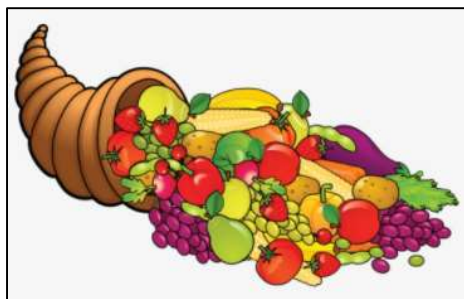


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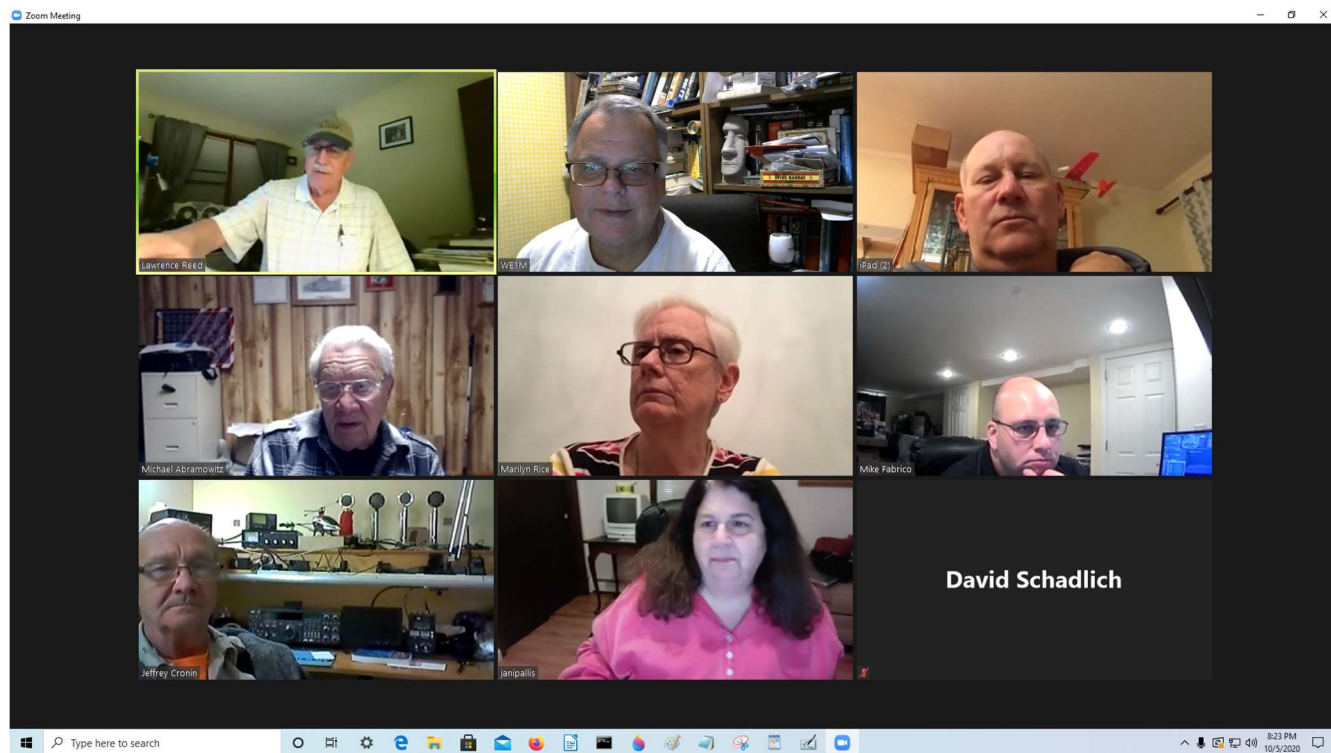
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MEETING INFO

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 (formal) is scheduled for Saturday January 25, 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 meeting is scheduled for Monday November 2, 2020.

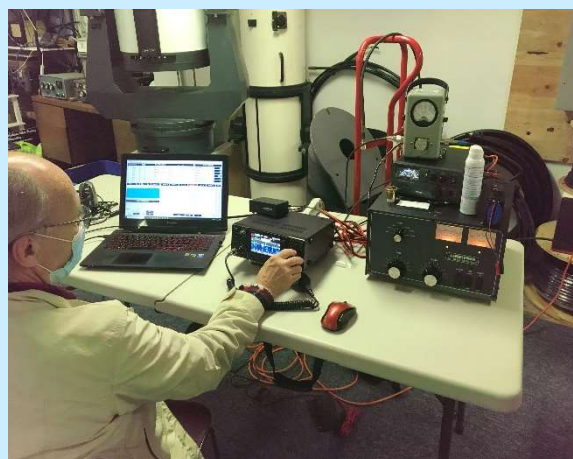


Club Zoom meeting October 5, 2020. Top Row: Larry AB1JC, Gary WE1M, Ned KA1CVv, Middle Row: Mike KA1EOU, Marilyn KB1YYO, Mike N2UXA Bottom Row: Jeff KB1LZ, Jani KC1MHU and Dave KB1LTW.



CQ WORLD WW DX SSB CONTEST

We operated in the CQ World Wide DX SSB contest on October 24 from WAS. We arrived for breakfast at Sherwood Diner in Westport, for our traditional “pre-contest” breakfast. After a great breakfast, we went to WAS and set up one station to operate Multi-operator, single transmitter and operated for about 8 hours. Making contacts for N1KT were Jeff KB1LZ, Mike KA1EOU, Gary WE1M and David KB1LTW. We used both the newly repaired vertical (thanx Mike) and the off center fed dipole. Additionally, we used the Ameritron amp with new tubes and ran about 500 watts. How did we do? That information was unavailable at press time and should be in next month’s issue! Below are pics of our operation. Operating N1KT is Dave KB1LTW, Jeff KB1LZ, Mike KA1EOU (not shown) and Gary WE1M (not shown).



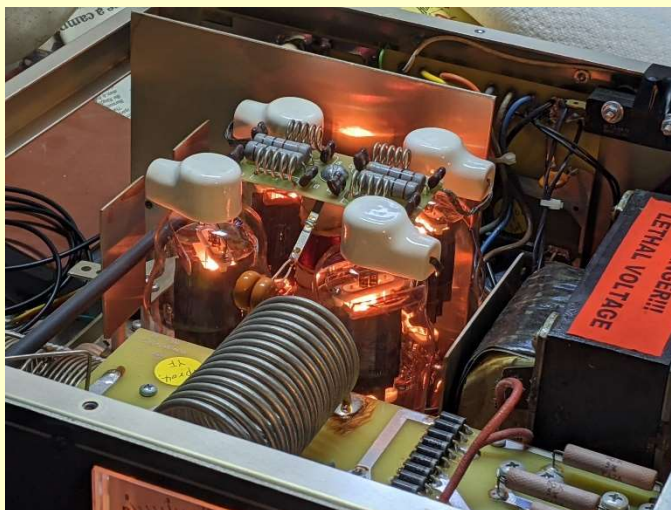
DAVE KB1LTW REPAIRS OUR AMERITRON AMP

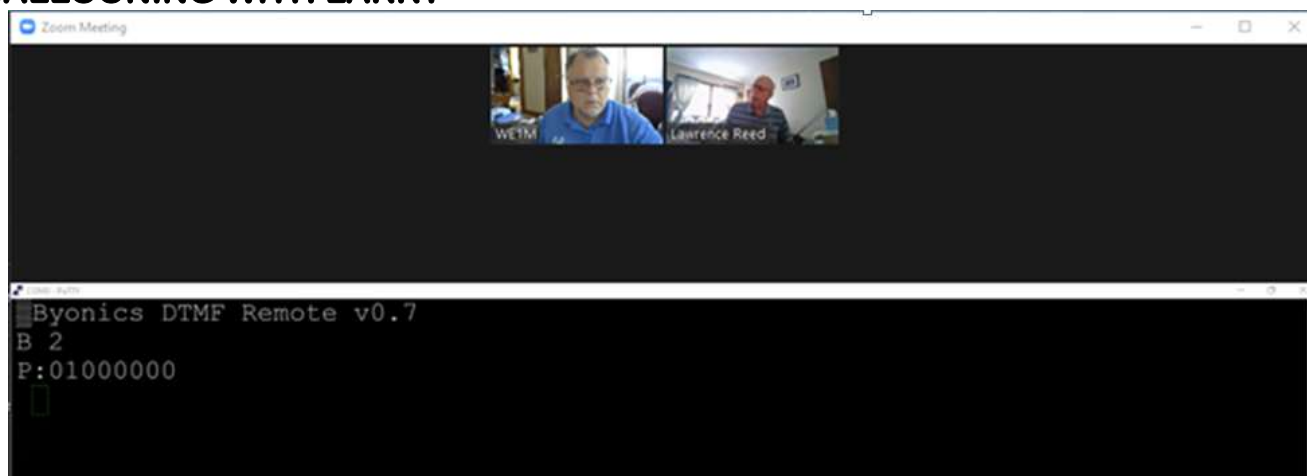


On October 17, Dave KB1LTW repaired our Ameritron AL-811H amplifier, replacing the four 811A tubes. The amplifier's power had been slowly dropping and the last contest we barely output 300 watts. In preparation for the upcoming contest season, we decided to repair the amplifier.

Above Left to right: A burned 811A tube taken from our amp, a second burned tube and a tube with oxidation at the bottom.

Below: A new 811 tube and our amplifier with all new power tubes, nice and toasty in place and being burned in.



BALLOONING WITH LARRY

Gary WE1M and Larry AB1JC working with DTMF codes and Light APRS.

OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED

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 know.

WINTER FIELD DAY COMING IN JANUARY

Winter Field Day is being held in January! Yep, it is just over 2 months away 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! Winter Field Day is January 30 & 31, 2021. During the month of January and preceding WFD, we will meet at our Zoom meetings to discuss what we want and like. In the meantime, keep in mind that WFD is fast approaching.



SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

On Saturday October 17, 2020 we held our “Social Distancing” breakfast at Famous 50’s Diner in Bridgeport.



*Left to Right: Marilyn KB1YYO, Mike KA1EOU, Jeff KB1LZ, Ned KA1CVv, and Larry AB1JC.
Dave KB1LTW was the shutterbug.*





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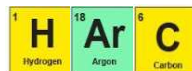
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UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Nov 7-9 Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 21-23 Sweepstakes SSB (Will operate at WAS)
- Nov 28-29 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 4-6 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 12-13 ARRL 10 meter Contest (may operate)

OUR SKED

- Nov 6, 7 & 8 - Boxboro Hamfest in Marlborough, MA (canceled)
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 - Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov 26 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 21-23 - Sweepstakes SSB
- Dec - Club Semi Annual Dinner (canceled)
- Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day
- Dec 31- New Year's Eve





NOTICE

It is with sorrow, that we must postpone our club's Silver Anniversary Party until after the pandemic. Please continue to ponder how you would like to celebrate this event. It is not necessary to celebrate this event in 2020.

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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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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