made the practical decision to operate indoors on commercial power as a Class D station—a format that has served us well in previous years.

While it wasn't the Field Day configuration we had initially envisioned, it proved to be the right choice for this year's circumstances.

By the Numbers

The operating results speak for themselves:

- **535 CW contacts**
- **600 Digital contacts**
- **54 Phone (SSB) contacts**

Total Contacts: 1,189 QSOs

Scoring:

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- CW + Digital: 1,135 contacts × 2 points = **2,270 points**
- Phone: 54 contacts × 1 point = **54 points**

Total QSO Points: 2,324

Operating at 100 watts doubled our score:

2,324 × 2 = 4,648 QSO points

Bonus Points Earned

We also earned an impressive **710 bonus points**:

- Media Publicity – 100
- Social Media – 100
- Message Origination to Section Manager – 100
- Message Handling (10 messages) – 100
- W1AW Bulletin – 100
- Youth Participation – 20
- Educational Activity – 100
- Web Submission – 50
- Field Day Site Responsibilities – 50

Total Bonus Points: 720

Final Claimed Score

4,648 QSO Points + 720 Bonus Points = 5,368 Total Points claimed



Emergency Communications Training

One question often asked after Field Day is, "How did we practice Emergency Communications?"

The answer is: in many practical ways.

We built three stations from scratch, erected the Off-Center-Fed Dipole, established the station infrastructure, coordinated food and refreshments to keep operators fueled throughout the event, and maintained operation during the Field Day contest period.

While we may not have exercised every aspect of a traditional emergency deployment, we certainly practiced many of the essential skills that would be required during an actual emergency: planning, setup, teamwork, station management, communications, operator scheduling, and keeping everyone productive throughout the event.

Mission accomplished.

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A Great Team Effort

Operating K1WAS during Field Day were:

Steve K1RF, Jon AI1V, Larry AB1JC, Jeff KB1LZ, David KB1LTW, Jim W1RAZ, Sam W1SMF, Marilyn NU7T, David N1DPD, Martin K1MGD, Jim KA1PUG, Jonah KB1RXB, Peter KC1YRA, Jason KI6JXJ, and Alyson KC1YRK.

We were also honored to welcome Connecticut Section Manager and club member Douglas WA1SFH as our VIP guest during the weekend.

Did We Have Fun?

Absolutely!

From the teamwork during setup, to the laughs during the annual "State of the Union" club presentation, to the excitement of making contacts throughout the contest, Field Day once again reminded us why we enjoy amateur radio.

Every antenna raised, every contact logged, every shared meal, and every laugh contributed to a memorable weekend. While the score is certainly something to celebrate, the friendships, cooperation, and hands-on experience are what make Field Day truly successful.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated. Here's to an even bigger and better Field Day in 2027!

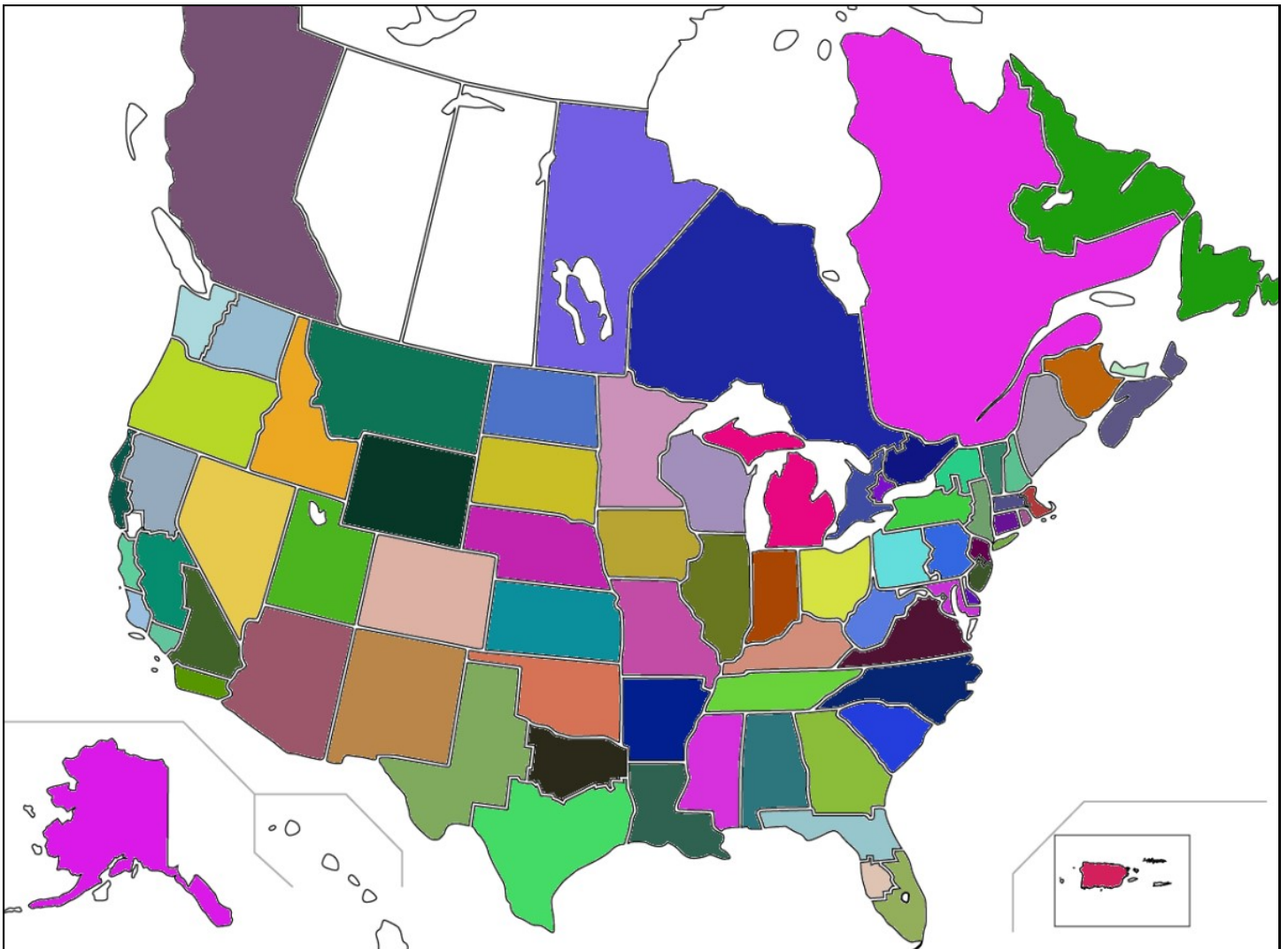
The screenshot shows the N3FJP software interface. At the top, there's a menu bar with 'File', 'Band', 'Mode', 'View', 'Network', 'Operator', and 'Help'. Below it is a 'Recent Contacts' table with columns for Call, Class, Sec, Date / Time, Bnd, Mode, Country, Initials, and Operator. The table lists several contacts from 06/28 18:00 to 06/28 17:55. To the right of the table is a 'Score Statistics' panel with buttons for 'Total CW Contacts', 'Total Phone Contacts', 'Total DIG Contacts', 'Total QSO Points', 'QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)', and 'QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)'. Below the table is a 'Possible Duplicates' section showing 'Pennsylvania Total = 25' and 'PH=1 DIG=9'. The main part of the interface is a state grid for Connecticut, with columns for DX, 3, 5, 7, and 0. The grid shows various state abbreviations like DE, MDC, EPA, WPA, AR, NTX, LA, OK, MS, STX, NM, WTX, AL, SC, GA, SFL, KY, TN, NC, VA, NFL, VI, PR, WCF, EB, SCV, LAX, SDG, ORG, SF, PAC, SJV, SB, SV, MI, WV, OH, WY, IL, WI, IN, AB, BC, GH, MB, NB, NL, NS, CO, IA, KS, MN, SD, MO, NE, OK, TX, WY, AZ, NV, OR, UT, ID, WVA, MT, WY, and Canada (AB, BC, GH, MB, NB, NL, NS, ON, PE, QC, SK, YT). At the bottom, there's a status bar showing 'Band: 20', 'Mode: DIG', 'K1WAS', '3D', 'CT', and a timer showing '8:20:15' and '12:20:15'.

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Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	20	1	28	49	4
40	232	28	205	465	39
20	281	0	147	428	36
15	0	25	146	171	14
10	0	0	74	74	6
Total	533	54	600	1,187	100

Band Mode breakdown



Worked 49 states (including Alaska), 11 Canadian Provinces, USVI & P. Rico

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Country	Total	%
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USA	1,110	94
Canada	63	5
Puerto Rico	7	1
Australia	2	0
Mexico	2	0
Alaska	1	0
Dominican Republic	1	0
England	1	0
Total = 8		

Worked 8 countries

Total Contacts by Initials:		
Initials	Total	%
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SBD	534	45
JC	166	14
JP	133	11
LJR	87	7
DHS	77	6
JPO	42	4
SMF	30	3
MFR	23	2
DD	20	2
MD	15	1
JBF	14	1
JW	14	1
PP	14	1
JB	13	1
AND	5	0
Total = 15		

15 operators initials

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Although Gary, WE1M, was not feeling well enough to remain at the Field Day site after giving his presentation, he wasn't ready to call it a day. After arriving home and getting some much-needed rest, Gary decided to get on the air for a few hours and put **N1KT** on the air from his home station. In effect, we had an unexpected "second Field Day station!"

Operating in the **1D** category, Gary used his **Kenwood TS-590S** and a **4-band trapped vertical antenna** mounted approximately 25 feet above ground. Assisted by his XYL and fellow club member **Barbara, KA1SHN**, HARC operated on **20 and 40 meters** using **FT4 and FT8**.

Their efforts produced an impressive **120 contacts**, reaching **34 states** (including Hawaii), **5 countries**, **4 Canadian provinces**, **Puerto Rico**, and the **U.S. Virgin Islands**.

Here's how the scoring worked:

- **120 contacts × 2 points per digital contact = 240 QSO points**
 - **Power multiplier of 2 = 480 QSO points**
 - **Site Responsibilities Sheet bonus = 50 points**
 - **Electronic submission bonus = 50 points**
- Final Score: 580 points**

Gary's determination to continue operating from home turned an early departure into a valuable contribution to the club's overall Field Day effort. Many thanks to Gary WE1M & Barbara KA1SHN for putting N1KT on the air and adding another successful chapter to this year's Field Day!

Score Statistics	
Total CW Contacts	0
Total Phone Contacts	0
Total DIG Contacts	120
Total QSO Points	480
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	0
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	0

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Current Band & Mode		Recent Contacts										Score Statistics					
Rec	Call	Class	Sec	Date / Time	Bnd	Mode	Country	Initials	Operator			Total CW Contacts	Total Phone Contacts	Total DIG Contacts	Total QSO Points	QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)
120	KR4LOJ	1B	NC	06/28 14:19	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
119	AJ4A	6A	KY	06/28 14:10	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
118	W8XRN	3F	OH	06/28 14:09	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
117	W0OJY	3A	SD	06/28 14:06	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
116	W4DW	5A	NC	06/28 14:01	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
115	K4HNT	1E	NC	06/28 13:57	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
114	KC4SCO	2A	NC	06/28 13:54	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
113	K0A	3A	MO	06/28 13:51	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
112	AE8MM	1D	OH	06/28 13:43	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
111	NE4S	1D	GA	06/28 13:40	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0
110	KA4ZZZ	2E	GA	06/28 13:37	20	FT4	USA	GTM	WE1M			0	0	120	480	0	0

Call	Class	Section	DX	3	5	7	0
Ready to begin! Please select your band and mode from the menu!							
Possible Duplicates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any Portion			CT RI	AL SC	EB SCV	MI WV	AB ONE
Santa Barbara Total = 0			EMA VT	GA SFL	LAX SDG	OH	BC ONN
			ME WMA	KY TN	ORG SF		GH ONS
			NH	NC VA	PAC SJV		MB PE
				NFL VI	SB SV		NB QC
				PR WCF			NL SK
							NS TER
			ENY NNY				
			NLI SNJ				
			NNJ WNY				

Bearing: Miles: Band: 20 Mode: DIG N1KT 1D CT 3:11:53 PM 19:11:53 UTC

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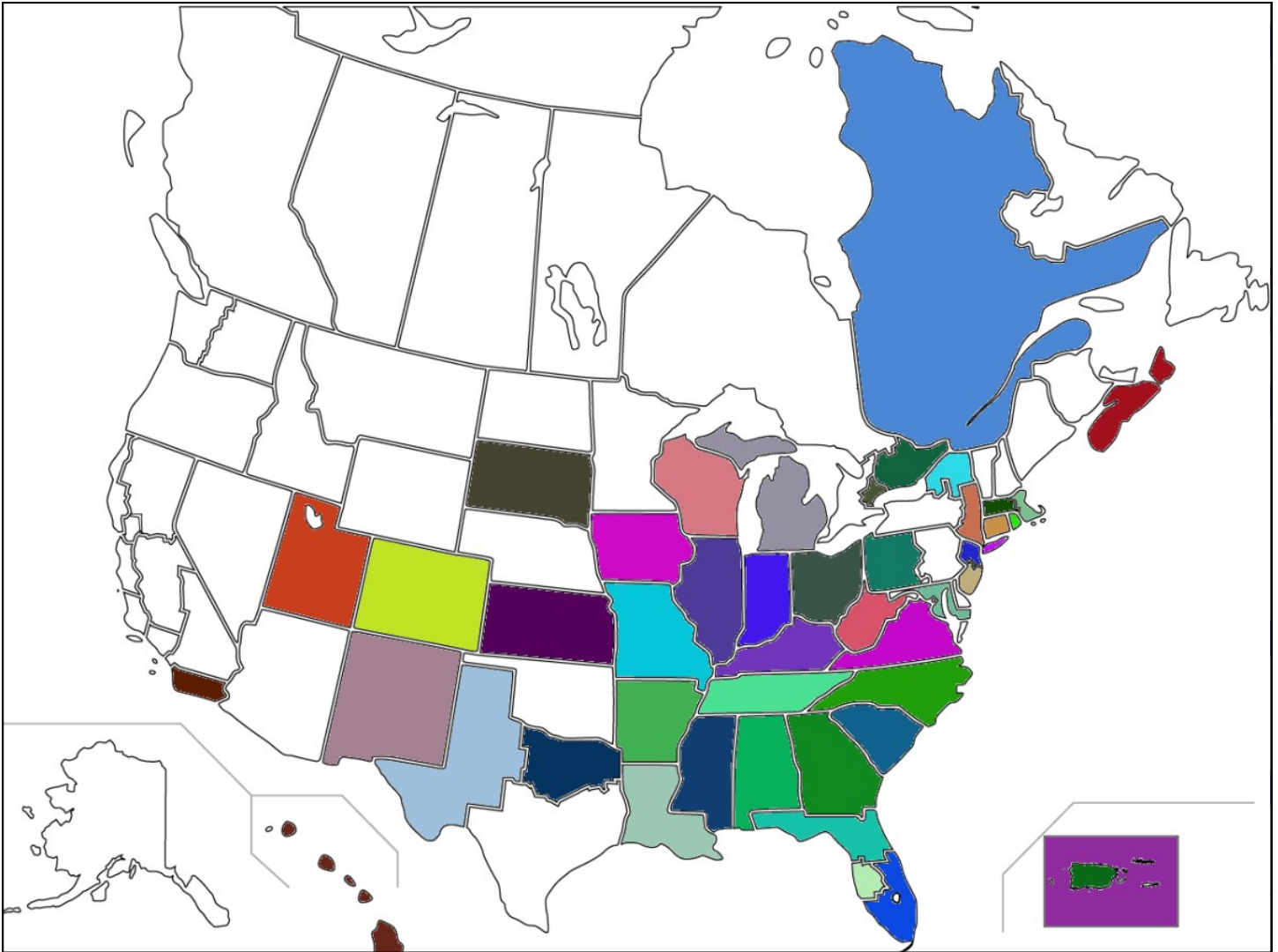
Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
40	0	0	15	15	13
20	0	0	105	105	88
Total	0	0	120	120	100

Band Mode breakdown N1KT

Country	Total	%
USA	112	93
Canada	4	3
Hawaii	2	2
Puerto Rico	1	1
US Virgin Is.	1	1
Total = 5		

Worked 5 countries

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34 States (including Hawaii), 4 Canadian Provinces, USVI & P. Rico