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ARRL 10-Meter Contest Weekend at Westport Astronomical Society

From December 13–15, 2025, members and friends of the Housatonic Amateur Radio Club gathered for an exciting and productive weekend participating in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest. Operating from the WAS classroom in Westport, Connecticut, we assisted the operators from the Westport Astronomical Society Amateur Radio Club (WAS ARC) and were joined by the Greater Fairfield Amateur Radio Association (GFARA) and members of the Greater Norwalk ARC (GNARC).

Setup began promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12. The contest itself ran for 48 hours and we could operate 36 of those 48 hours. It started Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and concluded Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. We operated as a multi-operator, single-transmitter station, and in addition, we ran a separate "fun" FT8 station that was not entered in the contest but provided plenty of enjoyment and contacts.

Operators participating throughout the weekend included Dan N3DAW, Rusty K4SSA, Jeff KB1LZ, Sam W1SMF, Douglas WA1SFH, Steve K1RF, Mike KA1EOU, Jim KC1RBG, Marilyn NU7T, Peter KC1YRA (a brand-new Technician, licensed just two days earlier in our Tech class!), Larry AB1JC, and Gary WE1M. We were also visited by Connecticut Section Manager—and club member—Douglas WA1SFH, whose encouragement and enthusiasm were a real inspiration.

Our primary contest call sign, K1WAS, was active on both SSB and CW using the hex beam. At the same time, the FT8 "fun" station operated as N1KT, also using the hex beam through a triplexer on 20 meters. This configuration performed exceptionally well, allowing both stations to hear and be heard clearly with no mutual interference.

The contest station featured our newly purchased Windows 11 computer, complete with eye-catching white, color-lit keyboards. We did encounter a minor challenge during Friday setup when we discovered the new computers only supported DisplayPort video, while the wall monitor did not. Fortunately, an adapter was quickly obtained and the issue resolved. The FT8 fun station ran on an older Windows 10 system—still perfectly serviceable for the task.

So, how did we do? The N1KT FT8 fun station logged an impressive 231 contacts, counting toward awards (but not the contest score). Meanwhile, K1WAS completed 173 CW QSOs and 149 phone QSOs, for a total of 322 contacts. That resulted in 990 QSO points, with 125 multipliers, yielding a claimed score of 123,750.

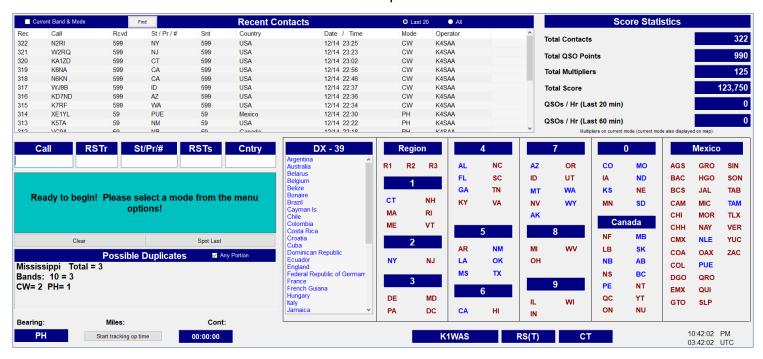
Congratulations and thanks to everyone who operated, supported, and visited during the weekend. It was a great demonstration of teamwork, technical skill, and the fun of amateur radio. Well done, everyone!

Total	Contacts	by Band	and Mod	e :	
Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	9
10	173	149	0	322	100
Total	173	149	0	322	100

Final Mode Breakdown

Operator	Total	용
K4SAA	121	38
K1RF	114	35
KB1LZ	48	15
WE1M	25	8
W1SMF	12	4
KC1YRA	2	1
Total = 6		

Contest Operators



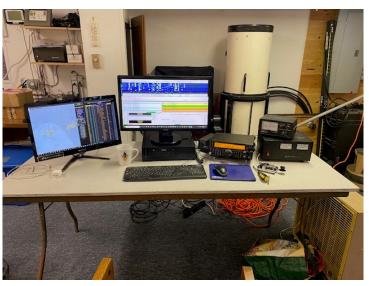
Country	Total	8			
			Australia	1	0
USA	195	60	Austria	1	0
Canada	17	5	Belarus	1	0
Brazil	10	3	Belize	1	0
France	10	3	Bonaire	1	0
Spain	9	3	Cayman Is.	1	0
Federal Republic of Germany	8	2	Chile	1	0
Italy	6	2	Cuba	1	0
Puerto Rico	6	2	Czech Republic	1	0
England	4	1	Ecuador	1	0
Hungary	4	1	French Guiana	1	0
Argentina	3	1	Hawaii	1	0
Belgium	3	1	Jamaica	1	0
Costa Rica	3	1	Madeira Is.	1	0
Mexico	3	1	Malawi	1	0
Colombia	2	1	Martinique	1	0
Croatia	2	1	Namibia	1	0
Dominican Republic	2	1	Netherlands	1	0
Poland	2	1	Portugal	1	0
Scotland	2	1	Sardinia	1	0
Serbia	2	1	Slovak Republic	1	0
Sweden	2	1	US Virgin Is.	1	0
Switzerland	2	1	Venezuela	1	0
Uruguay	2	1	venezuera	Τ.	U
Alaska	1	0	Total = 47		

Note: We worked Malawi

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Jeff KB1LZ setting up the 10 meter contest station



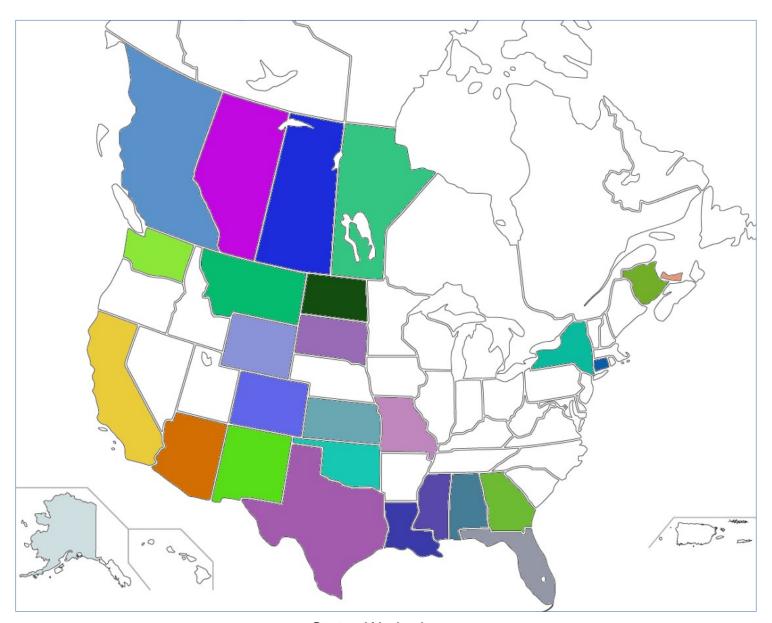
FT8 Fun Station



Sam W1SMF & Mike KA1EOU at the FT8 fun station



Jeff making contest Q's.



States Worked

We worked 21 states & 6 Canadian Provinces

eQSLs

