

# DIRECT CURRENTS

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## 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) is scheduled for Saturday January 25, 2020 during Winter Field day setup and will have a State of the Union Address. All members are urged to attend this meeting and event.

## NEW MEMBER KB1YYO



The members of the Housatonic ARC would like to welcome our new member Marilyn KB1YYO, who accepted our membership invitation on December 2, 2019. When you see Marilyn, please congratulate her on being in our club!

## NEW MEMBER KC1HMU



The members of the Housatonic ARC would like to welcome our new member Dr. Jani Pallis, who accepted our membership invitation on December 12, 2019. When you see Jani, please congratulate her on being in our club!

## NEW OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED

New Officers will be appointed at our annual formal meeting in January during Winter Field Day setup. If you would like to be an officer of the club, please let a charter member or a current Officer know!



**WINTER FIELD DAY COMING UP JAN 25-26**

Winter Field Day is being held January 25-26! Yep, it is right around the corner and we are looking for a chairman to run it! If you would like to take a turn at running a Field Day operation, let Larry AB1JC or Dave KB1LTW know. It really is easy. During the month of January and preceding WFD, we usually meet on the 224.960 N1LXV Repeater in Bridgeport, at 10 pm (ish) to discuss what we want and like. If you have 220 equipment and would like to join in the discussion, please join the fun!

**HOUSATONIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**GREATER BRIDGEPORT ARC**  
**WESTPORT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY ARC**  
**GREATER FAIRFIELD ARA**

**N1KT**

**WINTER FIELD DAY 2020**



We will be operating WINTER FIELD DAY 2020  
Where: Westport Astronomical Society Observatory,  
182 Bayberry Lane, Westport, CT  
Setup: Saturday January 25, 2020 at 9 am at the Observatory.  
HARC Meeting: During Setup time  
We will operate N1KT from 2 pm Saturday (EST) until Noon (EST) Sunday.





**CHRISTMAS BUFFET DINNER**

Our semi-annual Tuesday night buffet dinner was December 3 at 6:30 pm. It was a really good time and a good meal. Below are pictures. Since not a lot of members attended, we may look at other venues for next year.

**Christmas Buffet 2019  
at  
Vazanno's Restaurant  
Stratford, CT**

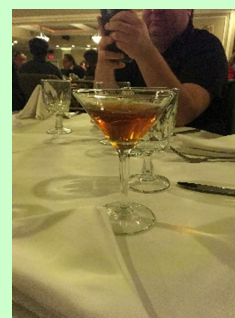




Meal included soups, garden salad, rolls, mac n cheese, ravioli, calamari, chicken, sole, BBQ ribs, roast beef, veal, pork, cold & hot shrimp, green beans, potato salad, roasted potatoes, lasagna, cake & coffee



In attendance were  
 Jeff KB1LZ, Mike KA1EOU,  
 Ken NE1CU, Gary WE1M,  
 Barbara KA1SHN,  
 Dave KB1LTW, Tom N1UNT  
 and his XYL Jill.





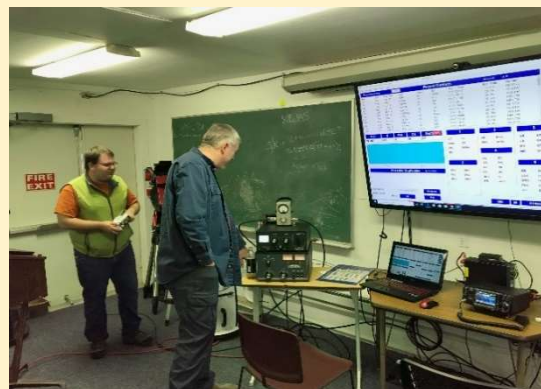
## NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES

Club members Jeff KB1LZ, Dave KB1LTW, Gary WE1M, Ken NE1CU & WAS Club member Alex N1AK operated the November SSB Sweepstakes as K1WAS on Sunday November 17, 2019. They operated the off center fed dipole using an ICOM IC-7300 with the Ameritron at 500 watts. Our exchange was ***“S/N, category, K1WAS, check (the last two digits of the year you were licensed -11 for K1WAS) and (your ARRL section) CT”***. This exchange was quite the “tongue tie-er” after 110 contacts!

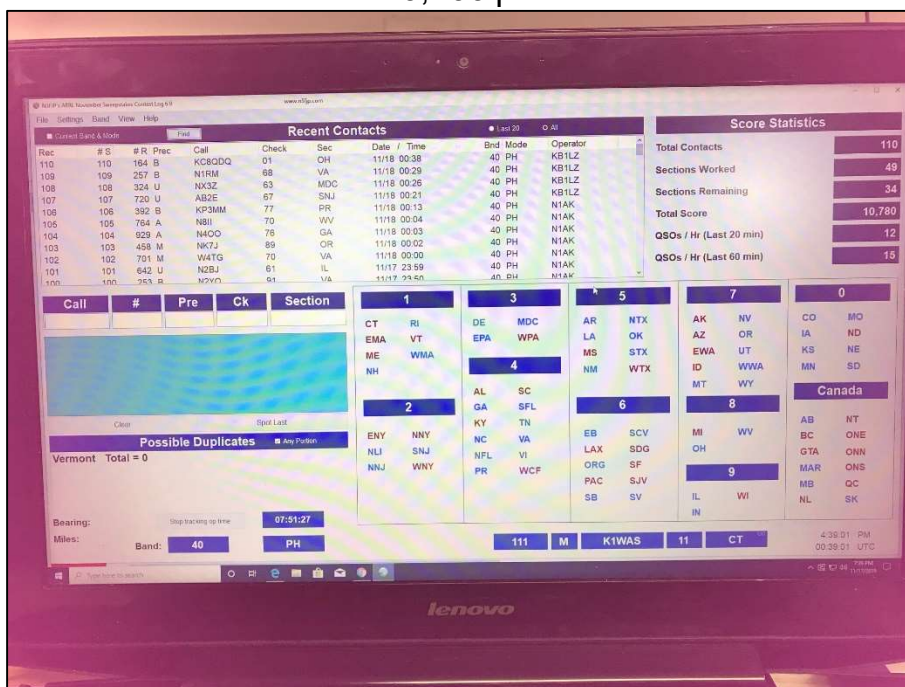


### NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES

Members operate K1WAS in the 2019 SSB Sweepstakes,  
 Above Dave KB1LTW sets up amplifier,  
 Above Right: Alex N1AK, with Dave.  
 Right: Ken NE1CU checks out amplifier.  
 Below right Jeff KB1LZ at the controls with Dave looking on.  
 Below Gary WE1M logs for Alex.

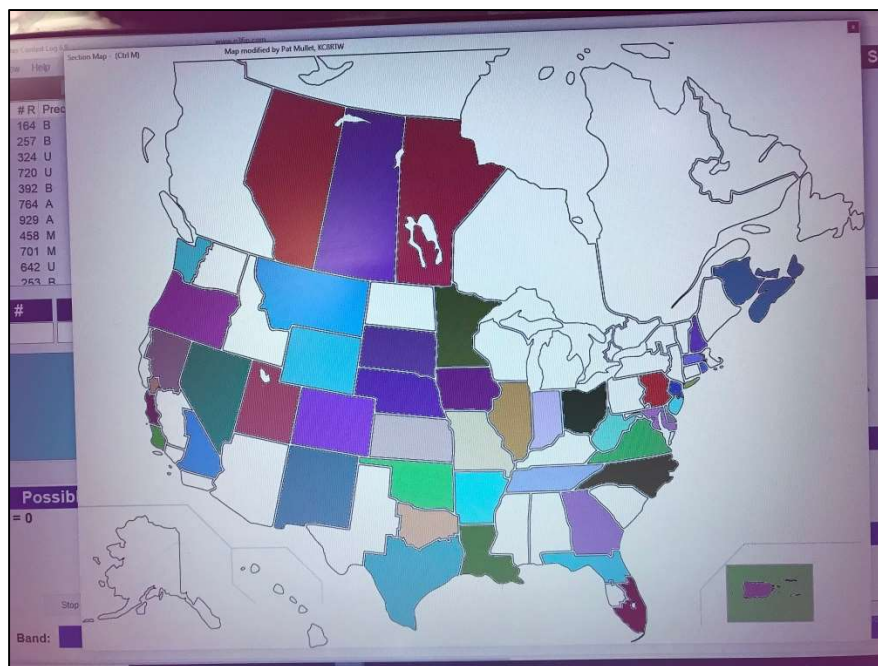


We made 110 contacts, 49 sections worked, 34 remained, 36 states & 4 Canadian Provinces and Puerto Rico worked for 10,700 points. Not bad for our first sweepstakes!



N3FJP screen shot. 49 sections worked, 34 remained, 36 states worked

The object was to work all the ARRL sections of USA and Canada. Doing so is called a "clean sweep". Well, we didn't clean sweep but we sure got a lot of sections. See map below.



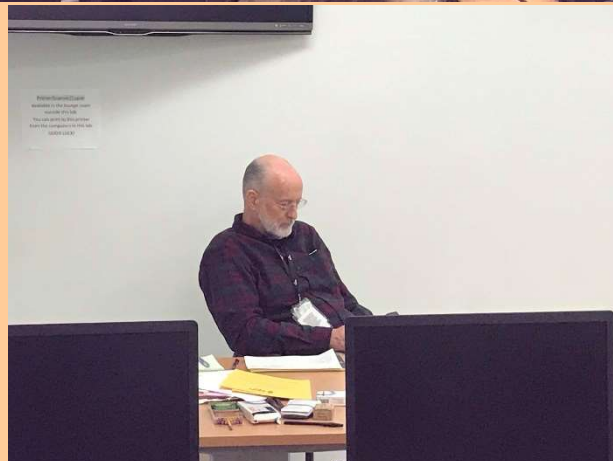
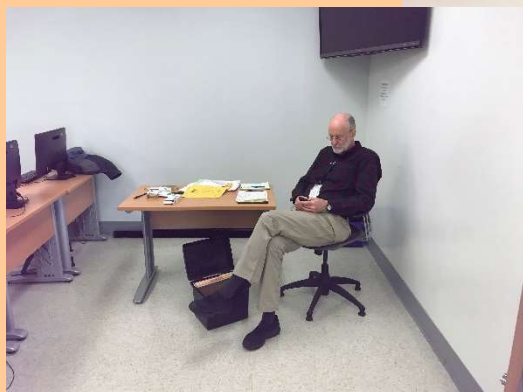
Sweepstakes section map from N3FJP

Thanks go out to all who participated, WAS and all who helped with this effort!





# TECHNICIAN CLASS



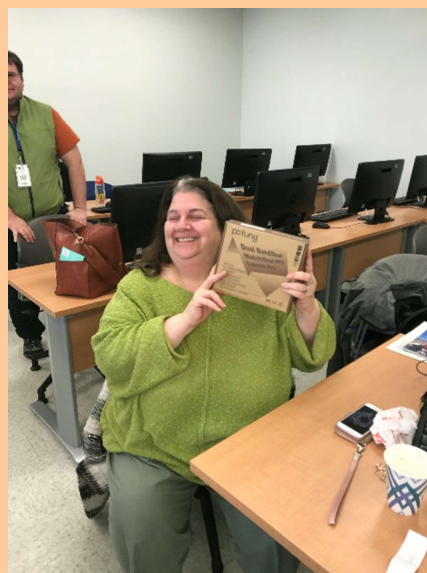
Technician Examination  
Univ of Bridgeport 12/7/2019







**Congratulations to all  
the new Technicians.**



**Congratulations to Dr. J. Pallis, a Technician student who  
won a Pofung HT in our drawing.**

Our Saturday morning Technician class at the University of Bridgeport ended with an exam session on December 7, 2019. Of the 8 original students, one dropped out after 1 class and 7 continued. Of the 7 students who took the class, 5 passed their Technician exams. A walk-in also passed her Technician exam bringing the total to 6 new Technicians.





A VE team put together by Sam W1SMF consisted of Marilyn KB1YYO, Dave KB1LTW and Gary WE1M. Marilyn, Dave and Gary corrected the exams whilst Sam oversaw the entire test session and double checked the exam results.

We also conducted a prize drawing, pulling one name out of a Dunkin Donuts bag, the prize being a brand new Pofung HT. Congratulations go out to Dr. J. Pallis, whose name was pulled out and she won the HT!

A big thank you goes out to Sam W1SMF and his ARRL VE team who provided the final exams. Another goes out to all the club members who arranged the teaching presentations and the teachers who taught every Saturday morning. Of course, a thank you also goes out to Dr. J. Pallis (Technician CSCE) who arranged the facilities we used for the class. Let's not forget Mike KA1EOU. While he did not teach, he attended most classes in support of the club. Thanx Mike.

## 2019 FIELD DAY RESULTS

ARRL has released the results of the 2019 Summer Field Day. We made 586 contacts for 1936 points.

Housatonic/Westport Astro/Greater Bridgeport/Fairfield ARCs N1KT	586	1	13	1,936	CT
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**N1KT came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in CT in class 3F, losing only to W1AW; and 3<sup>rd</sup> in New England in class 3F.**

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	WC1SW	3,796	3F	1,074	2		WMA	14	Southwick RACES
2	W1AW	2,136	3F	1,131	1		CT	7	ARRL HQ Operator's Club
3	N1KT	1,936	3F	586	1		CT	13	Housatonic/Westport Astro/G Bridgeport/Fairfield ARCs
4	K1BCI	726	3F	82	2		CT	14	CQ RC/Wireless Operators of Winsted
5	WE1CT	628	3F	159	2		WMA	14	Worcester EmComms Tm
6	KC1EDN		3F	12	2		CT	4	CHECKLOG





## 10<sup>TH</sup> Overall in CT.

303	N1EV	7,068	3A	1,699	2	W1NLK	CT	31	Greater Norwalk ARC
304	W1EE	5,518	2A	1,432	2	K1FC	CT	40	Stamford ARA
305	W1QV	3,476	4A	581	2		CT	9	Tri-City ARC CT
306	W1QI	3,280	2AC	702	2		CT	135	Candlewood ARA
307	KZ1M	2,810	4A	678	2		CT	20	Eastern CT ARA
308	W1NRG	2,750	2F	544	2	W1FD	CT	51	Meriden ARC
309	W1BRS	2,740	8A	553	2		CT	18	BEARS of Manchester ARC
310	W1EDH	2,560	4A	525	2		CT	12	Middelsex ARS
311	W1AW	2,136	3F	1,131	1		CT	7	ARRL HQ Operator's Club
312	N1KT	1,936	3F	586	1		CT	13	Housatonic/Westport Astro/G Bridgeport/Fairfield ARCs
313	W1DHT	1,924	4A	489	2		CT	24	Insurance City Rptr Club
314	W1BAA	1,886	3A	267	2		CT	22	Southern Berkshire ARC
315	K1HRR	1,162	4E	175	2		CT	9	
316	AA1PL	1,012	2B2	250	2		CT	2	
317	W1HAD	972	1E	197	2		CT	2	
318	W1LAS	958	2F	300	2		CT	10	Waterbury ARC
319	K1BCI	726	3F	82	2		CT	14	CQ RC/Wireless Operators of Winsted
320	NA1RA	644	2F	97	2		CT	15	Northville ARA
321	WA1HRE	496	1A	139	2		CT	9	No Name Radio Gang
322	K1DCT	380	1B1B	13	5		CT	1	
323	W1BCG	378	1A	39	2		CT	10	Shoreline ARC
324	NP2GG	316	1E	33	2		CT	1	
325	WA1OUI	314	1E	32	1		CT	1	

We also came in **65<sup>th</sup> in New England overall**. Not too bad! Thanks go out to all who participated: Marilyn KB1YYO, Emily N1DID, Frank W1ZAH, Mike K1MJM, Sam W1SMF, Jeff KB1LZ, Larry AB1JC, Ken NE1CU, Joe WJ1M, Alex N1AK, Dave KB1LTW, Larry W1LAG and Gary WE1M.



**“HAMS & EGGS” SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

*Breakfast at Chips in Trumbull Nov 25, 2019, 2x2x2 (2 Larrys, 2 Garys, 2 Sams)  
 LtoR: Sam KA1HCX, Sam W1SMF, Mike KA1EOU, Jim W1RAZ, Jeff KB1LZ,  
 Ken NE1CU, Larry AB1JC, Gary K1IC, Emily N1DID and Larry W1LAG.  
 Gary WE1M was the shutterbug.*



*Breakfast at Chips in Trumbull Nov 25, 2019  
 Mike KA1EOU & Ken NE1CU*







*Breakfast at Sassafra Nov 30, 2019  
LtoR: Junie (Technician CSCE), Marilyn KB1YYO, Jeff KB1LZ, Mike KA1EOU  
& Sam W1SMF  
Gary WE1M was the shutterbug.*



**HAMFESTS**

- Southington, CT - March 29, 2020

# Southington Amateur Radio Assoc. Flea Market

*Ham Radio Equipment, Electronics, Computers, and more..*

**Sunday March 29th, 2020**

**8:00 AM to 12 PM**

**Southington High School**

**720 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT**

OVER THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF HAMFESTS!!!



**Exams for all  
classes available!  
10AM**

We ask you to  
register so we can  
get a head count -  
Email requested  
for confirmation  
and a guaranteed  
seat! Walk-ins  
are welcome!  
Good Luck!

- 6 foot of linear table space is \$15 in advance, checks must be received before the day of the Fleamarket. Day of the Fleamarket spaces are \$20
- Bring your own tables take \$5 off!
- Additional persons helping pay \$5.00 as general admission. (be fair!)
- Children under 12 free!
- Doors open for all vendors unloading - 6:15am.
- For further info contact -Bruce WA1RR  
bsimpson123@comcast.net
- John WA1JKR 860-621-8791
- Web site info [www.chetbacon.com/sara.htm](http://www.chetbacon.com/sara.htm)

**Admission \$5.00**



Portions of our  
gate go toward a  
Scholarship  
remembering our  
Club's SKs.

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## TIP OF THE HAT

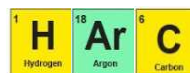
- Alex N1AK, Dave KB1LTW, Ken NE1CU, Jeff KB1LZ & Gary WE1M for putting K1WAS on the air in last November's Sweepstakes SSB contest.

## UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Jan 4-5 RTTY Roundup
- Jan 18-20 VHF Contest
- Jan 25-26 Winter Field Day
- Feb 8-9 CQ RTTY WPX Contest
- Feb 15-16 ARRL DX CW
- Mar 7-8 ARRL DX SSB
- Mar 28-29 CQ WPX SSB
- May 30-31 CQ WPX CW
- June 27-28 Summer Field Day
- July 11-12 IARU HF Championship
- Sept 12-14 VHF Contest
- Oct 24-25 CQ DX SSB Contest
- Nov 7-9 Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 21-23 Sweepstakes SSB
- Nov 28-29 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 4-6 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 12-13 ARRL 10 meter Contest

## OUR SKED

- Jan 25 – Club Meeting
  - State of the Union Presentation
  - Presentation of Awesome Breakfast Dude Award
  - Appointment of Club Officers for 2020
  - Winter Field Day Operation
- Mar 28-29 CQ WPX SSB
- June 27-28 Summer Field Day
- Nov 21-23 Sweepstakes SSB





## 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

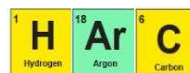
Mark Orner, PhD - KA1RSE SK

Thomas Wilson, PhD – WV1C SK

Earl Dugan Sr. – KA1DCL SK

Jay Albano – N1NRP SK

Kevin Cellini – N1KGM SK





**IT'S TIME TO PARTY!  
2020 WILL BE OUR CLUB'S 25<sup>TH</sup>  
(SILVER) ANNIVERSARY!**

Yes, it's that time. It's our club's Silver Anniversary in 2020. Let's have a party! We will be discussing options among our membership over the next 6 months looking at all the party options. If you have any ideas you wish to implement, let a club officer know and we can discuss it. All options are on the table. Ideas floated so far are listed below:

- Go to a Casino
- Buffet dinner
- Gigantic pizza party
- Take a trip somewhere
- Rent a party boat
- Go deep sea fishing
- Go to expensive restaurant (steak and lobster)
- Take a cruise to Bermuda and party
- Run a Special Event Station

Keep thinking about it. We have at least 6 months to decide.

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY FACTOID

A day or two after Field Day 1995, Fred KB1BU, Tom WV1C, Barb KA1SHN & Gary WE1M got together and formed the Housatonic Amateur Radio Club. It's purpose was to put our families (especially our children) on the air and to teach them about ham radio! We drew up a constitution and applied for a callsign. Back then, once you obtained a callsign, it took about 6 months for it to show up in the call book. Here is a snippet from the 1996 Radio Amateur Callbook showing our first callsign KB1BRB.

RADIO AMATEUR CALLBOOK 1996			
SILENT KEY			
41 Pheasant Rd, West Haven	CT	06516	
mparone Jr, POB 6136, Newburyport	MA	01950	
974 Paul Murphy Rd, Moultrie	GA	31768	
s Wireless Soc, F Heffner,			
y Rd, Granby	CT	06035	
High School West ARC, G Hunter,			
e Ave, Manchester	NH	03102	
n, 4551 Astral St, Jacksonville	FL	32205	
ury Academy Wireless Club, B Mayo,			
aint Johnsbury	VT	05819	
s, POB 189, Wells	ME	04090	
o, 61 Little Neck Ave, Swansea	MA	02777	
	MA	01930	
AA1BR	E	Paul E Morin, 412 Franklin Crossing Rd, Franklin	
KA1BR	A	Barry L Wollman, 18 Russet Ln, Storrs	
KB1BR	A	Theodore H Szypulski, 73 W Hill Rd, Winsted	
KC1BR	A	Joe E Brinson, 75 Dover Dr, Whitinsville	
KD1BR	A	Richard J Castaldo, 981 Ward Ln, Cheshire	
KE1BR	A	David E Sanford, 15 Little River Rd, Kingston	
KA1BRA	G	Evelyn E Sargent, RFD 2 Box 129, Ellsworth	
KB1BRA	B	Albert Schweitzer Institute for The Humanities, Philip,	
		POB 550, Wallingford	
KA1BRB		Kenneth M Cody	NOW KE1RA
KB1BRB	B	Housatonic ARC, G Moyher, POB 331, Stratford	
N1BRB	G	Paul M Kuehl, 40 Finn Rd, Harvard	
KB1BRC	M	1053rd Judge Advocate Generals Ditchmnt Lso Rtu,	
		Richard, 85 Merrimac St, Boston	
N1BRD	T	Arthur M Vuilleumier Jr, POB 263, Brooks	
KA1BRD	E	Bernice A Andersen, POB 310043, Newingt	





## 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 2019

President - Lawrence J. Reed, AB1JC  
Secretary Treasurer – Thomas W. Moyher ESQ, N1UNT  
Technical Officer – Michael J. Miciukiewicz, K1MJM  
Youth Coordinator – Jennifer L. Coderre, N1ZZY  
Director1 – Kenneth E. Johnson, NE1CU  
Director2 – David H. Schadlich, KB1LTW  
Webmaster – David H. Schadlich, KB1LTW  
Trustee – Gary T. Moyher, WE1M

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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.

“Direct Currents” is the official newsletter of the Housatonic Amateur Radio Club. It is published monthly. Gary T. Moyher, WE1M Editor.

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