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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 members are urged to attend this meeting and event. Monthly Zoom video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Our March meeting is scheduled for Monday March 1, 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW OFFICERS

New Officers were appointed at our annual formal Zoom meeting which took place on Feb 1, 2021. Congratulations to the following members on being appointed to officer positions:

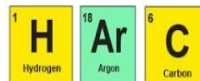
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FEBRUARY MEETING

A Zoom meeting was held on Monday February 1, 2021 at 8 pm. It was hosted by Gary WE1M. 9 members attended. See pic below. Items discussed were:

- Appointment of Officers for 2021
- Winter Field Day
- 900 MHz Repeater update
- 220 Transverters
- 40 meter beam and WAS tower work
- WinLink and ARES/CERT



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- Summer Field Day Picnic blow out
- Possible CW Class
- Round Robin update from everyone
- Open Discussion

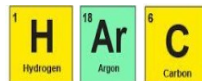
The meeting ended at 9:30pm.



Attending the February meeting Top Row: Ned KA1CVv, Gary WE1M, David KB1LTW and Tom N1UNT. Middle Row: Marilyn KB1YYO, Mike K1MJM, Mike KA1EOU and Jeff KB1LZ. Bottom Row: Sam W1SMF

WINTER FIELD DAY

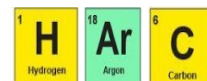
Winter Field Day was held January 30 & 31, 2021. During our December 2020 Zoom meeting, we decided that we will all operate WFD from home. Operating from home was Gary WE1M, Dave KB1LTW, Ned KA1CVv and Brandon KB1THM, each using their own callsign and operating from their own QTH. Gary operated mostly full time, Dave operated part time whilst doing other things, Ned operated for a few hours prior to heading to work and Brandon just operated for a wee bit. There really was no concerted effort on our part, rather we decided to have some fun with this contest and play.



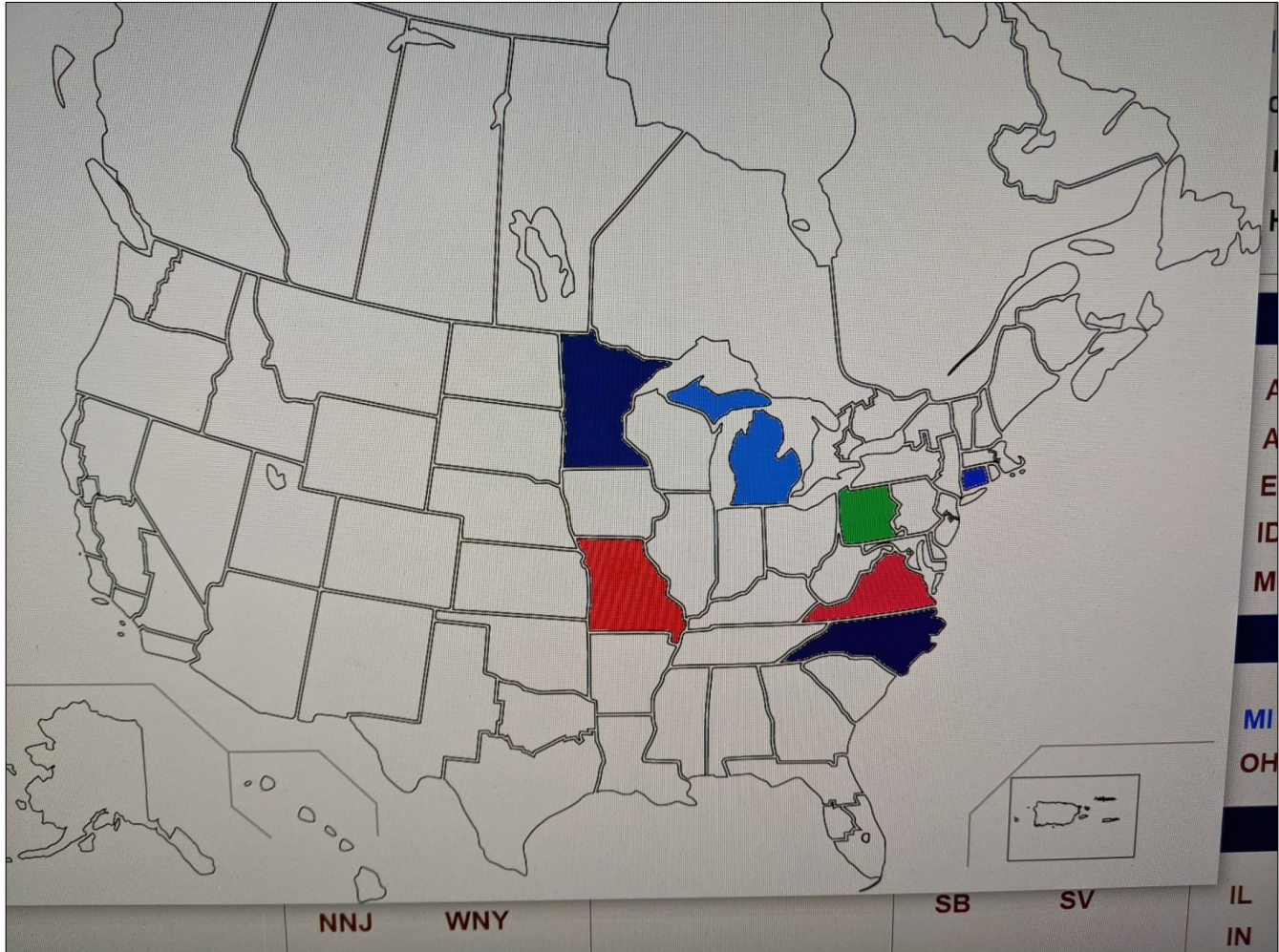


Winter Field Day 2021

*Clockwise starting from the left:
WE1M's vertical antenna
WE1M's WFD station
KA1CVV's buddy pole antenna
KB1LTW's WFD station.*



We each operated using our own call sign and allocated our score to Housatonic ARC. Dave KB1LTW operated on/off during the contest. His WAS/section map and contact list are below.



Dave KB1LTW's WAS/Zones map WFD 2021



N3FJP's Winter Field Day Contest Log 2.7

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Current Band & Mode

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Recent Contacts

Last 20All

Rec	Call	Cat	Sec	Date / Time	Bnd	Mode	Country	Initials	Operator
12	N8SOB	1H	MI	01/30 22:43	40	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
11	KM4ODS	1H	NC	01/30 22:37	40	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
10	W1EM	1H	CT	01/30 22:27	20	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
9	KD0CCI	1H	MO	01/30 22:27	20	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
8	WE1M	1H	CT	01/30 22:16	15	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
7	WE1M	1H	CT	01/30 22:14	10	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
6	WE1M	1H	CT	01/30 22:13	40	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
5	K4BNZ	1I	VA	01/30 22:12	40	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
4	W1LAG	1H	CT	01/30 22:05	20	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
3	N1DID	1H	CT	01/30 22:03	20	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
2	W3SGJ	2H	WPA	01/30 22:01	40	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW
1	K0LWC	1H	MN	01/30 21:59	20	PH	USA	DHS	KB1LTW

Call

Cat

Section

DX

DX

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CTEMA

RI

VT

3

DEEPA

MDC

WPA

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AL

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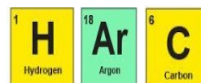
Ready to begin!

Please select your band and mode from the menu options!

Dave KB1LTW's contact list

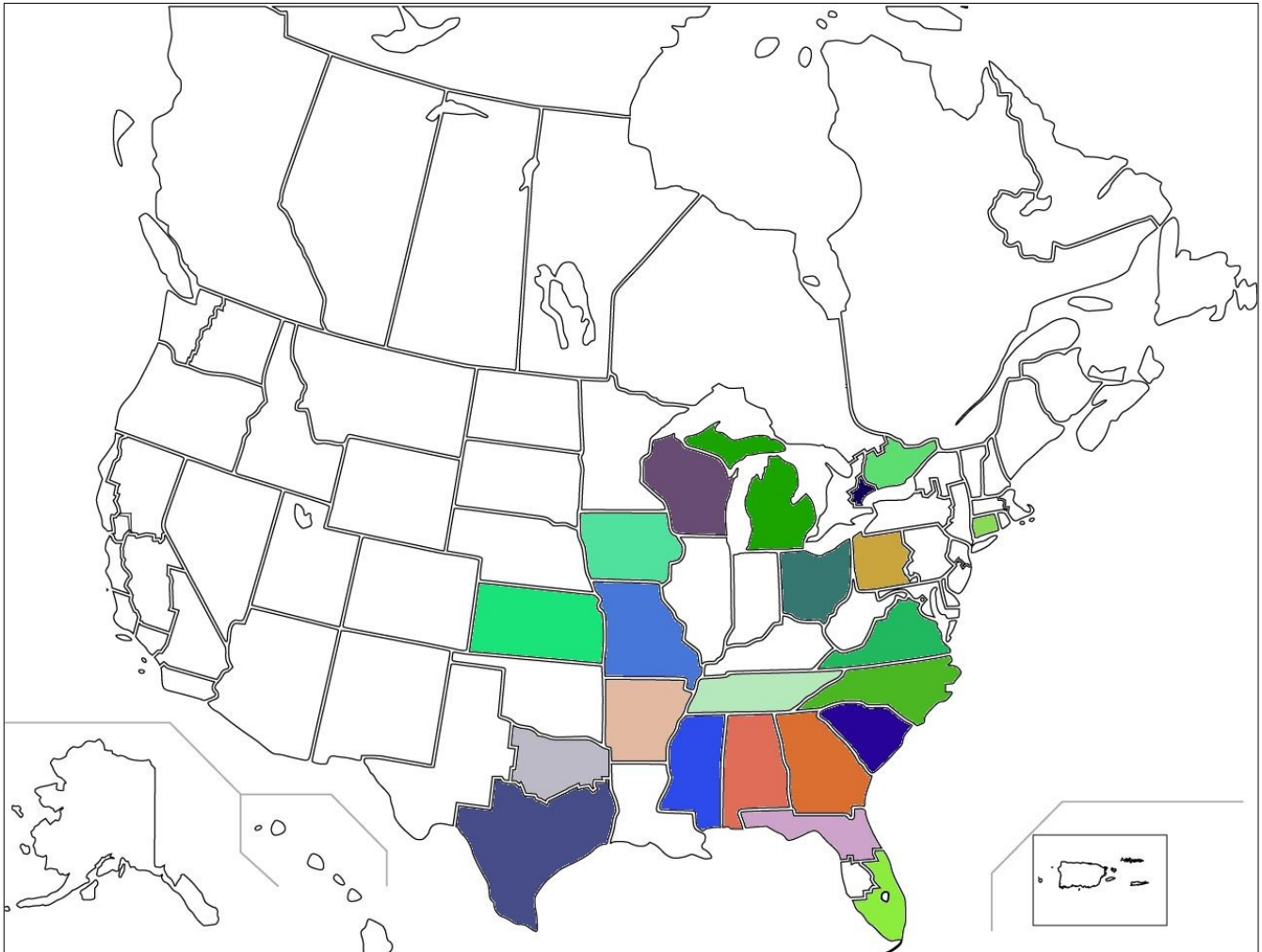
While doing other things:

Dave KB1LTW managed to make 12 contacts and work 7 states,
 Ned KA1CVv managed to make 5 contacts QRP and
 Brandon KB1THM managed 12 CW contacts on 20 meters.
 Not bad for just spending a little bit of time in the contest!



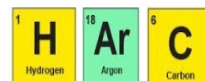
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Gary WE1M operated most of the contest using his station and found that the bands were hard and he had to work for each contact. This can be seen by his WAS/section map and information below.



Sections worked by WE1M WFD 2021

Not much west of the Mississippi as Gary's vertical antenna caused his signal to go right over IN, KY and IL. He had no trouble with Europe and worked Poland and Belgium first call.



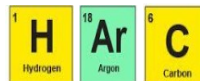
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Total Contacts by State \ Prov:		
State	Total	%
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FL	5	10
ON	5	10
CT	4	8
NC	4	8
VA	4	8
GA	3	6
OH	3	6
PA	3	6
	2	4
IA	2	4
MO	2	4
MS	2	4
SC	2	4
TN	2	4
TX	2	4
AL	1	2
AR	1	2
KS	1	2
MI	1	2
WI	1	2
Total = 19		

Gary WE1M made 50 phone contacts with 4 multipliers running 100 Watts (*low power for this contest*). He contacted 17 states, two Canadian provinces and two DX entities. He totaled 4 countries. With a European contest going at the same time, it would have been easy to work many countries. (DX heard: Italy, Poland, Serbia, Belgium, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Venezuela, Ukraine).

Score Statistics	
Total CW Contacts	0
Total Phone Contacts	50
Total DIG Contacts	0
Total Multipliers	4
Total Score	200
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	3
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	3

WE1M's score statistics



Total Contacts by Country:

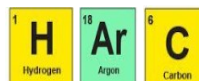
Country	Total	%
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USA	43	86
Canada	5	10
Belgium	1	2
Poland	1	2
Total = 4		

WE1M's breakdown by country

SO HOW DID WE DO?

Estimating our club score so far based upon the info submitted to date, WE1M's total score as calculated by N3FJP is 200. This is multiplied by the power multiplier of 2 x for 100 watts or less (low power) to equal 400. KB1LTW made 12 contacts, with 4 bands to calculate a score of 48. As with WE1M, this is multiplied by the power multiplier of 2 x to equal 96 points. Ned KA1CVv made 5 contacts. Not sure of what band/multipliers, but so far that would be 5 points with power multiplier of 4 x (for QRP) to equal 20 points. Brandon made 12 CW contacts on 20 meters using 100 watts. That is 12 x 2 points/cw contact x 2 for power multiplier = 48 points. **Added all together our club score is 400 + 96 + 20 + 48 = 564 points.**

Don't think spending a few hours and working stations part time doesn't contribute? That is a wrong assumption! Dave's and Ned's score took our total over the 500 points mark, and Brandon's 12 contacts were worth another 48 points. Also, Dave in his 12 contacts, worked an additional state that Gary did not! (Minnesota) Added together this makes 18 states, two Canadian provinces and two DX countries. Thanx for your contributions Brandon, Dave, Gary and Ned!



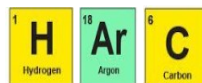
HAMS & EGGS & 10 METERS

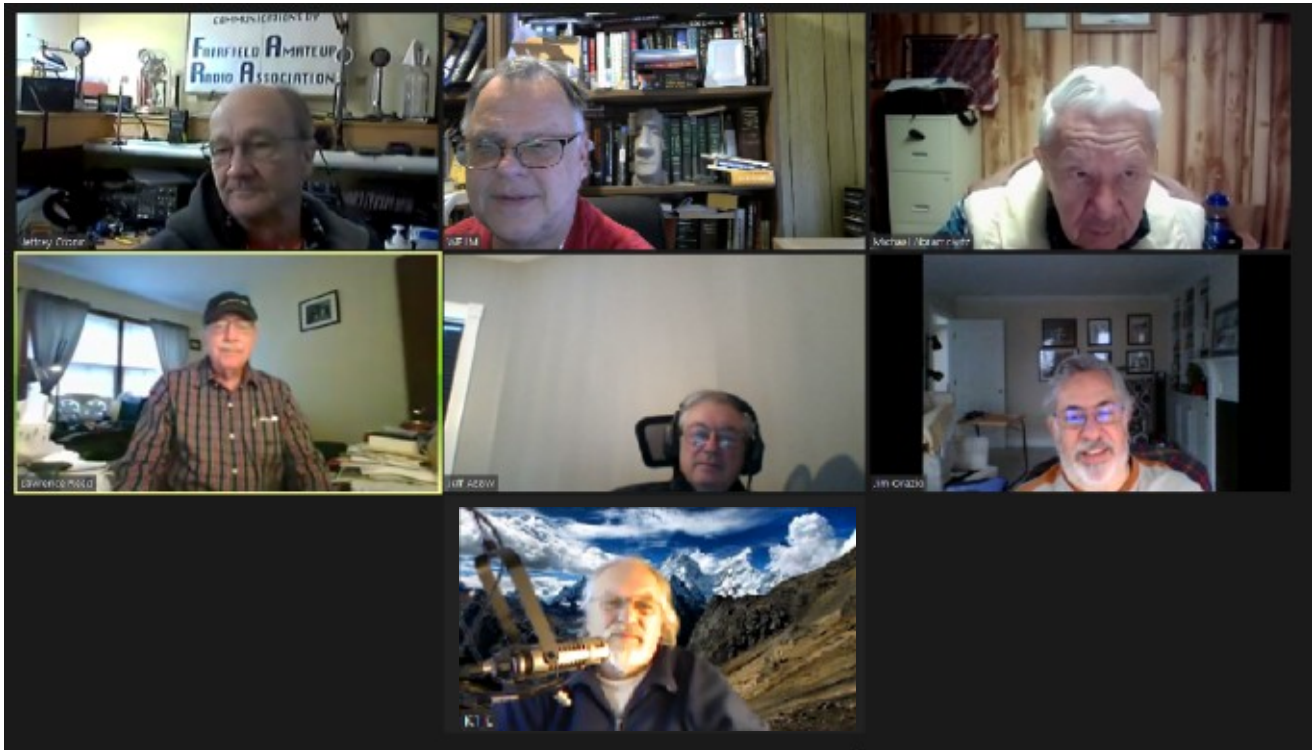
Breakfast was replaced by our new Saturday Morning Breakfast Zoom & Net, named "Hams & Eggs & 10 Meters". Our host is Jeff KB1LZ, runs it every Saturday morning from 8 to 9 am.

Thanks Jeff. Hams & Eggs & 10 Meters will be held weekly every Saturday morning. Why not join us?



January 9, 2021: Top Row (LtoR): Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Mike KA1EQU
Middle Row: Jon AI1V, Larry AB1JC, Gary K1IC
Bottom: Jim W1RAZ, Sam W1SMF, Jeff AE8W

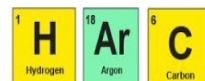




January 16, 2021: Top Row (LtoR): Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Mike KA1EOU
Middle Row: Larry AB1JC, Jeff AE8W, Jim W1RAZ
Bottom: Gary K1IC

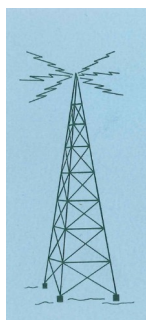


January 23, 2021: Top Row (LtoR): Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Jon AI1V
Bottom Row: Mike KA1EOU, Larry AB1JC





January 30, 2021: Top Row (LtoR): Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M, Mike KA1EOU
Bottom Row: Sam W1SMF, Jim W1RAZ, Larry AB1JC



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. Further details in next issue.



SPEAK EASY SUMMER FIELD DAY JUNE 2021



Summer Field Day is coming in June and we are planning a bash! At least 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. Bring your own food, your vaccination card and a mask. **Show your vaccination card and mask at the door and you are in!** *Members only please!*

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! **Don't forget your vaccination card and mask.**

**HOUSATONIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
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a SPEAK EASY
SUMMER FIELD DAY 2021
June 26 – 27
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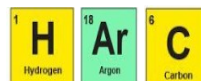


PICNIC
Bring your own food
We will supply grills & beverages!



SPEAK EASY
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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 N1KT from 2:00 pm Saturday until
Noon Sunday.

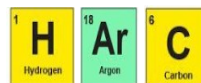


**HAMFESTS**

- Dayton Hamvention May 21 -23 (*Canceled for 2021*)

UPCOMING CONTESTS

- 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

- 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
- June 26-27 Summer Field Day
- July 4 – Independence Day
- Sept 6 – Labor Day
- 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

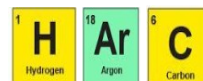
Mark Orner, PhD - KA1RSE SK

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.

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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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