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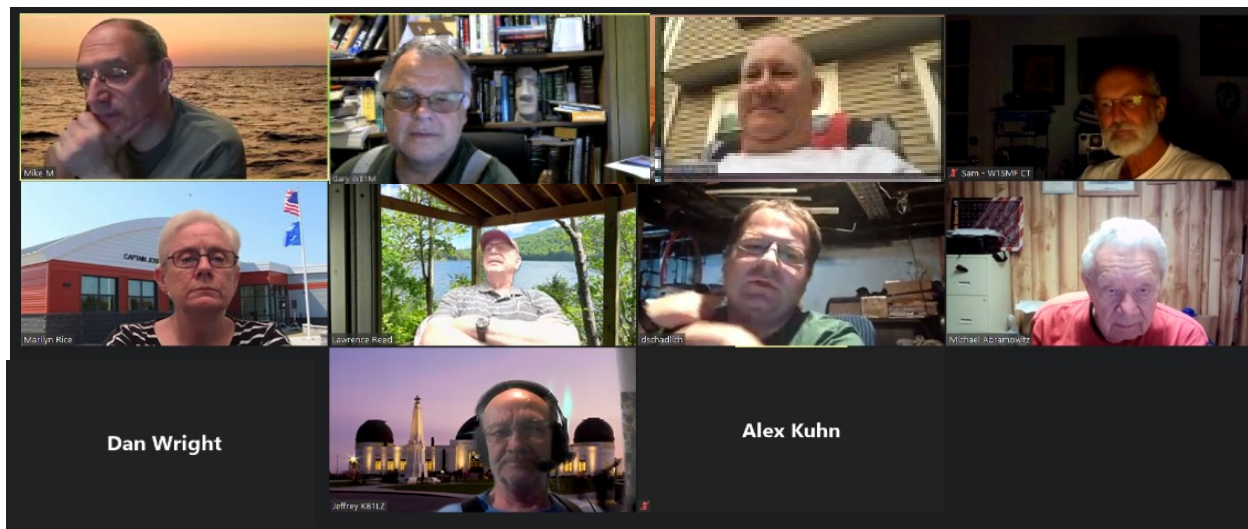
MEETING INFO

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 currently scheduled for Saturday January 29, 2022. All **vaccinated** members are urged to attend this meeting and event.

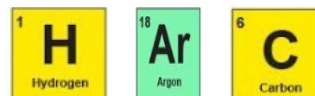
Monthly Zoom video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Our July meeting is scheduled for Monday **July 12**, 2021 at 8 pm. *Note that this is one week later to allow for Independence Day weekend travel.*

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

Our June Zoom meeting was held on Monday June 7, at 8 pm. **11** members attended our meeting.



Top Row: Mike K1MJM, Gary WE1M, Ned KA1CVv, Sam W1SMF. Middle Row: Marilyn KB1YYO, Larry AB1JC, David KB1LTW, Mike KA1EOU. Bottom Row: Dan N3DAW, Jeff KB1LZ and Alex N1AK.



The following was discussed:

- *June Field Day*
- *WAS is reserved*
- *Whose is attending?*
- *Number of stations*
- *Do we want to picnic or buy food?*
- *Meet Friday?*

WINTER FIELD DAY

This past Winter Field Day we all operated from home due to the pandemic. Dave KB1LTW, Ned KA1CVv, Brandon KB1THM, Dan N3DAW and Gary WE1M all operated and had some fun. Below are the submitted scores allocated to our club.

CLUB RESULTS											
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CALL	CAT	SECT	PH	CW	DI	MULT.	PWR	BONUS PTS	CLAIMED SCORE	CALCULATED SCORE	CLUB
KB1THM	1H	CT	0	12	0	1	2	0	48	32	Housatonic ARC
WE1M	1H	CT	50	0	0	4	2	0	400	368	Housatonic ARC

I just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time.



NEW ENGLAND QSO PARTY

We operated N1KT in the New England QSO Party on May 1-2, 2021. 10 members attended and had a really fun time. We operated using the OCF Dipole with an ICOM 7000 driving an ACOM 700 watt amp (as our contact station) and the 4BTV on the north tower with the IC 7300 driving our Ameritron amp (as our multiplier station). We operated in the Multi-operator, single transmitter category with our one contact station and one multiplier station. A multiplier station can not call CQ nor can it work just any station, but can only work multipliers (and only multipliers) via hunt and pounce. Our score below is the combined efforts of both stations. Here are some snippets from N3FJP software.

Score Statistics	
Total Contacts	395
Total QSO Points	395
Total Multipliers	60
Total Score	23,700
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	0
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	0

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:					
Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
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80	0	18	0	18	5
40	0	271	0	271	69
20	0	104	0	104	26
10	0	2	0	2	1
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Total	0	395	0	395	100



Our claimed score is 23,700, consisting of 395 contacts with 60 multipliers. 40 meters was our most productive band, with 271 contacts (69%). Next was 20 meters with 26 contacts. While this may not seem like much, 20 meters provided 10 DX countries and AR and MS making 12 multipliers. Not bad out of 104 contacts. We only operated for less than 1 hour on 80 meters, so there was not much action there.

Total Contacts by Country:

Country	Total	%
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USA	353	89
Canada	30	8
Hungary	2	1
Anguilla	1	0
Brazil	1	0
Federal Republic of Germany	1	0
French Guiana	1	0
India	1	0
Ireland	1	0
Italy	1	0
Puerto Rico	1	0
Serbia	1	0
Slovak Republic	1	0
Total = 13		

DX - 10

Anguilla
Brazil
Federal Republic of
French Guiana
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Puerto Rico
Serbia
Slovak Republic

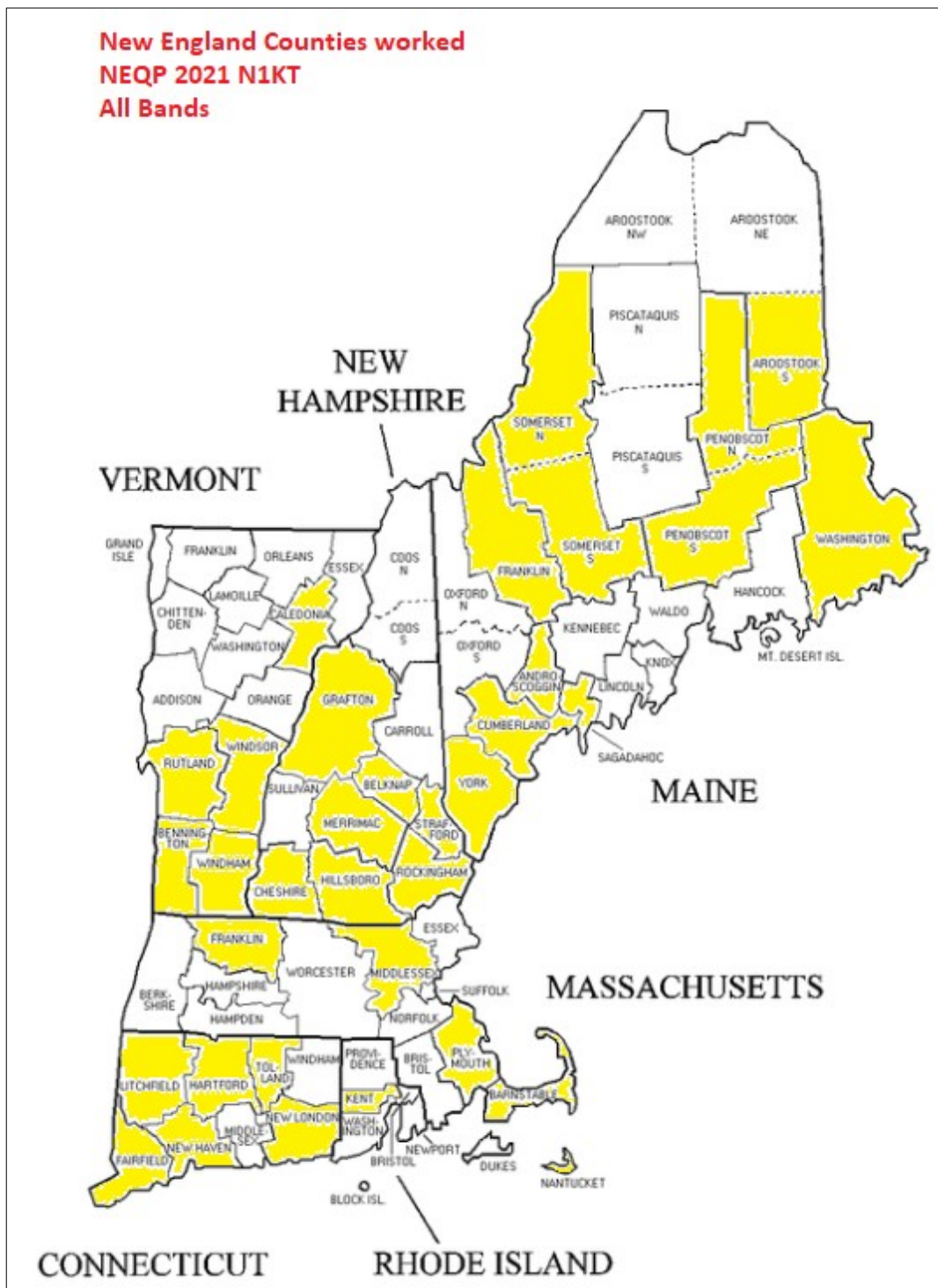
India is a bug in the software. Here are the countries we worked, and then add Canada + USA. "Federal Republic of"... is Germany. Another bug in the software. Canada is not considered DX for this contest.



<div>1</div> <div>CT NH</div> <div>MA RI</div> <div>ME VT</div> <div>2</div> <div>NY NJ</div> <div>3</div> <div>DE MD</div> <div>PA</div>	<div>4</div> <div>AL NC</div> <div>FL SC</div> <div>GA TN</div> <div>KY VA</div> <div>5</div> <div>AR NM</div> <div>LA OK</div> <div>MS TX</div> <div>6</div> <div>CA HI</div>	<div>7</div> <div>AK OR</div> <div>AZ UT</div> <div>ID WA</div> <div>MT WY</div> <div>NV</div> <div>8</div> <div>MI WV</div> <div>OH</div> <div>9</div> <div>IL WI</div> <div>IN</div>	<div>0</div> <div>CO MO</div> <div>IA ND</div> <div>KS NE</div> <div>MN SD</div> <div>Canada</div> <div>AB NT</div> <div>BC NU</div> <div>LB ON</div> <div>MB PE</div> <div>NB QC</div> <div>NF SK</div> <div>NS YT</div>
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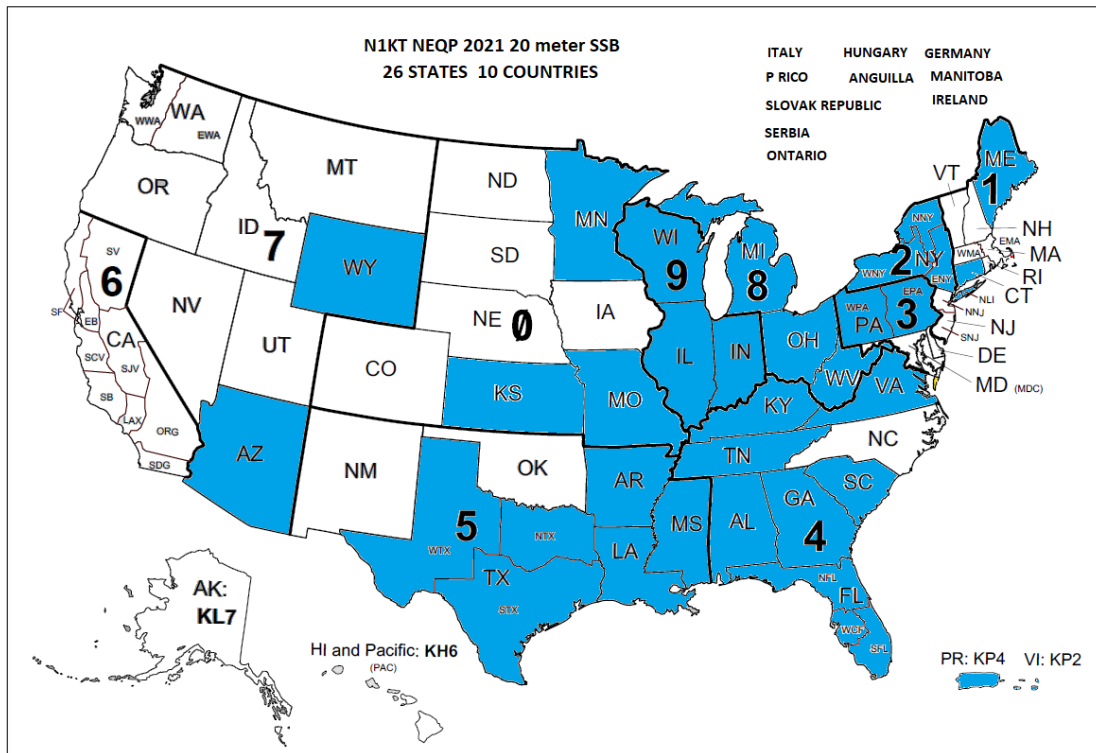
Our multipliers were states, Canadian provinces and DX. (blue is worked, red is needed)



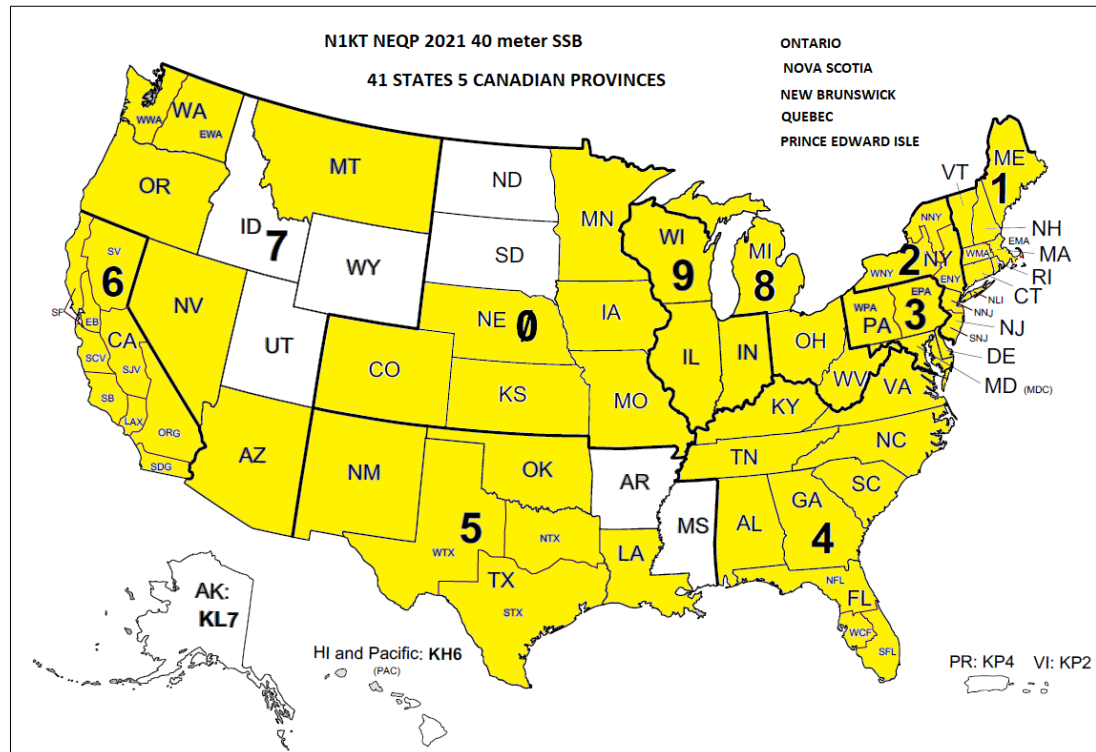


New England Counties Worked

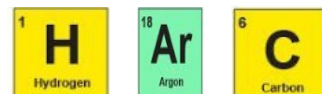


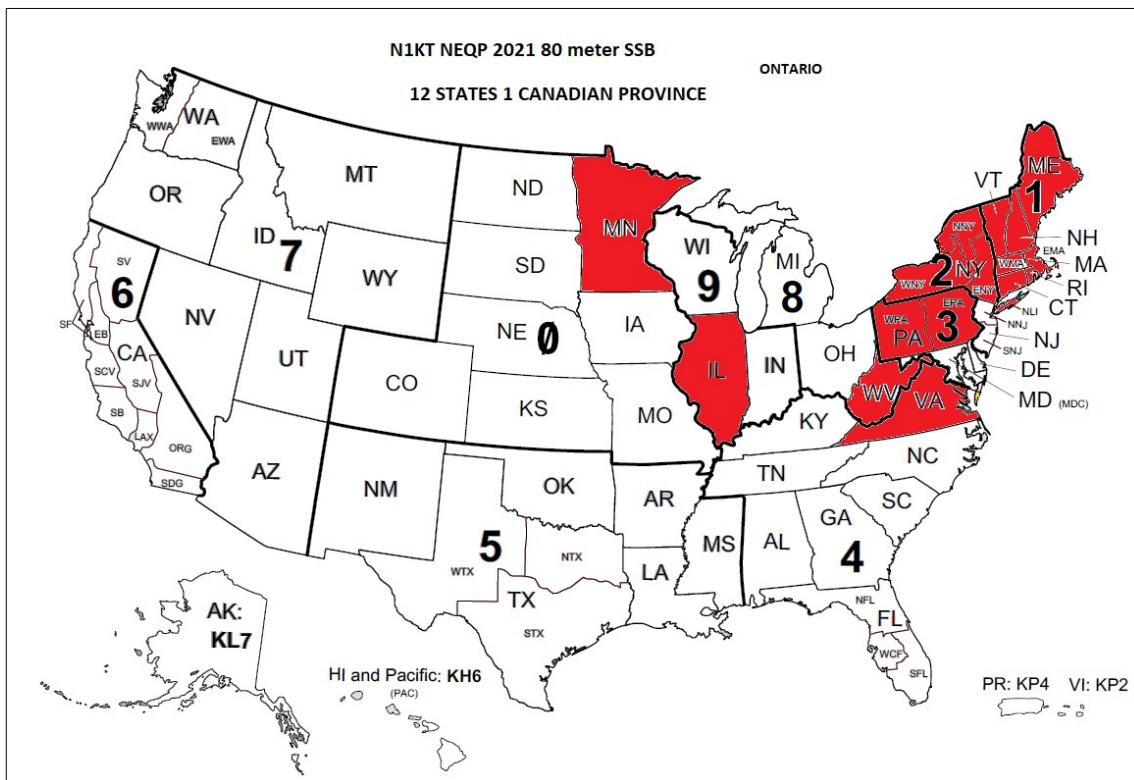


20 meters SSB

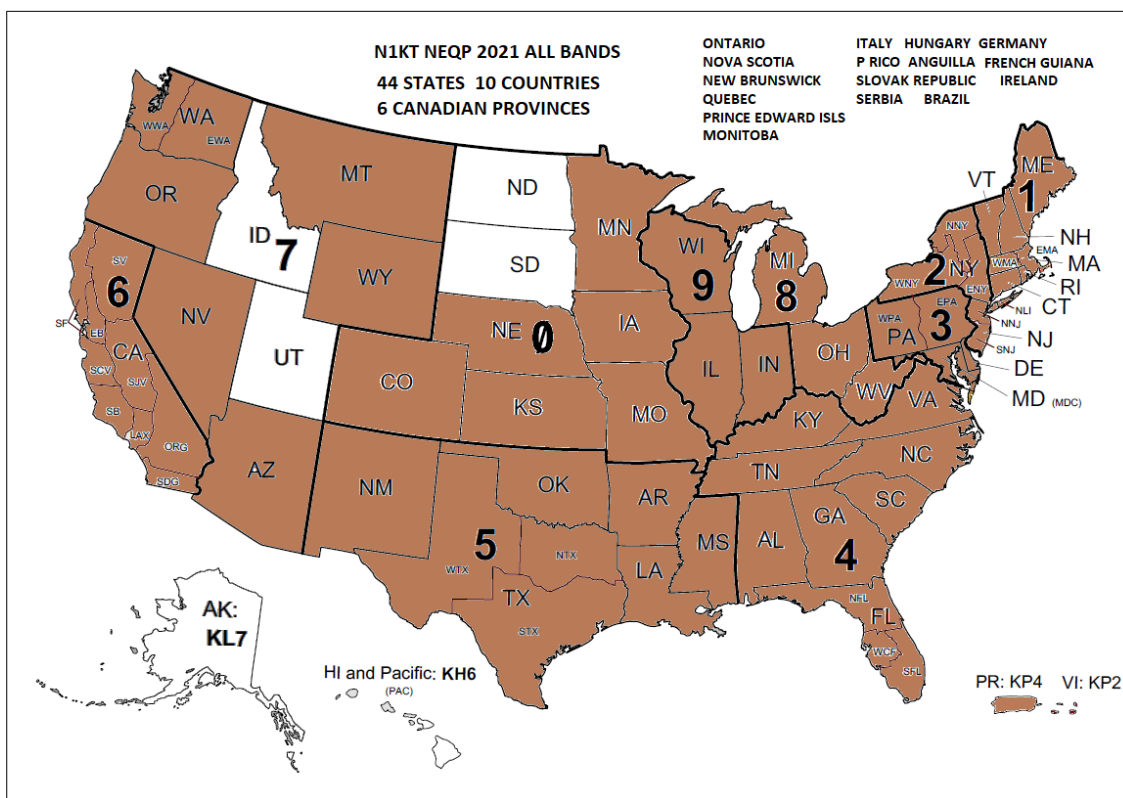


40 meters SSB





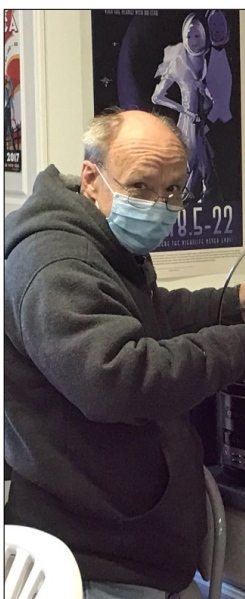
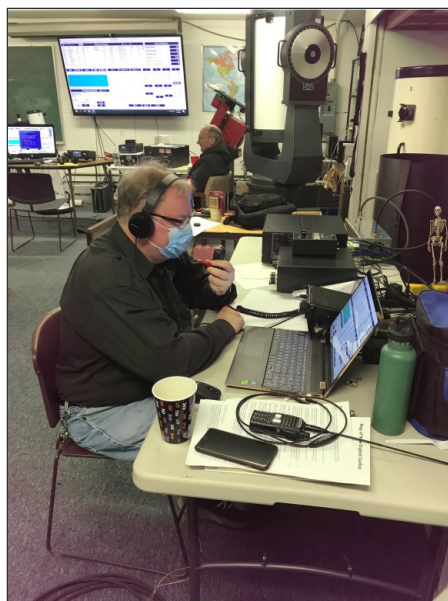
80 meters SSB



All Bands



We worked two DX stations on 10 meters, FY French Guiana and PY Brazil. These countries are added to the All States map above.



*Alex N1AK at the contact station,
Jeff KB1LZ at the crock pot, and
Jeff KB1LZ, Dave KB1LTW and Sam
W1SMF at the multiplier station.*

The BIG news is that Larry AB1JC brought an ACOM 700S, 700 watt solid state amplifier to our NEQP operation and Gary WE1M brought an 800 watt MFJ tuner to work with the amplifier. This enabled us to operate on the receiving end of a pileup the entire contest.





Contact station with ACOM amplifier



Multiplier station with Ameritron 811H amp



Members enjoying a break in the action.
LtoR: Marilyn KB1YYO, Dave KB1LTW and Alex N1AK.

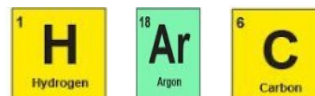


HAMS & EGGS BREAKFAST

Larry AB1JC, Ken NE1CU & Gary WE1M met at Focaccia's for breakfast on 5/8/2021.



Breakfast at Famous 50's Diner May 22, 2021. Left to Right: Ken NE1CU, Mike KA1EQU, Jeff KB1LZ and Larry AB1JC.





May 28, 2021: Larry AB1JC & Gary WE1M at breakfast at Sassafra's give a thumbs up! Ken NE1CU responds from work!



*Breakfast at Focaccia's May 29, 2021.
LtoR: Larry AB1JC, Mike KA1EOU, Sam W1SMF, Gary K1IC, Jeff KB1LZ and Ken NE1CU.
Gary WE1M was the shutterbug.*





May 31, 2021: Larry AB1JC & Gary WE1M have breakfast at Riverdale Diner & give a thumbs up!

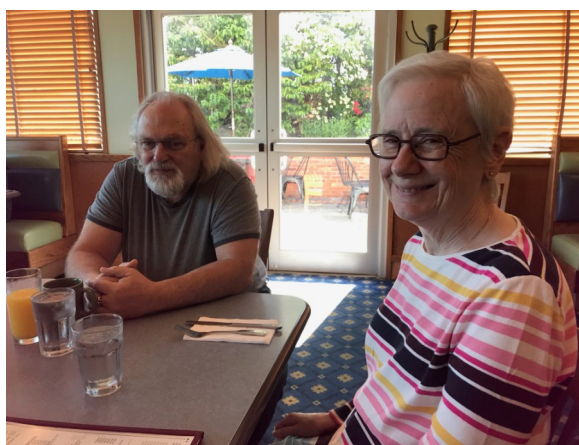




Breakfast June 5, 2021 at Circle Diner, Fairfield.

Left: Mike (Mitch) KA1EOU
Middle Row: Sam W1SMF & Ken NE1CU. Jeff KB1LZ & Gary K1IC.

Bottom Row: Gary WE1M, Gary K1IC and Marilyn KB1YYO.



SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE (GOSHEN) HAMFEST

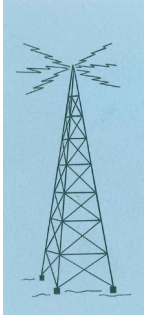
Club members Gary WE1M and Barbara KA1SHN went to Goshen hamfest on 5/22/2021. There they met David KB1LTW, Ned KA1CVv and Douglas WA1SFH.



**Goshen Hamfest May 22, 2021.
Barbara KA1SHN chats with David
KB1LTW**

Seen at the hamfest: Barbara KA1SHN, Gary WE1M, Douglas WA1SFH, David KB1LTW, Ned KA1CVv, Emily N1DID, Larry W1LAG, John N1OLO & John N1GNV.

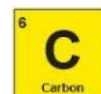


**K1WAS REPEATER**

Ned KA1CVv, Dave KB1LTW, Larry AB1JC, Dave KB1YYJ, Joe WA1EDX and Gary WE1M are working on a new repeater. This will be the K1WAS, Westport Astronomical Society ARC repeater, which will serve our local area. Ned KA1CVv is the Trustee of K1WAS and is in charge.

FIELD DAY WEEKEND

This field day we will operate as K1WAS. While we originally planned a "Show your vaccination card and mask at the door and you are in!" Field Day, Westport relaxed it's restrictions due to the ebbing of the pandemic (thank God) and our Field Day is open to all. We will begin making contacts at 2:00 pm. Our goal: Work All States for K1WAS and hang the certificate on the wall inside WAS.



GOSHEN HAMFEST

- Newtown Hamfest – As we went to press, this hamfest was scheduled.




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SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday, Doors open 8AM
Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
Annual

Western CT. Hamfest

The **BIGGEST**, little Hamfest in
Western Connecticut

Indoor tables \$20 each, Tailgating \$15 / spot

Includes 1 admission
Admission at the door \$7 (\$1 discount with flyer)
Children under 12 Free

See you at the Hamfest "73"

CARA is a 501(c)3 organization
All State COVID-19 regulations will be in place

FALL **"ARES"** FORUM
10:30 IN THE HALL

DEMONSTRATIONS

MAJOR VENDORS

INDOOR TABLES
OUTDOOR TAILGATING

VE SESSION - 9:30
NO APPOINTMENT REQ.

REFRESHMENTS
RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES
50/50
GOOD TIMES

TO BE HELD AT
Edmond Town Hall
45 Main St
Newtown, CT

Hamfest.cararadioclub.org

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UPCOMING CONTESTS

- July 10-11 IARU HF Championship
- July 17 – Youth On the Air Round 2
- 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
- Dec 30 – Youth On the Air Round 3

OUR SKED

- 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



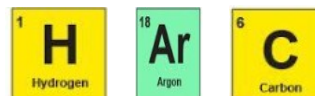
NOTICE

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
David Kostrey – KD1BD 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 2021

President - Lawrence J. Reed, AB1JC
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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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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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