



DIRECT CURRENTS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 30, 2021 during Winter Field day setup and will have a State of the Union Address. All members are urged to attend this meeting and event.

Monthly video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday January 4, 2021.

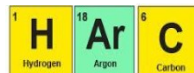
We decided at our December Zoom meeting that we will all operate WFD from home, so our January Formal Meeting will take place February 1, 2021 on Zoom.

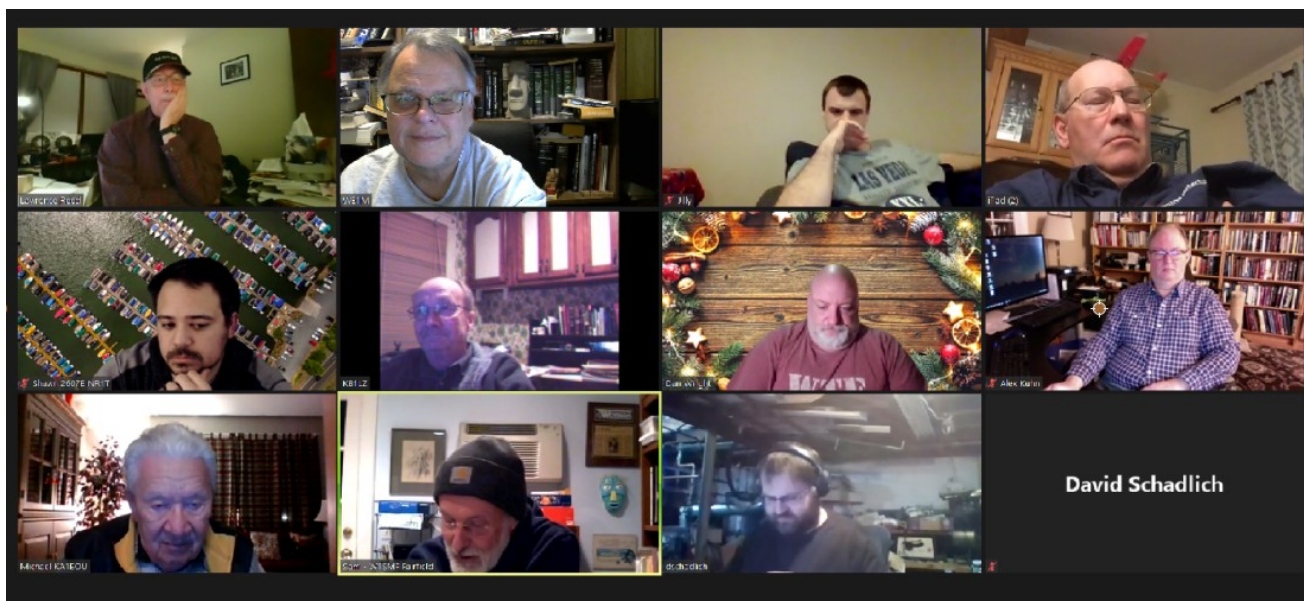
DECEMBER MEETING

A Zoom meeting was held on Monday December 7, 2020 at 8 pm. It was hosted by President L. Reed AB1JC. 10 members and 1 visitor attended. See pic below. Items discussed were:

- CQ WW DX SSB Contest preliminary results
- Fixes to the Ameritron 811A amplifier
- Winter Field Day 2021, we will all operate from home
- Summer Field Day
- A Saturday morning Breakfast at the beach this summer
- Club officer appointments
- Everyone agreed that they missed our twice a year buffet dinners

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.





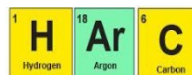
Top row L to R: Larry AB1JC, Gary WE1M, Tom N1UNT, Ned KA1CVV
 Middle row: Shawn NR1T (visitor), Jeff KB1LZ, Dan N3DAW, Alex N1AK.
 Bottom row: Mike KA1EOU, Sam W1SMF and Dave KB1LTW

CQ WW DX SSB CONTEST

CQ has posted their “unofficial” results for the October CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest. We came in 35th in North America in the Multi Operator, Single Transmitter, High Power, Unassisted category. The good news is that we were 2nd in New England and 2nd in CT with our score of 17,871 and only 6 or 7 hours of operation! Thanks go out to the operators Dave KB1LTW, Jeff KB1LZ and Gary WE1M and also to Mike KA1EOU who helped with our effort. Official results are expected in the Spring.

31	W4WRS.....	74,898	(W4WRS K4MNE)
32	W7YED.....	45,675	(W7YED KJ7KOJ)
33	K4GIG.....	45,017	(KI4KWR KK9W KN4JJA)
34	NO8I.....	19,829	(AB8YK N8VAR)
35	N1KT.....	17,871	(KB1LTW KB1LZ WE1M KA1EOU)
36	K5SRT.....	15,657	(K5SRT K3NT)
37	W1YK.....	9,128	(W1AWC KC1EGK K1JIZ)
38	W4THI.....	5,544	(W4THI KN4NZH)
39	K3PH.....	240	(K3PH W3MF)

Unofficial Results: 2nd in New England & 2nd in CT



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



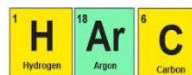
*Hams & Eggs & 10 meters December 12, 2020.
Top Row: Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Mike KA1EQU
Bottom Row: Larry AB1JC, Jon AI1V and Gary K1IC.*

OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Officers are usually appointed at our annual formal meeting this month during Winter Field Day setup. However, we decided to operate WFD from home, so 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.

WINTER FIELD DAY COMING IN JANUARY

Winter Field Day is being held this month, in fact WFD 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).



Example:

CLUB: **Housatonic ARC**

Here is what they say:

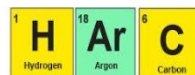
Covid 19 Pandemic scoring changes for Clubs/Groups: These changes apply ONLY to groups who, due to the Pandemic, won't/can't be congregating to compete this year. If your group wishes, you may have a "group/club" score tallied by having individual members fill in the "CLUB:" line in their Cabrillo log file (above). Individual members would send in a log under their own callsign (operating under their own privileges) with the name or callsign of the group noted on the "CLUB:" line. If a simple callsign is used in the "club" line, it cannot be one used in the contest or on another member's entry log (it'll confuse the scoring software). If your group uses a club name, be sure to advise everyone in your group to use the exact same unique name. Choose wisely Grasshopper! There are dozens of clubs with the same abbreviation (as in LARC, PARC, etc), but it's unlikely there's more than one Livonia ARC, or Lincoln ARC. Club scores will be the aggregate of the individual members' scores, regardless of how they operated ad will be posted as distinct

"Club/Group" scores once tallied. Your individual members' logs and scores will be tallied and posted as well (each under their own call), the same as any other entrant. It might be a good idea to have someone in your club/group collect members' logs and check them to ensure the logs are correct before sending them in. It'll save us time and you aggravation. "Club/Group" scores will likely be the last to be posted as we can't be sure all the individual logs are in until the actual log deadline.

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!

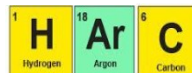


HAMFESTS

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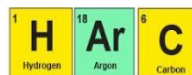
UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Jan 2-3 RTTY Roundup
- Jan 16-18 VHF Contest
- Jan 30-31 Winter Field Day
- 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
- 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

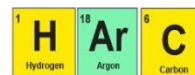
It is with sorrow, that we must postpone our club's Silver Anniversary Party until after the pandemic. In the meantime, continue to ponder how you would like to celebrate. We can decide at any time and hold this celebration at any time.

We must also cancel our semi-annual club dinner. Perhaps June 2021 will be better.

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

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

Website www.N1KT.org/

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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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