

# 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 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 February meeting is scheduled for Monday **February 7**, 2022 at 8 pm.
- Our March meeting is scheduled for Monday **March 7**, 2022 at 8 pm.
- Our April meeting is scheduled for Monday **April 4**, 2022 at 8 pm.

### OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED

Officers will be appointed at our annual formal meeting in January during Winter Field Day setup. If we decide to operate WFD from home, officers will be appointed at our February Zoom meeting. Any member can be an officer of HARC.

#### Current Nominees:

President: **David Schadlich, KB1LTW**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Thomas W. Moyher, ESQ, N1UNT**

Technical Officer: **Lawrence Reed, AB1JC**

Youth Coordinator: **Jen Coderre, N1ZZY**

Director 1: **Dan Wright, N3DAW**

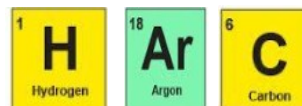
Director 2: **Mike Miciukiewicz, K1MJM**

Webmaster: **David Schadlich, KB1LTW**

Trustee: **Gary T. Moyher, WE1M**

Note: Webmaster & Trustee are not open for nomination. If you would like to be an club officer in 2022, let a current 2021 officer know of your desire. Appointments will be made at our Official Winter Field Day meeting.

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS – WE NEED YOU TO OPERATE THE  
WINTER FIELD DAY CONTEST**



## ARRL 10 METER CONTEST

At the December meeting, we decided that Dan N3DAW would operate from WAS and anyone who wanted to join him would operate there. Members who wanted to operate from home could use their own callsign and put "Westport Astro ARC" as their club name when submitting scores. Dan said he would use K1WAS.

WAS was reserved for us. The contest began 0000 UTC Saturday and ran through 2359 UTC Sunday. Dan set up one station and operated solo. His report is that the band was poor and full of noise.

**Recent Contacts**

Rec	Call	Rcvd	St / Pr / #	Snt	Country	Date / Time	Mode	Operator
11	N4OX	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 21:09	PH	N3DAW
10	K3QH	59	FL	59	USA	12/11 20:03	PH	N3DAW
9	K1UFM	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 19:57	PH	N3DAW
8	W1JGM	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 19:24	PH	N3DAW
7	KC1BB	59	AZ	59	USA	12/11 18:58	PH	N3DAW
6	N8RA	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 18:47	PH	N3DAW
5	W1RPG	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 01:13	PH	N3DAW
4	K2RB	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 01:13	PH	N3DAW
3	N2DXT	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 01:11	PH	N3DAW
2	KA1ZD	59	CT	59	USA	12/11 00:46	PH	N3DAW

**Score Statistics**

Total Contacts	11
Total QSO Points	22
Total Multipliers	3
Total Score	66
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	0
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	0

Multipliers on current mode (current mode also displayed on map).

**Ready to begin! Please select a mode from the menu options!**

Clear Spot Last

**Possible Duplicates** Any Portion

California Total = 0

Bearing: PH Miles: Start tracking op time Cont: 06:35:21

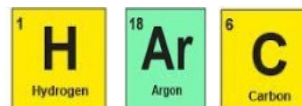
**K1WAS RS(T) CT**

7:49:28 PM  
00:49:28 UTC

N7IAD	28.4000	USA	de: K7EKD:	N7	0047Z	NA	285	2,223
K9YY	28.3700	USA	de: NR4O:	K9	0046Z	NA	277	760
KC1XX	28.4031	USA	de: NR4O:	K	0045Z	NA	262	1,012

N3FJP final screen ARRL 10 meter contest K1WAS

Dan worked a total of 11 contacts and 3 multipliers for 66 points and three states: CT, FL and AZ. Not sure how many hours he worked the contest, but with poor band conditions and noise, how long can ya listen? Cudos to Dan N3DAW for holding down the fort.



**WINTER FIELD DAY JANUARY 29 & 30**

Winter Field Day is being held in January! Yep, it is at the end of this month, just weeks 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 29 & 30, 2022.

WFD Assn has released their "readjusted" rules for 2022. They have reduced the number of points allowed for bonus' from 1000 to 500. This is a welcome change, putting bonus points in harmony with QSO points. However, they still staunchly refuse to allow FT8 as a valid mode. WFDA also revisited the power classifications. New this year, there are only two power classes, QRP and 100 watts or less. Power greater than 100 W is not allowed at all. This leaves those wanting to run more than 100 watts two options: lower your power to 100 watts and put up with it, or run power but do not submit the score. By not submitting the score, a ham station is only bound by FCC rules and contest rules become meaningless.

**WINTER FIELD DAY**  
*January 29/30, 2022*



**HOUSATONIC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**WESTPORT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY ARC**  
**N1KT**



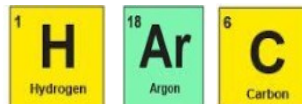
**We will be operating WINTER FIELD DAY 2022**

**WESTPORT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OBSERVATORY**  
**182 Bayberry Lane, Westport, CT**

**Setup Friday January 28, 2022, 9 am at Observatory**

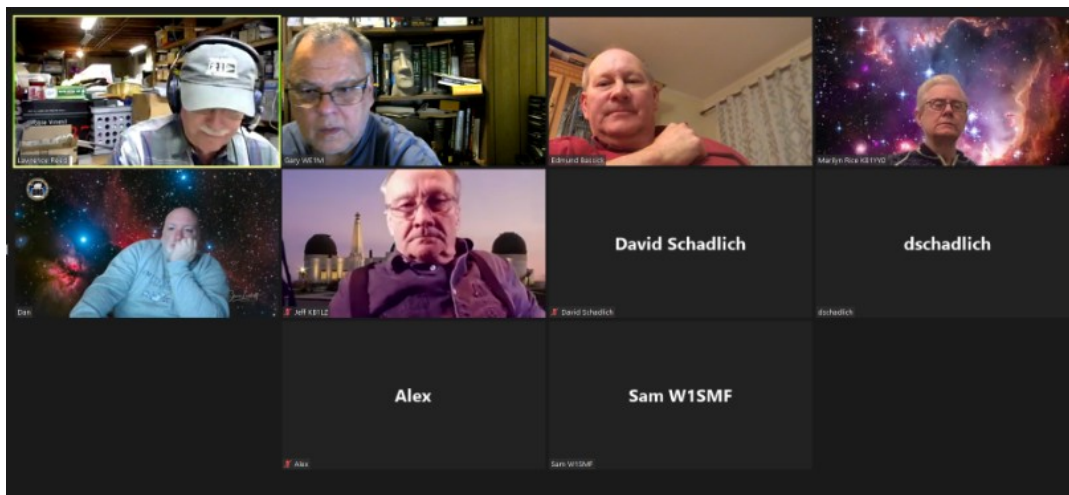
**HARC Meeting Saturday morning**

**We will operate from 2 pm Saturday (EST)**  
**until Noon Sunday (EST)**



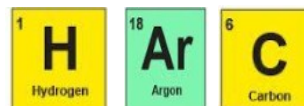
### DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Our December Zoom meeting was held on Monday December 6, 2021 at 8 pm. In attendance was Larry AB1JC, Gary WE1M, Ned KA1CVv, Marilyn KB1YYO, Dan N3DAW, Jeff KB1LZ, David KB1LTW, Alex N1AK & Sam W1SMF.



The following was discussed:

- UPCOMING CONTEST
  - ARRL 10 Meter Contest – Scheduled to operate from WAS
  - Dan N3DAW will go to WAS and anyone who wants to join him can go there.
  - The rest of us will operate from home.
- WINTER FIELD DAY
  - Due to pandemic, we will make more informed decisions at our January meeting.
  - Want to operate from WAS or from home?
  - New power rules, 100 watts max
  - FT8 still not acceptable
- BREAKFAST SATURDAY Dec 11
  - Dec 11 is at Southport Diner
  - Chips Tunxis Hill Fairfield will be the next breakfast after Southport Diner.





- **TECHNICIAN CLASS 2022**
  - Will begin sometime in January
  - Run via Zoom
  - Discussed books, exams, etc.

Meeting ended at 9:40 pm.

### JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

Our January Zoom meeting was held on Monday January 3, 2022 at 8 pm. The following was discussed:



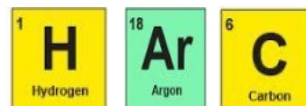
In attendance:

Larry AB1JC, Gary WE1M, Sam KC1HOD, Jani KC1MHU, Tom N1UNT, Sam W1SMF, Dave KB1YYJ, Mike KA1EOU, Alex N1AK, Marilyn KB1YYO, Dan N3DAW and David KB1LTW.

We have the following agenda to discuss:

#### 1. UPCOMING CONTEST

- **ARRL 10 Meter Contest**
  - Dan operated from WAS.
  - He made 11 contacts and did not bother to submit.
  - Most will operate from Home.



**2. WINTER FIELD DAY**

- Dan will operate WFD from WAS. All are welcome to stop by. Most members have opted to operate from home.
- HARC Officer Appointments. Officers will be appointed at our February zoom meeting.
- New power rules, 100 watts max
- FT8 still not acceptable
- Anyone not comfortable with WFD and staying home, please consider submitting your score with "CLUB: Housatonic ARC" as our club name. Various callsigns.

**3. Need assistance with club items this Spring.**

- Larry to take over Quarterly newsletter.
- Sam to take over Saturday breakfast emails.

**4. What other contests ya want to run? Too early to tell.****5. BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY - January 8**

- Chips Tunxis Hill Fairfield was last breakfast
- Gary to send txt file to Sam W1SMF who will handle breakfasts until Field Day.

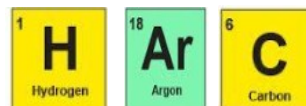
**6. TECH CLASS**

- Begin late January, Tentative Jan 20
- Run via Zoom, test at UB? Tentatively room 116. Lecture hall
- Discussed books, exams, etc. Cost \$50/student
- Sam W1SMF, Marilyn KB1YYO, Dave KB1LTW, Alex N1AK, Gary WE1M and Jeff KB1LZ volunteered to help teach.
- Slides from Larry to be shared to all instructors prior to start.
- Larry to email everyone with info and with schedule.

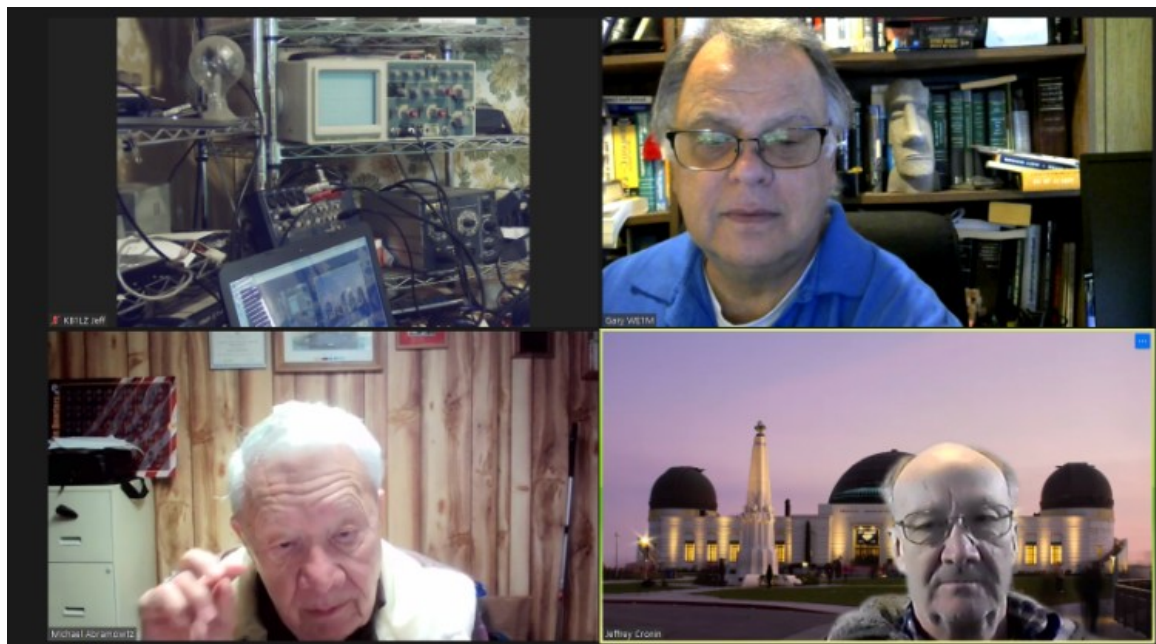
Meeting ended at 9:25 pm.

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

Beginning with this issue, Direct Currents is now published quarterly. - Editor



## SATURDAY MORNING ZOOM BREAKFAST



*Zoom breakfast Nov 6, 2021, Gary WE1M, Mike KA1EOU and Jeff KB1LZ.*



*Breakfast at Famous 50's Diner Nov 20, 2021*

*LtoR: Jeff KB1LZ, Ned KA1CVv, Sam W1SMF, Ken NE1CU, Mike KA1EOU & Larry AB1JC*







*Zoom breakfast 11 27 2021  
Jeff AE8W and Gary WE1M*



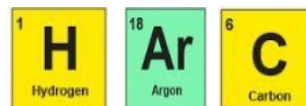
*Breakfast at Chips in Fairfield 12 18 2021  
LtoR: Ken NE1CU, Ned KA1CVv, Mike KA1EOU, Jeff KB1LZ,  
Larry AB1JC, Marilyn KB1YYO and Alex N1AK.*







Saturday January 1, 2022: Mike KA1EOU, Gary WE1M, Marilyn KB1YYO, Sam W1SMF and Jeff AE8W (in MI).

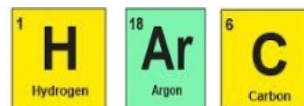


**UPCOMING CONTESTS**

- Jan 8-9 RTTY Roundup
- Jan 15-17 VHF Contest
- Jan 29-30 Winter Field Day – we may operate
- Feb 12-13 CQ RTTY WPX Contest
- Feb 19-20 ARRL DX CW
- Mar 5-6 ARRL DX SSB – we may operate
- Mar 26-27 CQ WPX SSB – we may operate
- May 7-8 New England QSO Party
- May 28-29 CQ WPX CW
- June 11-13 VHF Contest
- June 25-26 Summer Field Day – we may operate
- July 9-10 IARU HF Championship
- Sept 10-12 September VHF Contest
- CQ WW RTTY Contest
- Oct 29-30 CQ DX SSB Contest – we may operate
- Nov 5-7 Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 19-21 Sweepstakes Phone
- Nov 26-27 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 2-4 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 10-11 ARRL 10 meter Contest

**OUR SKED**

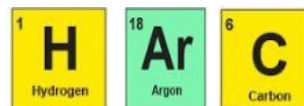
- Feb 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb 7 – Zoom Monthly Meeting, Officer Appointments & State of the Union (club) presentation.
- Feb 13- Superbowl
- Feb 14 - Saint Valentine's Day
- March 2 – Ash Wednesday



- March 13 – Daylight Savings Time
- April 10 – Palm Sunday
- April 15 – Good Friday
- April 17 – Easter Sunday
- May 7 – KY Derby
- May 8 – Mother's Day
- May 15 – Preakness Stakes
- May 30 – Memorial Day
- June 11 – Belmont Stakes
- July 4 – Independence Day
- Sept 5 – Labor Day
- Sept 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Sept 25 – Possum Day
- Oct 10 – Columbus Day
- Oct 31 – Halloween
- Nov 11 – Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 – Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov 24 – Thanksgiving
- Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 25 – Christmas
- Dec 31 – New Years

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

My wife told her therapist, "He says he loves me, but I hear him in his radio shack constantly mumbling, 'Seek you the Ex'. I thought he was over her?"

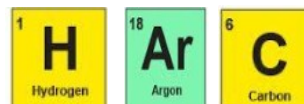




**NECROLOGY IN HONORARIUM**

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 2022**

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Secretary Treasurer – Thomas W. Moyher ESQ, N1UNT  
Technical Officer – Lawrence J. Reed, AB1JC  
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Director1 – Daniel A. Wright, N3DAW  
Director2 – Michael Miciukiewicz, K1MJM  
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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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