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The Housatonic Amateur Radio Club

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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

Our annual formal meeting is held every Winter Field Day, and our informal meeting is held every Summer Field Day. Both meetings are held during set up time prior to the event start. Our next meeting (formal) is currently scheduled for Saturday January 28, 2023. All vaccinated members are urged to attend this meeting and event.



Monthly Zoom video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. No meetings are held during the summer. Our upcoming meetings are scheduled for

- Monday October 3, 2022 at 8 pm.
- Monday November 7, 2022 at 8 pm.
- Monday December 5, 2022 at 8 pm.

SEPTEMBER ZOOM MEETING





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Our monthly Zoom club meeting was held on Monday September 12, 2022. In attendance were:

Sam W1SMF, Alex N1AK, Jon AI1V, Ned KA1CVv, Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M and Marilyn NU7T.

The following was discussed:

2022 ARRL DX CONTEST RESULTS

- We placed 1^{st} in CT and 4^{th} in New England 1 call area.
- Contest certificate on Web Page

FIELD DAY

Job well done.

WINTER FIELD DAY

- Coming Soon to a theater near you!
- Do we want to operate at WAS or all from home?

UPCOMING CONTESTS

- September 24-25 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest
- Oct 29-30 CQ WW DX SSB Contest
- Nov 5-7 Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 19-21 Sweepstakes Phone
- Nov 26-27 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 2-4 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 10-11 ARRL 10 meter Contest

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

• October 9 - Nut Fest Hamfest, North Haven, CT

PIZZA PARTY?

- Everyone expressed interest in a pizza party at East Village Rec Center
- Larry to investigate availability of East Village Rec Center
- Date?
- Who is interested?

XMAS BUFFET DINNER

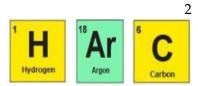
- Everyone expressed interest in reviving the Xmas Buffet at Vazzano's Tuesday Night Buffet
- When?
- Who is interested?
- Normally \$25/person but Xmas they raise their prices

OTHER

Spoke about replacing the vertical on the North tower with the hex beam.

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2022 ARRL DX PHONE TEST RESULTS - WE PLACED 1ST IN CT & 4TH IN NEW ENGLAND

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In the 2022 ARRL DX Phone Contest, we operated using N1KT in the Multi Op, single transmitter, high power category. We operated from Westport Astronomical Society in Westport, CT. We achieved #1 in CT and #4 in the 1 call area. Thanks go out to operators Mike KA1EOU, David KB1LTW. Marilyn KB1YYO (now NU7T) and Gary WE1M.



Here is a copy of our award Certificate

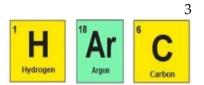
SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Breakfast at Famous 50's Diner, July 2, 2022.



LtoR: Jeff KB1LZ, Sam W1SMF and Mike KA1EOU. Don't get caught below the KT boundary, rise above with N1KT

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Breakfast at Chips in Fairfield, CT July 9, 2022. LtoR: Sam W1SMF, Jeff KB1LZ, Alex N1AK, Jim W1RAZ and Jim KC1RBG



Breakfast at Circle Diner, in Fairfield, CT Aug 13, 2022. LtoR: Mike KA1EOU, Jeff KB1LZ, Sam W1SMF, Larry AB1JC and Gary WE1M

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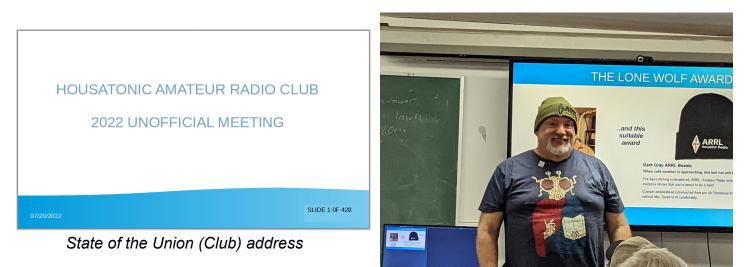


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FIELD DAY 2022

Gary WE1M gave a State of the Union (Club) presentation prior to the start of Field Day. He covered the state of the club and all activities we have done since Winter Field Day. He also gave out awards and previewed future activities.



Dan N3DAW enjoys his new prize hat



Larry shows off his NEQP Award



Looking up the tower toward the FD hex beam

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Ned KA1CVv accepts his FD chef award (left) and (right) Douglas WA1SFH performs a FD educational activity by showing Dave KB1LTW and the rest of us how to tie a tower knot safely.



Gary WE1M giving his annual State of the Union (club) presentation whilst interested members of Greater Norwalk ARC, Greater Fairfield ARA, Westport Astro Society ARC and HARC are mesmerized by his words!

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FIELD DAY 2022 PICTURES







Installing the Off Center Fed Dipole



4 band trapped vertical antenna



Marty K1MGD taking GNARC trailer home from FD



Station working FT8

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Marilyn NU7T, Jim KC1RBG, unknown members of GNARC and Jon Al1V



Jon AI1V contemplating the meaning of life



HEX Beam up and beautiful



Gary WE1M & Steve K1RF give a "thumbs up" to Larry AB1JC

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OUR COOKS

Ned KA1CVv, David KB1LTW & Sam W1SMF fed us really well at Summer Field Day, bacon, eggs, Munster cheese (Herman?) on hard rolls for breakfast. Hot dogs, burgers and large Big Y submarine sandwiches for dinner. Sides included baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, all with assorted desserts. Coffee, soda, water, ice tea et. al. were available. Thanx to all who cooked and brought food.



Left: Dave's bacon ready to eat!

Right: Dave KB1LTW asserted his culinary mastery with mass quantities of bacon and eggs.



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OUR PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Here is a run down of our 2022 Field Day effort. Official results will not be issued by NAAR until December 2022. We made a total of 985 contacts, of which 523 were CW, 238 Digital and 224 phone. 40 and 20 seem to be our most productive bands with 49 and 39% of our contacts respectively.

Total	Contacts	by Band	and Mod	e:	
Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	olo
80	24	48	0	72	7
40	377	73	28	478	49
20	122	100	159	381	39
15	0	0	41	41	4
10	0	0	10	10	1
6	0	3	0	3	0
Total	523	224	238	985	100

Contacts by Band & Mode

Total Conta	cts by	Operator:
Operator	Total	00
K1RF	523	53
N3DAW	182	18
AB1JC	71	7
KB1LZ	30	3
W1SMF	28	
AI1V	23	2
N1DPD	23	2
WA1SFH	19	2
N1ICL	15	2
KA1EOU	14	1
KB1LTW	12	1
W1IP	11	1
WJ1M	8	1
KC1RBG	6	1
W1KRI	5	1
KB1QZH	4	0
W1CAH	4	0
WE1M	4	0
KA1CVV	3	0
Total = 19		

Score Statistics					
Total CW Contacts	523				
Total Phone Contacts	224				
Total DIG Contacts	238				
Total QSO Points	1,746				
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	0				
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	0				

Steve K1RF made the most of our contacts with 523 or 53% followed by Dan N3DAW at 182 and Larry AB1JC (our night shift operator) at 71 contacts.

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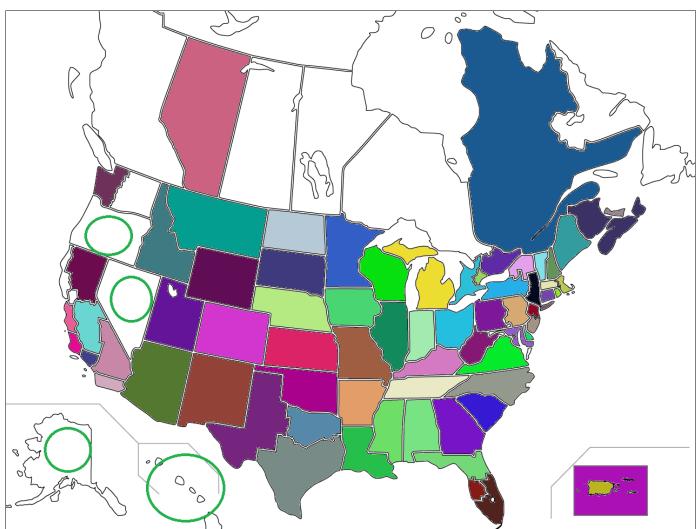
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N3FJP map of Sections. We worked 46 states, 4 Canadian Providences & Puerto Rico.

QSO POINTS

We made a total of	of 985 contacts
523 CW x 2	= 1046 points
238 Digital x 2	= 476 points
224 phone x 1	= 224 points
Total QSO Points	s = 1746 points x 2 power multiplier = 3492

BONUS POINTS

Media publicity	100	Formal message to ARRL SM	100
W1AW message	100	Formal messages handled 10 x 10 ea.	100
Site visit served agency	100	Educational Activity	100
Social media	100		
Submitted via website	50		
Total Bonus Points 750			
Total Points Scored 349	2 + 75	0 = 4.242	

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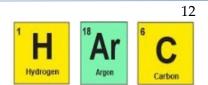
We want to thank all of the hard work put in by Greater Norwalk ARC especially Jon AI1V, Dan N3DAW & Steve K1RF who helped make this FD a great time. We also want to thank the members of Greater Fairfield ARA, Westport Astro Society ARC and our club members (Housatonic ARC) for their work. Something of this size requires coordination and hard work to have 4 clubs get together for the first time and have it go so smoothly. Cudo's to all involved!

Below is a partial sort (by entry category) of New England scores. It shows only K1WAS is in the 3D category within New England. (Other NE pages do not include 3D category and are omitted for brevity).

WIASP		Complete		2B2	VT	
WIFM		Complete	Yankee Clipper Contest Club	2D	EMA	
N1EG		Complete	Coastline Amateur Radio Association	2D	CT	
K0JEB		Complete	Southeastern CT Amateur Radio Society	2D	CT	
W1DXG		Complete	NEARDXG	2E	WMA	
		_	ARC of the Vintage Radio and			
W1VCM		Complete	Communication Museum of Connecticut	2E	CT	
W10RS		Complete	Stratford Amateur Radio Club	2E	CT	
N1 YKH		Complete		2E	CT	
KC1CUE		Complete	Coventry (RI) EMA	2F	RI	
WA1USA		Complete	RICOMU/RIEMA	2F	RI	
W1NRG	W1FD	Complete	Meriden ARC	2F	CT	
W1MA		Complete	Barnstable Amateur Radio Club	3A	EMA	
W1BOS		Complete	Boston ARC	3A	EMA	
WIMX		Complete	MIT Radio Society	3A	EMA	
NS1RA		Complete	North Shore Radio Association	3A	EMA	
W1TU	KB1NEB	Complete	Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association	3A	ME	
K1LX	K1NI	Complete	Lincoln County ARC	3A	ME	
K1PQ	KB1WEA	Complete	Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club	3A	ME	
WW1IE	KB1GEO	Complete	St Croix Valley Amateur Radio Club	3A	ME	
W1M	N5QYQ	Complete	Wireless Society of Southern Maine	3A	ME	
W1FZ		Complete	Great Bay RA	3A	NH	
N1FD		Complete	Nashua Area Radio Society	3A	NH	
K1R		Complete	Port City Amateur Radio Club	3A	NH	
W1OP	W1B	Complete	Providence Radio Assn	3A	RI	
W1BD	N1LED	Complete	Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club	3A	VT	
WINY		Complete	Hampden County Radio Association	3A	WMA	
K1HRR		Complete	Hop River Radio Club	3A	CT	
W1BAA		Complete	Southern Berkshire ARC	3A	CT	
WIECV		Complete	Southington Amateur Radio Association	3A	CT	
K1WAS		Complete	Westport Astronomical Society ARC	3D	CT	
W1C		Complete	Providence Radio Assn	3E	RI	
KA1GG		Complete	Pilgrem Amateur Wireless Association	3F	EMA	
W10CA		Complete	Oxford County ARES Maine	3F	ME	
WC1SW		Complete	SOUTHWICK RACES	3F	WMA	
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ALL 3D SUMMER FIELD DAY ENTRIES

Here is a list of all the Field Day entries for the 3D category. Those with Pending Documents are eliminated. As you can see, there are only 11 viable candidates including K1WAS. We have a good chance to be in the top 10 in the entire FD in the 3D Category. Actual scores and places will be determined and published in December QST.

1	W4BLT	Complete	Blount County Amateur Radio Club	3D	AL
2	W7TBC	Complete	Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club	3D	AZ
3	K1WAS	Complete	Westport Astronomical Society ARC	3D	CT
4	K4NGA	Complete	NORTH GA VHF SOCIETY	3D	GA
5	W4TFM	Complete	SOUTH GA ARC	3D	GA
6	N2BJ	Complete	Metro DX Club	3D	IL
7	W5EA	Complete	NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club	3D	LA
8	K5WFR	Complete	Plano AR Klub	3D	NTX
9	K4TN	Complete	Brandon Amateur Radio Society	3D	WCF
10	W4TA	Complete	St Petersburg ARC	3D	WCF
11	N9UW	Complete	Space Place Amateur Radio Center	3D	WI
	KE0THM	Pending documents	Smoking Hot Radios ARC	3D	IA
	KC5CWW	Pending documents	George County ARES	3D	MS
	W6BML	Pending documents	Mount Shasta Amateur Radio Club	3D	sv

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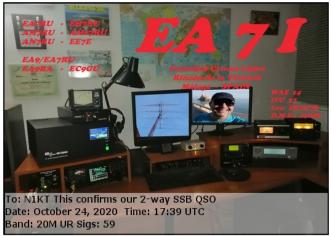




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NEW QSLs RECEIVED









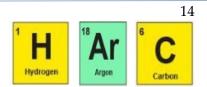
To: N1KT This confirms our 2-way SSB QSO Date: October 24, 2020 Time: 20:07 UTC Band: 15M UR Sigs: 59

Spain, Guadeloupe, Washington state and Argentina

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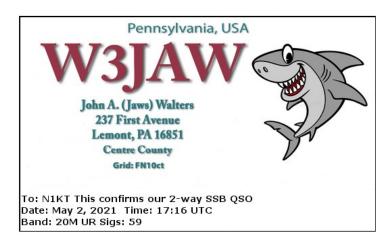
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Pennsylvania, Ohio and France

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BALLOON LAUNCHES - WEATHER BALLOON

We launched a Weather Balloon on Sunday August 14, 2022 from Veteran's Park, Park Avenue Bridgeport. Attending this launch were representatives of the Univ of Bridgeport, Univ of New Haven, CT Space Grant and HARC. The purpose of this flight was to provide experience to team members in launching a helium filled balloon in preparation for the Solar Eclipses in 2023 and 2024. Tnx Sam W1SMF for photos.



Assisting Dr Pallis KC1MHU in launch was Sam KC1HOD, Jeff KB1LZ, Larry AB1JC, Sam W1SMF, Jim KC1RBH and Gary WE1M. Arriving after the launch was Mike KA1EOU.

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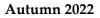


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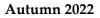
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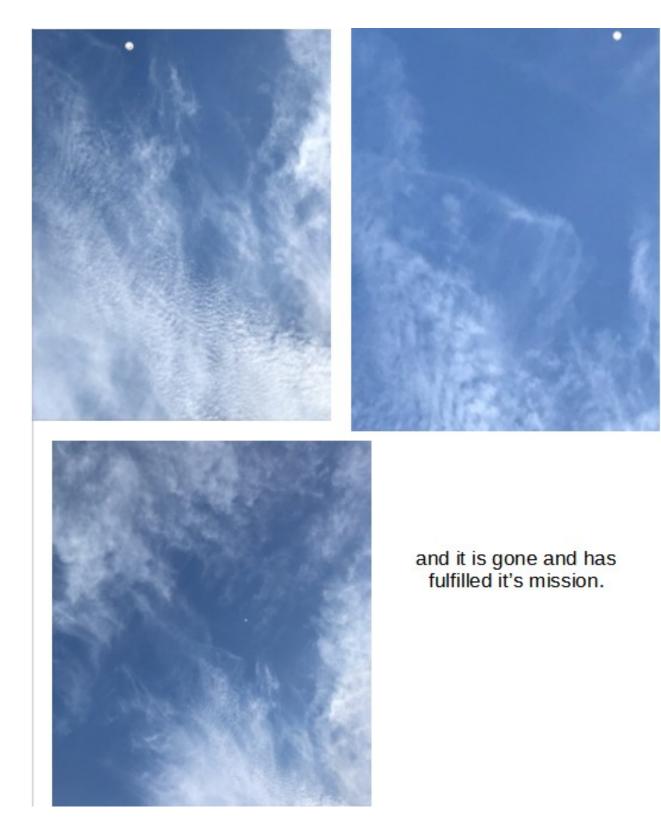






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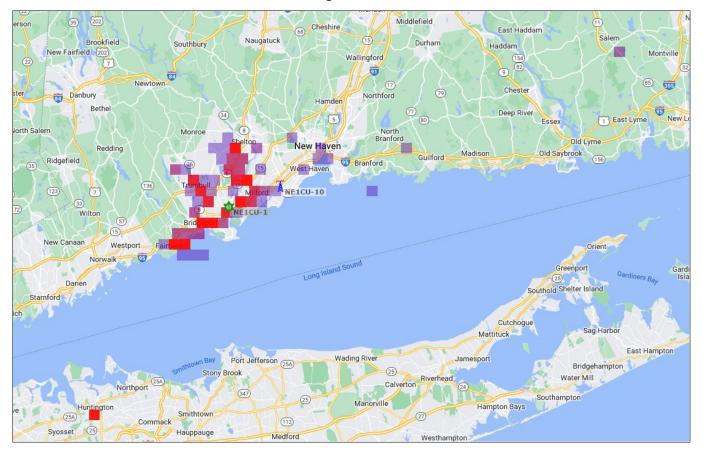






APRS UPDATE

APRS station NE1CU-1 is operated by Ken NE1CU and Gary WE1M. It's coverage information for the first three weeks of August 2022 is shown below.



Stations heard directly by NE1CU-1 shown on a map above. Stations which heard NE1CU-1 directly, are shown in a list below.

Stations wh	nich he	ard NE1CU-	1 directly	on radio –	2022-08	~				
callsign	pkts	first heard -	EDT	last hear	d	longest		(tx => rx)	longest at -	EDT
KX1EOC-15	х з	2022-08-02	06:50:41	2022-08-	12 05:59:28	FN31KE	> FN31GI	20.8 miles 300°	2022-08-12	05:59:28
EKONCT	10	2022-08-06	02:50:35	2022-08-3	21 01:11:13	FN31KE	> FN41BP	73.4 miles 64°	2022-08-21	01:11:13
N3LEE-4	1	2022-08-21	05:11:12	2022-08-3	21 05:11:12	FN31KE	> FN41FX	97.2 miles 56°	2022-08-21	05:11:12
W2LRC	2	2022-08-15	13:59:20	2022-08-3	21 03:11:14	FN31KE	> FN30GU	28.5 miles 213°	2022-08-21	03:11:14
NE1CU-10 7	213	2022-07-31	20:50:42	2022-08-3	22 19:11:09	FN31KE	> FN31LF	6.5 miles 69°	2022-08-22	19:11:09
K1RK-1	х з	2022-08-01	00:50:43	2022-08-	06 04:50:36	FN31KE	> FN41QO	133.5 miles 77°	2022-08-06	04:50:36
W1AEC-1	2	2022-08-04	06:50:38	2022-08-3	21 05:11:14	FN31KE	> FN41MO	116.6 miles 75°	2022-08-21	05:11:14
N1NW	x 5	2022-08-05	08:50:40	2022-08-3	21 21:11:17	FN31KE	> FN31WN	59.0 miles 64°	2022-08-21	21:11:17
WZ2Y-6	1	2022-08-20	05:11:15	2022-08-3	20 05:11:15	FN31KE	> FN30VX	52.4 miles 108º	2022-08-20	05:11:15

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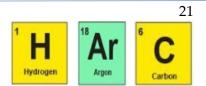
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N4VVV	= 4	2022-08-06 05:35:08	3 2022-08-06 05:42:37	FN31JE > FN31KE	5.4 miles 239°	2022-08-06 05:42:37
SALECT	🕸 З	2022-08-04 01:45:30	0 2022-08-05 03:45:35	FN31VL > FN31KE	49.1 miles 69°	2022-08-05 03:45:35
KK4MBK-9	9 🕫	2022-08-08 09:42:33	3 2022-08-12 12:21:32	FN31NH > FN31KE	13.3 miles 62°	2022-08-08 09:56:34
W1SQL-8	10	7 2022-07-31 20:07:07	7 2022-08-21 17:14:13	FN31OF > FN31KE	16.6 miles 82°	2022-08-19 12:10:32
W2LRC	🏋 57	2022-08-03 01:30:52	2 2022-08-22 07:49:56	FN30GU > FN31KE	28.5 miles 213°	2022-08-22 07:49:56
KB1LTW-9	🚓 2	2022-08-07 15:21:37	7 2022-08-07 18:00:50	FN31JF > FN31KE	5.1 miles 294°	2022-08-07 15:21:37
KC3BBT-9	d 6	2022-08-14 16:22:02	2 2022-08-22 10:33:12	FN31JD > FN31KE	6.5 miles 243°	2022-08-14 16:22:02
KC1KOC-9	, 6	2022-08-01 04:47:13	3 2022-08-10 01:11:56	FN31JD > FN31KE	7.3 miles 238°	2022-08-10 01:02:09
KA2DEW-8	🚓 З	2022-08-14 13:38:20	0 2022-08-14 13:40:56	FN31LG > FN31KE	5.1 miles 41°	2022-08-14 13:38:20
KB1CRN-14	EB 66	2022-08-02 19:23:10	5 2022-08-19 02:47:14	FN31PH > FN31KE	21.4 miles 73°	2022-08-18 19:32:01
NF3V-9	📥 1	2022-08-20 08:28:06	5 2022-08-20 08:28:06	FN31KF > FN31KE	3.4 miles 36°	2022-08-20 08:28:06
NO1PC-2	🚓 1	2022-08-01 10:27:38	8 2022-08-01 10:27:38	FN31JE > FN31KE	3.6 miles 236°	2022-08-01 10:27:38
KC1EYD-9	🚓 5	2022-08-01 09:17:03	3 2022-08-04 16:42:02	FN31JD > FN31KE	6.9 miles 241°	2022-08-01 09:17:03
ND1M-10	📥 26	2022-07-31 21:02:32	2 2022-08-17 07:35:00	FN31ID > FN31KE	8.1 miles 239°	2022-08-02 07:15:43
W0JAY-7	3 🛻	2022-08-02 18:45:27	7 2022-08-08 11:55:10	FN31LF > FN31KE	4.3 miles 74°	2022-08-02 18:45:27
N1MCJ-9	📥 77	2022-08-01 07:58:32	2 2022-08-20 11:06:54	FN31LH > FN31KE	7.7 miles 25°	2022-08-18 07:30:13
KD2NQF-7	¥ -1	2022-07-31 20:32:10	5 2022-07-31 20:32:16	FN31KF > FN31KE	3.4 miles 37°	2022-07-31 20:32:16
AB1JC-4	🤌 1	2022-08-14 10:43:52	2 2022-08-14 10:43:52	FN31KF > FN31KE	2.6 miles 324°	2022-08-14 10:43:52
KB1IWX-3	ஷ 1	2022-08-18 05:13:47	7 2022-08-18 05:13:47	FN31MH > FN31KE	10.7 miles 41°	2022-08-18 05:13:47

Station coverage by NE1CU-1 goes from Huntington Station Long Island, NY to Montville, CT. This includes coverage of Interstate 95 and Route 15 through the Bridgeport Area. Thanks go out to Ken NE1CU.

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PIZZA PARTY



We will be having a pizza Party

We decided to rent out East Village Rec Center

We can get pizzas from: Tratoria Roma 232 Leavenworth Rd, Shelton, CT 06484 (about 1/4 mile away)

We will be having a pizza party this fall. This is the first of our parties. If you're interested, let your preferences for DATE/TIME be known to any club officer.

BREAKFAST NOTICE

As of September 1, 2022, Gary WE1M has taken over as The Magnificent, Omnipotent, El Supremo, Numero Uno Breakfast Decider. *(may his name forever echo throughout the hallowed halls)*

Of course, it is his job to notify members just where our Saturday morning Hams & Eggs breakfast will be located each week. Please give him your assistance, understanding and of course your ideas for breakfast locations.

Thank you Sam W1SMF for fulfilling these tasks over the summer months. Great job Sam!

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RETURN OF OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having our Annual Christmas Party this December. It is too far away from Christmas at press time to decide on a date/time, but please let your preferences be known to any club officer.



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DANBURY HAMFEST SEPTEMBER 11, 2022











Danbury hamfest 2022 was held Sept 11 at the Police Athletic League building in Danbury CT. Tailgaters were in the parking lot and tables were set up inside.

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Views of the inside tables.





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Clockwise from top left: Hugh KB1YPA & Gary WE1M Gary WE1M, Sam W1SFM and Peter K1PCN Gary WE1M and Mike KA1EOU Rich K1OF and Gary WE1M

Also seen at the hamfest: Larry AB1JC, Emily N1DID, Bill KA1FAI, Joe WA1SSB, Douglas WA1SFH & John N1OLO



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UPCOMING HAMFESTS

• 10/09/22 North Haven Nutfest





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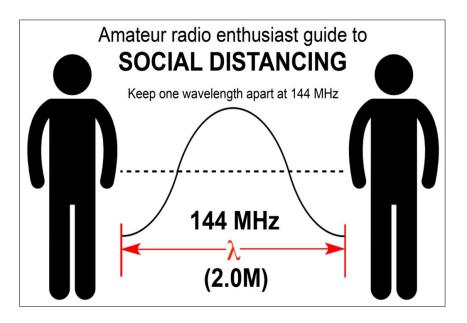






BAND CONDITIONS (from ARRL)

- **Predicted solar flux** is 115 on October 1, then 112 on October 2, 108 on October 3-4, then 115, 120, 124 and 130 on October 5-8.
- Predicted planetary A index is 8 through October 7, and 5 on October 8-9.



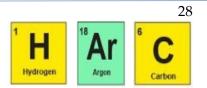
UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Oct 29-30 CQ DX SSB Contest we may operate
- Nov 5-7 Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 19-21 Sweepstakes Phone we may operate
- Nov 26-27 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 2-4 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 10-11 ARRL 10 meter Contest
- Jan 28-29 Winter Field Day- we may operate

We have reserved WAS for the November Phone Sweepstakes. Tnx Dan N3DAW.

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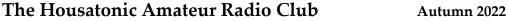
- Oct 10 Columbus Day
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 31 New Years
- January 28-29 Appointment of Club Officers for 2023

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NECROLOGY IN HONORARIUM

In Honorarium, we herewith list the names and call signs of those members and friends of HARC who are now Silent Keys.

George Grosner – W1ASO SK Tony Vena – K1BUI SK Neil Lewbel – KA1PJQ SK Mark Orner, PhD - KA1RSE SK Thomas Wilson, PhD – WV1C SK Earl Dugan Sr. – KA1DCL SK David Kostrey – KD1BD SK Jay Albano – N1NRP SK Kevin Cellini – N1KGM SK

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HARC INFO

The Housatonic Amateur Radio Club was formed in 1995 to foster the development of Amateur Radio and advanced Ham Radio operating techniques, both through theory and on the air practice. To provide a suitable environment of camaraderie and support within which members, spouses and their children can obtain a better understanding of amateur radio, gain a proficiency in the art of amateur radio, and to have some fun.

Club Officers for 2022

President - David H. Schadlich, KB1LTW Secretary Treasurer – Thomas W. Moyher ESQ, N1UNT Technical Officer – Lawrence J. Reed, AB1JC Youth Coordinator – Jennifer L. Coderre, N1ZZY Director1 – Daniel A. Wright, N3DAW Director2 – Michael Miciukiewicz, K1MJM Webmaster – David H. Schadlich, KB1LTW Trustee – Gary T. Moyher, WE1M

Website www.N1KT.org/

The club call sign is N1KT. Our annual formal meeting is held on Winter Field Day, and an informal meeting is held on Summer Field Day. Both meetings are held during set up time prior to the event start.

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The Housatonic Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated club. QSL N1KT via WE1M, NE1CU or Bureau. Send a QSL card and we will send our QSL card in return. We prefer an SASE, but it is not necessary. We QSL 100% returned.

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