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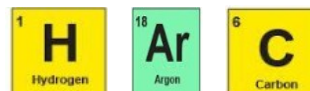
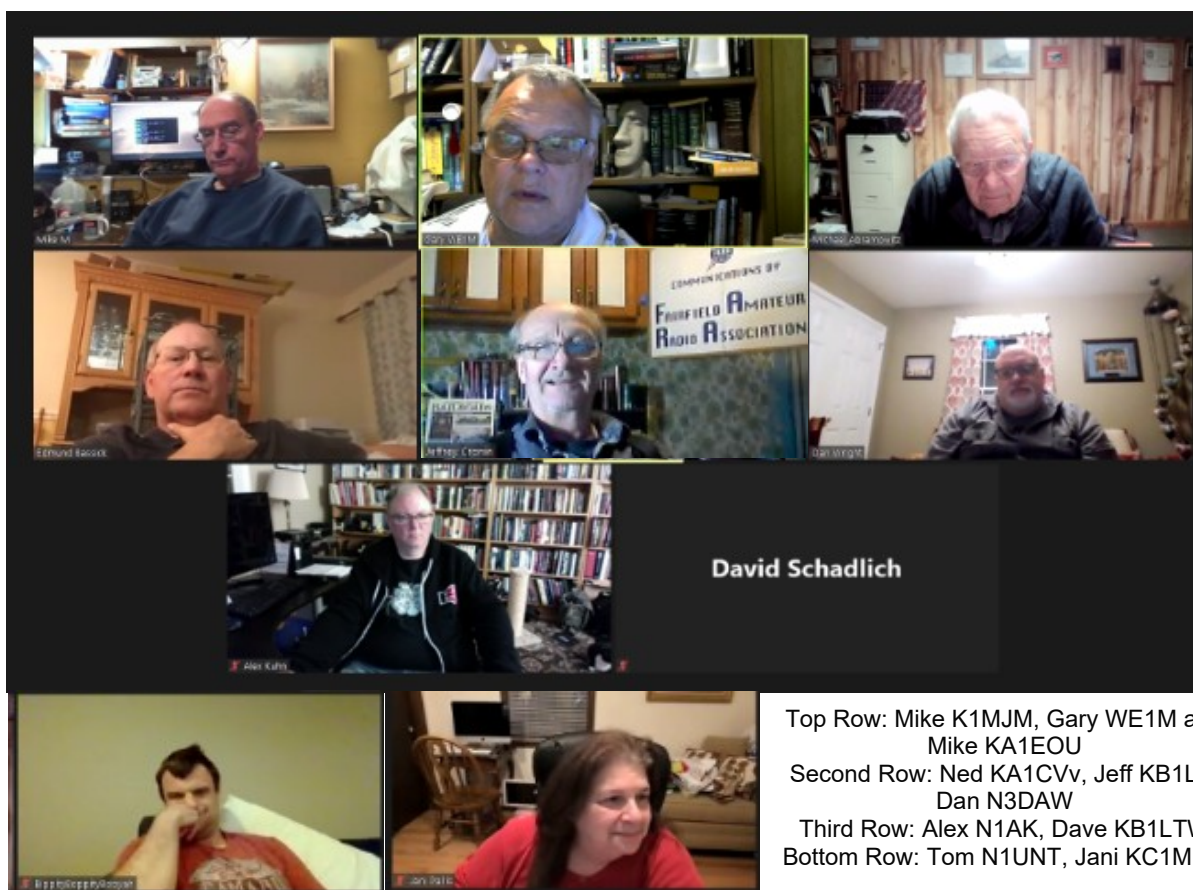
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## MEETING INFO

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 (informal) is currently scheduled for Saturday June 26, 2021. All **vaccinated** members are urged to attend this meeting and event. Monthly Zoom video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Our June meeting is scheduled for Monday June 7, 2021 at 8 pm.

## MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Our May Zoom meeting was held on Monday May 3, at 8 pm. 10 members attended our meeting.



**SUMMER FIELD DAY PLANNING**

The Summer Field Day 2021 rules are out. Please go to ARRL and read them, as they have changed again! Summer Field Day is this month June 26-27, and we have been planning. It was decided at our March meeting that we would run at least 3 stations (and digital) in the A category with commercial power. This means we qualify for the following:

- Free VHF station
- Satellite QSO
- Alternate power (need only 5 QSO's)
- W1AW Bulletin
- Educational Activity
- Web Submission
- Social Media
- Safety Officer Bonus

**Here is our schedule:**

- Saturday June 19 (1 week before Field Day) – Computers need to be worked out. First we will meet for breakfast (location TBD), then go to WAS. We will update software, check Windows Server/Security and check common database access for all stations.
- Friday June 25
  - Set up and test antennas
  - Off Center Fed Dipole
  - Larry's 5BTV vertical antenna
  - Tower (if we are using)
  - Test Amplifiers
  - Test amplifier interfaces
  - Clean BBQ grills
  - Set up photo voltaics
  - Locate stations/tables/chairs
  - Air out the areas
  - Set up food area
- We are planning a cookout (shall we cook on grills or purchase food?)
  - Hot dogs
  - Hamburgers
  - Steak
  - Drinks



### FIELD DAY WEEKEND

This field day we will operate as K1WAS. **Show your vaccination card and mask at the door and you are in!** *This Field Day is for club members only please!* We can begin making contacts at 2:00 pm. **Our goal: We would like to Work All States for K1WAS and hang the certificate on the wall inside WAS.**

**HOUSATONIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
WESTPORT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY ARC**

# K1WAS

**Presents**  
**a SPEAK EASY**  
**SUMMER FIELD DAY 2021**  
**June 26 – 27**  
**CLUB MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE**



**PICNIC**  
Bring your own food  
We will supply grills & beverages!



**SPEAK EASY**  
Show us your  
Vaccination Card &  
Mask and you're in!

**We will be operating FIELD DAY 2021**  
**Westport Astronomical Society Observatory**  
**182 Bayberry Lane, Westport, CT**  
**Setup: Friday June 25 at the Observatory**  
**We will operate K1WAS from 2:00 pm Saturday until**  
**Noon Sunday.**

**NOTE: Please read the Field Day 2021 rules, there are new pandemic temporary rules this year.**



## NEW ENGLAND QSO PARTY

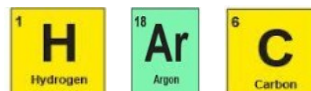
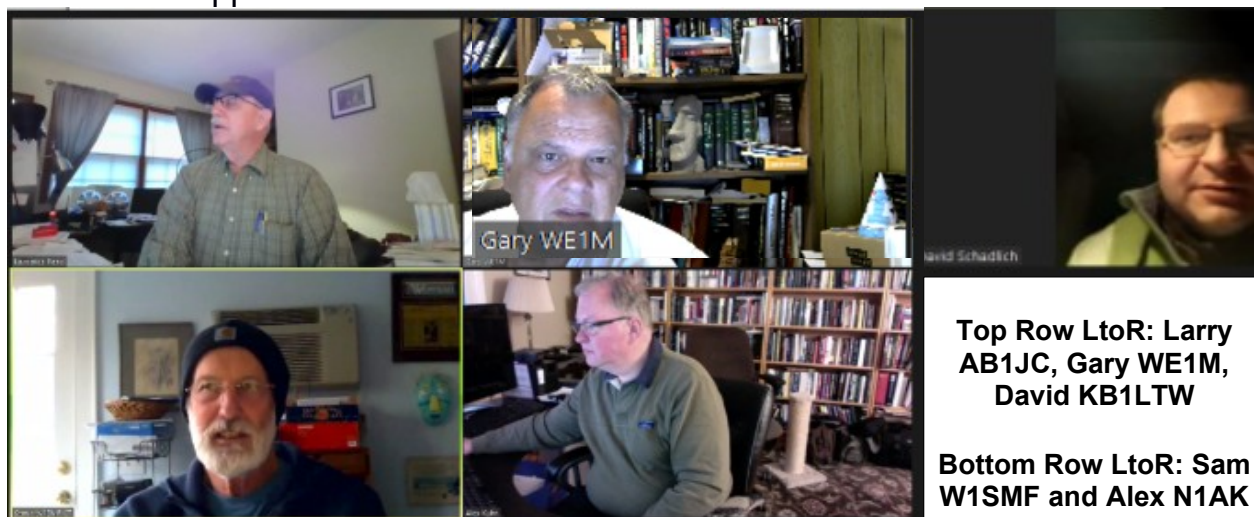
We operated N1KT in the New England QSO Party on May 1-2, 2021.

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# Planned Activity by County

State	County	Planned Activity By
Connecticut	Fairfield	N1KT(multiop) W1NSK
	Hartford	K1KI N1IXF K2UA/m W1NK
	Litchfield	NP2GG K2UA/m
	Middlesex	
	New-Haven	W1JQ
	New-London	
	Tolland	K1ZE K1MTD
	Windham	W1EQ

A NEQP pre-planning meeting was held on Tuesday April 27 at 7:30 pm to discuss how we will approach this contest.





Operating our very first NEQP was Mike KA1EOU, Dave KB1LTW, Jeff KB1LZ, Sam W1SMF, Gary WE1M, Alex N1AK, Marilyn KB1YYO, Ken NE1CU, Ned KA1CVv and Larry AB1JC. These 10 members did all the work and made all the contacts.

With the contest not beginning until 4 pm, we began setup approximately 10 am. We arranged the tables, stations and put up the off center fed dipole.



*Ned KA1CVv and Jeff KB1LZ installing the OCF Dipole antenna  
(unaware that they are being stalked)*



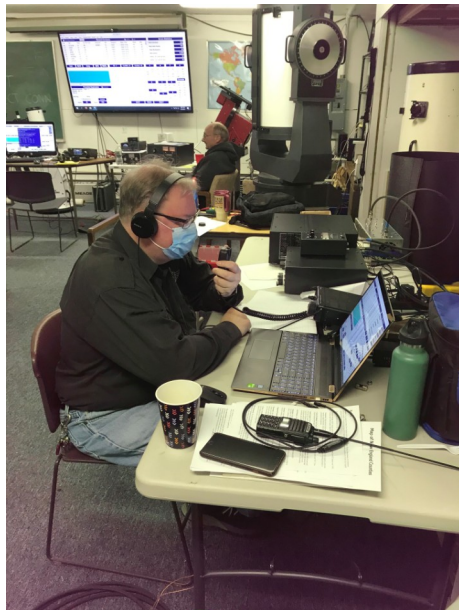




*The Group at work*



*Super Sam W1SMF!*



*Alex N1AK making contacts*



*Marilyn KB1YYO,  
Dave KB1LTW, Alex  
N1AK taking a  
breather*







### NEQP at WAS

Top left: Sam W1SMF, Jeff KB1LZ and Dave KB1LTW at the Multiplier station.  
 Middle left: Primary station with amp and tuner  
 Above: Dave KB1LTW makes jumper coax  
 Bottom Left: Dave operates primary station with Jeff looking on.





Dave prepared our dinner of NY Strip steak “sous vide” and then gently added a slight char to them.



Add salad, bread, a drink and you're “civilized” contesting. Thanx Dave!



*The only way to contest!*







*Making toast – Dave's way!  
Dave KB1LTW in his ARRL  
cooks/BBQ apron.  
We are fortunate to have  
and enjoy his culinary  
talents.*

**So how did we do?** We made 395 contacts, worked 44 states, 34 New England Counties and 12 countries: USA, Canada, Hungary, Anguilla, Brazil, Germany, French Guiana, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, Serbia and Slovak Republic. We will leave further explanation until our next issue - so stay tuned!



### AWARDS

While getting together last Field Day was not such a good idea, our yearly awards were virtually presented. Well the NEQP was the first opportunity we had as a group to get together. So awards were handed out with that "personal touch" everyone deserves. Awards were handed out for FD 2020, the 2020 ARRL DX contest and the 2020 CQ WW DX SSB contest. Additionally, a special award was given to our Master of Cuisine for his wonderful preparations of our contesting meals, e.g. Filet Minion and NY Strip steaks.



Alex N1AK received our club "Contest Kraken Award" for the 2020 ARRL DX SSB Contest. Mike KA1EOU received our club "Contest Award" for the 2020 CQ WW DX SSB Contest.



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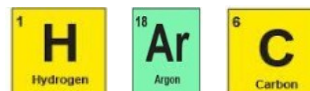






Left: Dave KB1LTW receives his "License to Grill" Award. He received a certificate, an ARRL BBQ Apron and an ARRL cutting board.

Above is a copy of his award. It states: The Master Griller – they've given you a spatula and taken away your name! In recognition of your invaluable accomplishments and contributions to all our contesting efforts by cooking Filet Mignon, NY Strip and other Gastronomic delights. You bring culture, cuisine and civility to our contesting. You are now elected a member of the club's "cutting board" of directors.



## HAMS & EGGS BREAKFAST

Social Distancing Breakfasts returned, Larry AB1JC, Ken NE1CU, Jeff LB1LZ & Gary WE1M met at the Famous 50's Diner for breakfast on 4/17/2021.



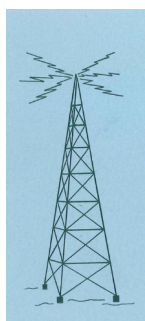
*Clockwise top left: Everyone enjoying coffee. Famous 50's diner decor, an empty restaurant good for social distancing. Art Deco on top of Jeff's truck. (no one knows what it is!) Thumbs up everyone for the camera.*





## WINTER FIELD DAY RESULTS

Results are not as yet published by the WFD Assoc. We will report on the results as soon as WFD Association publishes the results.



## 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.



*Quiz: Do you recognize this club member? Who is this?*



**GOSHEN HAMFEST**

The Goshen Hamfest was held on Saturday May 22, 2021 at the Goshen, CT fairgrounds. This is one of the first hamfests in quite awhile and a welcome event. Everyone needed to get out of the house and the country side views of this area are very nice.

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




Sanctioned by ARRL

## 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](http://Hamfest.cararadioclub.org)

Contact: John Morelli  
(W1JGM)

[Hamfest@cararadioclub.org](mailto:Hamfest@cararadioclub.org)

203-417-0160





**UPCOMING CONTESTS**

- June 26-27 Summer Field Day
- 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**

- June 5 – Belmont Stakes
- June 26-27 – SPEAK EASY Summer Field Day
- 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  
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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ITU Zone 8

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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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