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HAPPY GROUND HOG DAY



MEETING INFO

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) normally scheduled for Saturday January 30, 2021 was moved to an online Zoom meeting due to the pandemic. Our February Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday February 1, 2021. All members are urged to attend this meeting and event.

Monthly video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Our March meeting is scheduled for Monday March 1, 2021.

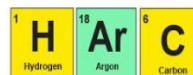
OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Officers will be appointed at our February Zoom meeting. Any member can be an officer of HARC. If you would like to be an officer of the club, please let a charter member know of your intentions. We will also like to urge all members to attend this meeting. Your voice will be heard and can affect what we do for the entire next year!

JANUARY MEETING

A Zoom meeting was held on Monday January 4, 2021 at 8 pm. It was hosted by President L. Reed AB1JC. 10 members attended. See pic below. Items discussed were:

- Round Robin, how was your New Years?
- Next Zoom meeting will be yearly meeting, appointment of officers, no awards this year and no state of the union (club) presentation. Anyone interested in giving a presentation was invited to do so.
- Winter Field Day Jan 30-31. WAS not available due to Covid.
- List of upcoming contests. Inquired if anyone wants to operate.
 - Feb 13-14 CQ RTTY WPX Contest
 - Feb 20-21 ARRL DX CW
 - Mar 6-7 ARRL DX SSB
 - Mar 27-28 CQ WPX SSB



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- May 29-30 CQ WPX CW
- June 26-27 Summer Field Day

- Mike spoke about photographing Asteroid Penelope 201.
- Spoke about needing parts specifications for UB Ground Station we are going to build. Mike to look for existing spread sheet.
- Discussed ADCS for DiscoSat-1. Clydespace and CubeSpace ADCS integration.
- Mike KA1EOU's new antenna is working fine. Not so hot on 10 meters though.
- Dave KB1LTW operated in a POTA. Activated Peoples State Forest park. Made 30 contacts.
- Larry AB1JC putting LEDs in a picture frame.
- Open Discussion

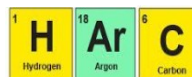
The meeting ended at 10:30pm.



*Top Row LtoR: Ned KA1CVv, Gary WE1M, Jeff KB1LZ and Mike K1MJM.
Middle Row: Mike KA1EOU, Sam W1SMF, Dave KB1LTW and Alex N1AK.
Bottom Row: Larry AB1JC and Dan N3DAW.*

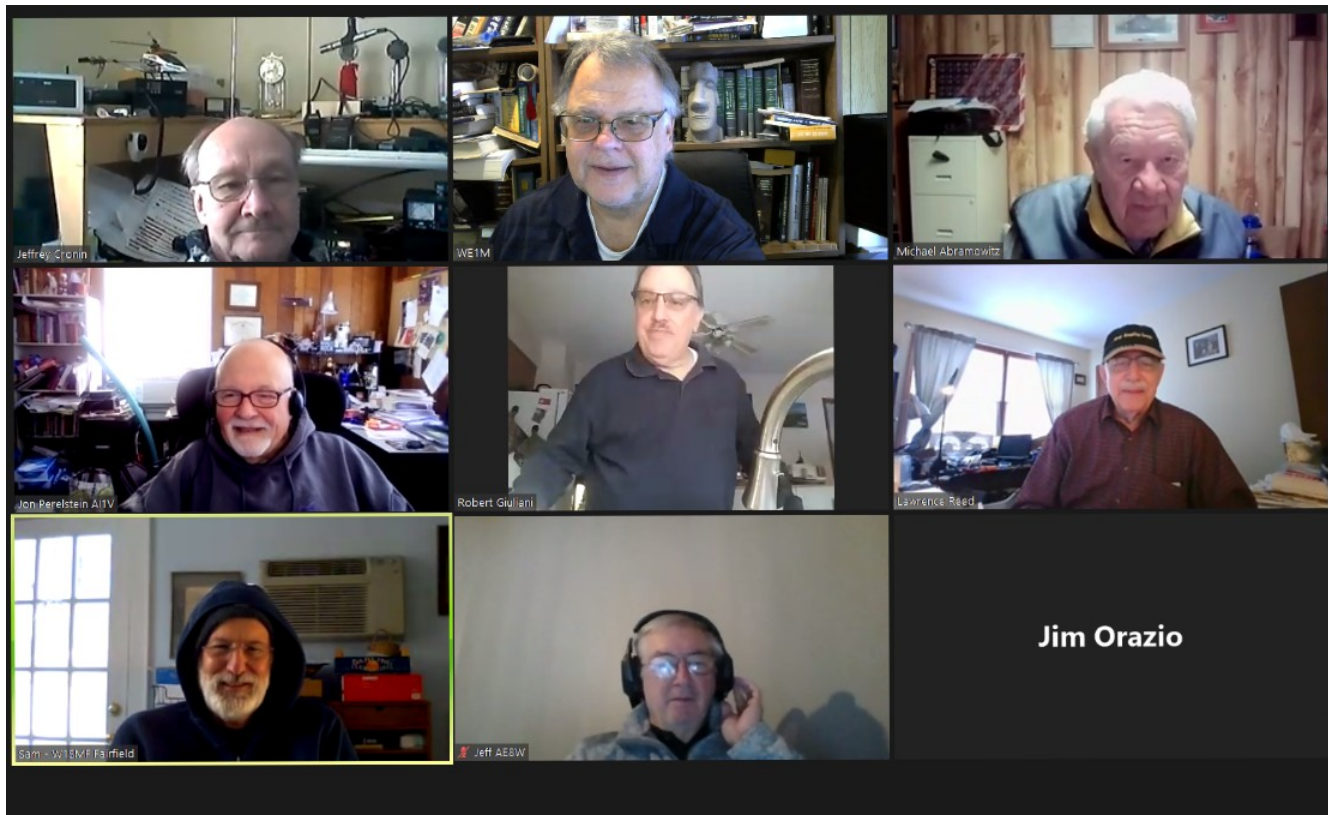
HAMS & EGGS & 10 METERS

Breakfast is being replaced by our new Saturday Morning Breakfast Zoom & Net, now named “**Hams & Eggs & 10 Meters**” by Jeff KB1LZ. Jeff is our new Host every Saturday morning from 8 to 9 am AND we will also be on 10 meters! Our goal is to have everyone transitioning over to 10 meters SSB when their antennas are up. So “git yer antennas up” and “git yer Zoom on”! This “net” is open to GFARA as well, so members of GFARA will hopefully add to the excitement. Jeff KB1LZ will email



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everyone with meeting and net details. Thanks Jeff. Hams & Eggs & 10 Meters will be held weekly every Saturday morning. Why not join us?

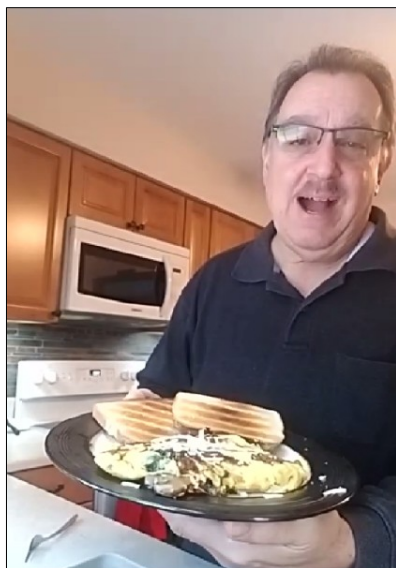


Hams & Eggs & 10 meters Dec 19, 2020

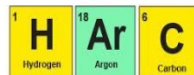
Top row L to R: Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Mike KA1EOU

Middle row: Jon AI1V, Bob W1RPG, Larry AB1JC

Bottom row: Sam W1SMF, Jeff AE8W and Jim W1RAZ



Left: Bob W1RPG shows off his wonderful veggie omelet he prepared during our Hams & Eggs & 10 meters Zoom Breakfast

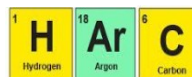




Hams & Eggs & 10 meters Dec 26, 2020
Top row L to R: Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Jon AI1V
Middle row: Mike KA1EOU, Mike N2UXA, Sam W1SMF
Bottom row: Bob W1RPG and Jeff AE8W



Hams & Eggs & 10 meters Jan 2, 2021
Top row L to R: Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Jon AI1V
Middle Row: Larry AB1JC, Mike KA1EOU, Jeff AE8W
Bottom Row: Larry W1LAG, Mike N2UXA, Sam W1SMF



WINTER FIELD DAY COMING IN JANUARY

Winter Field Day is being held this month! Winter Field Day is January 30 & 31, 2021. During our December 2020 Zoom meeting, we decided that we will all operate WFD from home. We will each operate using our own callsign, and when you generate your Cabrillo file, put "**Housatonic ARC**" in the club field (without the quotation marks).

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SUMMER FIELD DAY JUNE 2021



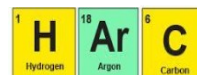
Summer Field Day? Winter Field Day isn't even here. But hold on, if everyone gets the vaccine prior to the end of June as predicted, Summer Field Day will be possible. In fact, we are planning a bash! How about 5 stations: 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters, a food tent, grills for cooking out and a huge picnic! Yep, that is the tentative plan. So let's keep this in mind for June. Summer Field Day is June 26 & 27, 2021. Let's plan on setting up Friday June 25 and starting Saturday with a pre-field day breakfast. Then we can begin making contacts at 2:00 pm. Our goal: Make over 600 contacts!

HAMFESTS

- none

UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Feb 13-14 CQ RTTY WPX Contest
- Feb 20-21 ARRL DX CW
- Mar 6-7 ARRL DX SSB
- Mar 27-28 CQ WPX SSB
- May 29-30 CQ WPX CW
- June 26-27 Summer Field Day
- July 10-11 IARU HF Championship
- Sept 11-13 VHF Contest
- Oct 30-31 CQ DX SSB Contest
- Nov 6-8 Sweepstakes CW

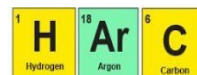


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- Nov 20-21 Sweepstakes SSB
- Nov 27-28 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 3-5 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 11-12 ARRL 10 meter Contest

OUR SKED

- Feb 7- Superbowl
- Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb 14 - Saint Valentine's Day
- Feb 17 - Wednesday
- March 14 – Daylight Savings Time
- March 28 – Palm Sunday
- April 2 – Good Friday
- April 4 – Easter Sunday
- May 1 – KY Derby
- May 9 – Mother's Day
- May 15 – Preakness Stakes
- May 31 – Memorial Day
- June 5 – Belmont Stakes
- July 4 – Independence Day
- Sept 6 – Labor Daylight
- Sept 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Sept 25 – Possum Day
- Oct 11 – Columbus Day
- Oct 31 – Halloween
- Nov 11 – Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 – Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov 25 – Thanksgiving
- Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 25 – Christmas
- Dec 31 – New Years



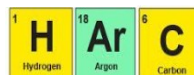
NOTICE

It is with sorrow, that we must postpone our club's Silver Anniversary Party until after the pandemic. In the meantime, continue to ponder how you would like to celebrate. We can decide at any time and hold this celebration at any time.

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
Jay Albano – N1NRP SK
Kevin Cellini – N1KGM SK



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 2020

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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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