

DIRECT CURRENTS

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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, 2020 during Winter Field day setup and will have a State of the Union Address. All members are urged to attend this meeting and event.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

We are holding a Technician class on Saturday mornings at the University of Bridgeport. Classes are held at South Hall and began Saturday September 21 and run 8-10 weeks depending upon class student speed. Teaching the class are club members Gary WE1M, Larry AB1JC, Jeff KB1LZ, Sam W1SMF and Marilyn KB1YYO. Below are pictures of the class

INTRODUCTORY HAM RADIO TECHNICIAN LICENSING CLASS

Amateur Radio
licensing course beginning
Saturday September 21, 2019 at 9:00 am

LOCATION: University of Bridgeport
South Hall
126 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

The course runs every Saturday morning from 9-12 noon for 8-10 weeks.
This course is open to all University of Bridgeport Students.
A \$50 fee covers the cost of all materials as well as the
FCC sanctioned license exam.

Discover the opportunities for education, camaraderie, community service and
fun... for all ages!, the Hallmarks of Amateur Radio.
Learn from trained, experienced & Certified Instructors. No Morse Code - Ever!



Please email Gary Moyher, WE1M at
UBHamClass@gmail.com
to reserve your place.
Last minute walk ins may be accepted
dependent upon class size limitations.
Minimum class size is required to run class.
Hope to see you there and "ON THE AIR"
Gary Moyher, WE1M, Instructor
Dr. J. Pallis, Dept of Mechanical Engineering
Sponsored by the Univ of Bridgeport Aerospace Club

Technician Class announcement flyer



TECHNICIAN CLASS FALL 2019

*Left: UB parking lot
 Middle Row: Class room in South Hall with Larry AB1JC explaining to students. Teaching podium.
 Bottom row: Students at desks during break. Larry AB1JC explaining a concept to a technician student.
 Gary WE1M was the shutterbug.*

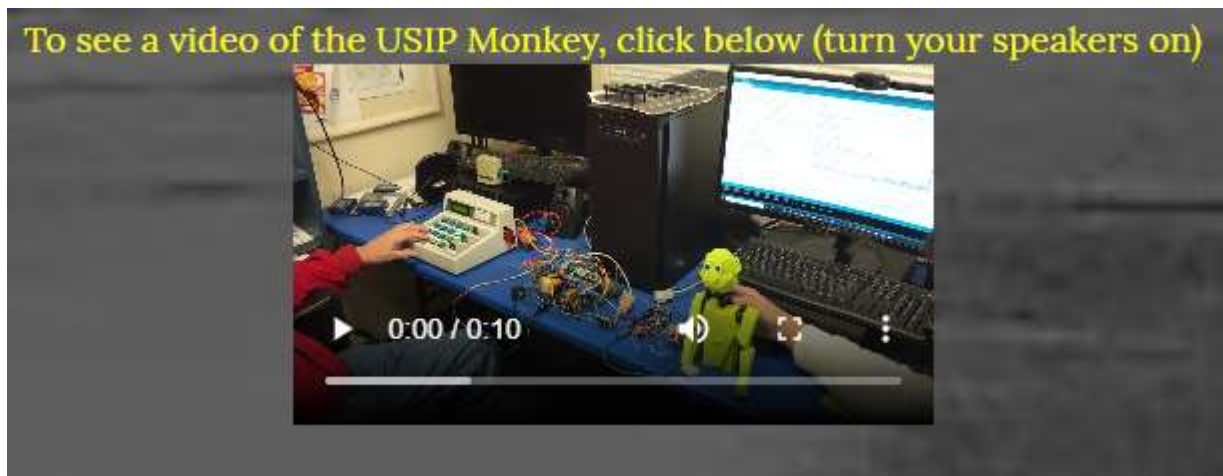


CQ WORLD WIDE DX SSB CONTEST – WANNA OPERATE?

The CQ World Wide DX SSB contest is Oct 26-27, 2019. How about we operate by bringing two stations to WAS and use the existing vertical and the off center fed dipole? Only takes about 1 hour to set up. Let's talk.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUMENT PROJECT (USIP)

Club members are now advising University of Bridgeport students in a program called the Undergraduate Student Instrument Project (USIP). This is a NASA sponsored program through the Connecticut Space Grant Consortium, which involves launching a robotic monkey on a high-altitude balloon. Larry AB1JC & Gary WE1M are advising undergraduate University of Bridgeport students.



A video of the USIP robotic monkey has been added to our web page



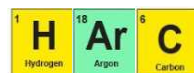
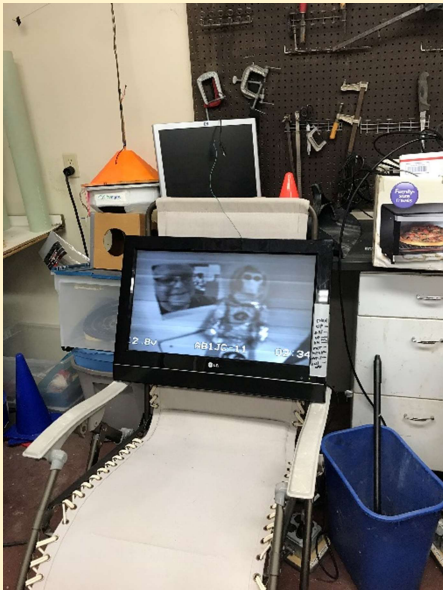
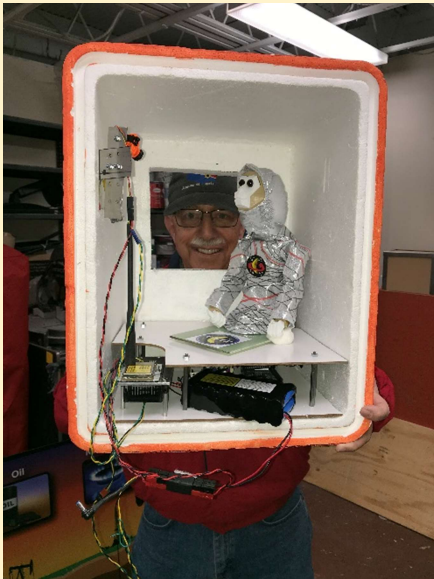


USIP PROGRAM

Clockwise from Upper Left: Student Designed Mission Patch, three Monkeys in capsule, monkey in space suit, Chief Designer Larry AB1JC with Ricky and Xavier (UB Grad students and Technician class students), and a close-up of the new monkey space suit.



Building the launch capsule



“HAMS & EGGS” SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Saturday morning breakfasts are doing well this Autumn season under the mastery of Jeff KB1LZ. While we expected some “disarray” from the Saturday Technician classes, attendance is as high as ever with fun and laughter the hallmark!



Breakfast Sept 28, 2019 at Sadie’s Place in Stratford. Left: John N1OLO, Sam W1SMF, Larry W1LAG, Jim W1RAZ Frank W1ZAH, Marilyn KB1YYO, Jeff KB1LZ & Gary K1IC. Center Marilyn KB1YYO. Right Frank W1ZAH. Gary WE1M was the shutterbug.

CHRISTMAS BUFFET DINNER

In the words of a famous comedienne, “Can we talk?”. It is time to start thinking about our semi-annual Tuesday night buffet dinner. It can be December 3, 10 or 17. Let’s start the dialog and maybe come to a consensus. We will try for December 3.

CONNECTICUT NUTFEST

The Nutfest was held on Saturday October 13 at the Four Points Hotel in Meriden. Seen at the Nutfest were: John N1OLO, Sam W1SMF, Tom K1TMM, Charley KA1A, Bob WD1M, Dave W1CTN, Joe WA1EDX, Al K1QEX, John W1JA, Mike KA1EOU, Emily N1DID, & Gary WE1M.





**NUTFEST OCTOBER 13,
2019
In Meriden, CT**



HAMFESTS

- 11/2/2019 – Parsippany, NJ Antique Radio Club Swap meet and Hamfest

TIP OF THE HAT

- Jeff KB1LZ for continuing to schedule Saturday morning breakfasts
- Marilyn KB1YYO, Jeff KB1LZ, Sam W1SMF, Gary WE1M and Larry AB1JC for teaching the Tech class at UB.

UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Nov 3-5 – Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 16-19 – Sweepstakes phone
- Nov 23-24 – CQ WW DX CW
- Dec 8-9 – 10-meter contest

OUR SKED

- Nov 16-19 – Sweepstakes phone (We will operate as K1WAS)
- Nov 21 - Thanksgiving
- Dec – Club Christmas Dinner
- Dec 25 – Merry Christmas
- Jan 1 – New Year's Day
- Jan 25 – Club Meeting
 - State of the Union Presentation
 - Presentation of Awesome Breakfast Dude Award
 - Appointment of Club Officers for 2020
 - Winter Field Day Operation

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





**IT'S TIME TO PARTY!
2020 WILL BE OUR CLUB'S 25TH
(SILVER) ANNIVERSARY!**

Yes, it's that time. It's our club's Silver Anniversary in 2020. Let's have a party! We will be discussing options among our membership over the next 6 months looking at all the party options. If you have any ideas you wish to implement, let a club officer know and we can discuss it. All options are on the table. Ideas floated so far are listed below:

- Go to a Casino
- Buffet dinner
- Gigantic pizza party
- Take a trip somewhere
- Rent a party boat
- Go deep sea fishing
- Go to expensive restaurant (steak and lobster)
- Take a cruise to Bermuda and party
- Run a Special Event Station

Keep thinking about it. We have at least 6 months to decide.



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 2019

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

Website www.N1KT.org/

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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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