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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

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 **November meeting** is scheduled for **Monday November 1, 2021 at 8 pm.**

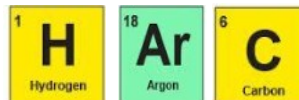
WINTER OPERATIONAL MEETING

A club zoom meeting was held on Monday September 27, 2021 to discuss what, as a club we wished to do over this coming Autumn, Winter and Spring.



The following members attended the meeting:

Mike KA1EQU, Gary WE1M, Ned KA1CVv, Larry AB1JC, Sam W1SMF, Dan N3DAW, Tom N1UNT, Alex N1AK and Dave KB1LTW (who phoned in).



Currently, we plan to operate the following two contests at WAS and it is reserved for us:

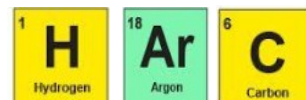
1. Oct 30-31 CQ DX SSB Contest
2. Nov 20-21 Sweepstakes SSB

The following additional subjects were discussed at the meeting:

1. Operate additional contests
2. Conduct a special event station
3. Do Summits on the Air event
4. Do a Parks on the Air event
5. Winter Field Day 2022
6. Other Winter and Spring Contests, examples include:
 - CQ Prefix Contest
 - RTTY Roundup
 - January VHF contest
 - ARRL DX SSB Contest

It was decided that we would pursue the following

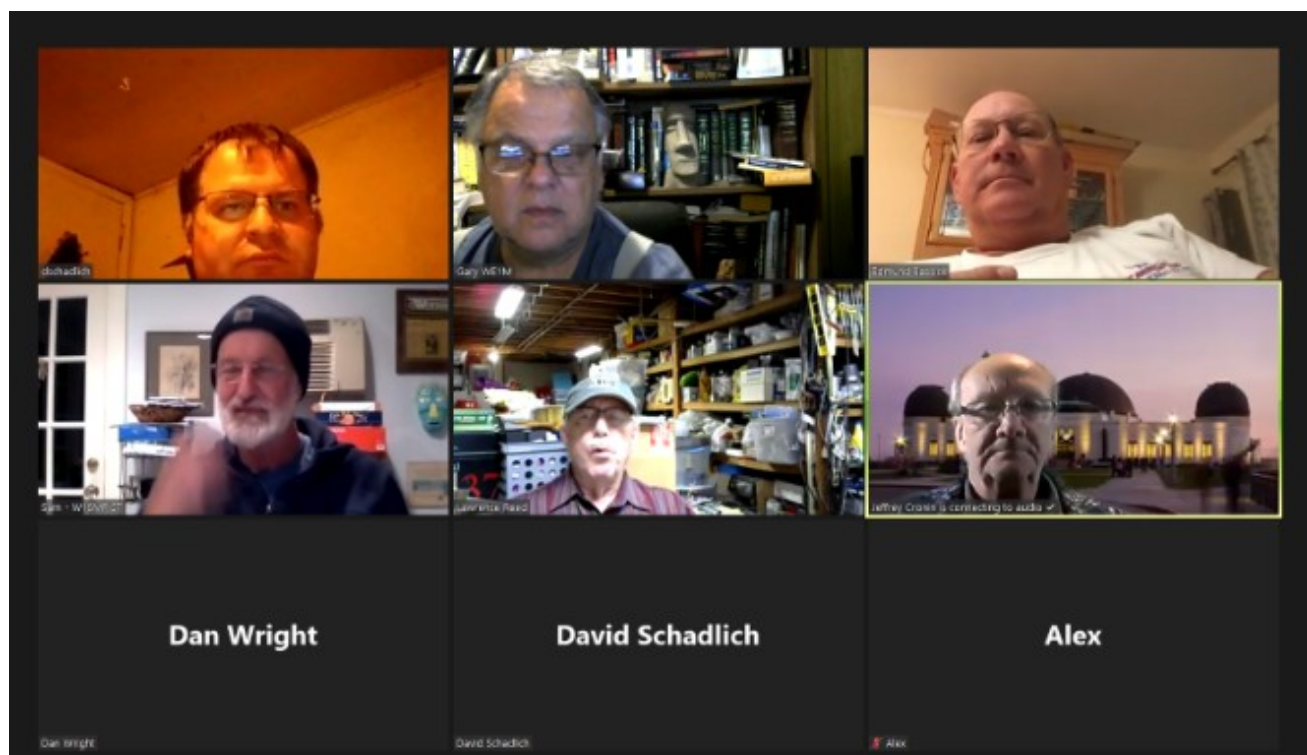
- Update our Membership in 10-10 International
- Oct 30-31: Operate in the CQ DX SSB Contest Saturday and possibly Sunday. We will operate Single Station, Multi-op High Power with a multiplier station. Dave to make Chili.
- Nov 13-14: We will attempt to set up several stations for FT8 and operate the Fall Digital 10-10 contest. Larry & Gary to bring stations to set up.
- Nov 20-21: Operate in the SSB Sweepstakes Nov 20. We will investigate as time approaches.
- We will look at ARRL 10 Meter contest as the time approaches.
- Jan 29-30: Operate Winter Field Day 2022 from WAS.
- We will look at ARRL DX SSB and CQ WPX contests as the time approaches.
- We will further discuss these and other items on Saturday morning Zoom Breakfasts.



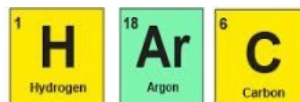
OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Our October Zoom meeting was held on Monday October 4, at 8 pm. 8 members attended our meeting. The following was discussed:

- Upcoming CQ WW DX SSB Contest
 - Contest details
 - Non contest details
 - Antennas
 - Rigs
 - tower
 - meals
 - operating times
- K1WAS
 - Network
 - Calendar
 - K1WAS 10-10 number
- Balloon Launches



*Top row LtoR: Dave KB1LTW, Gary WE1M, Ned KA1CVv
 Middle row: Sam W1SMF, Larry AB1JC, Jeff KB1LZ
 Bottom row: Dan N3DAW & Alex N1AK*



CQ WORLD WW DX SSB CONTEST

We will operate in the CQ World Wide DX SSB contest on October 30 from WAS. Our classification will be Multi-op, single transmitter, non-assisted, high power, all bands, with a multiplier station. Coverage of this contest will appear in next month's issue.

ARRL NOVEMBER SSB SWEEPSTAKES

We will operate in the upcoming ARRL November Sweepstakes SSB contest on November 20-21 from WAS. We will operate in the multi-operator, single transmitter high power category. All vaccinated members are invited to attend.

SATURDAY MORNING HAMS & EGGS BREAKFAST SUSPENDED

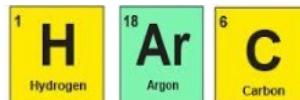
By vote of the members attending the September Zoom meeting, it was decided to temporarily suspend our Saturday morning Social Distancing Breakfast. This is due to the "uptick" in the Covid-19 cases in Connecticut. This is being replaced by our popular **Saturday Morning Zoom Breakfasts**, which take place every Saturday morning at 8:15ish. This is open to all hams.



10-X INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWED

In October, our club rejoined 10-10 International for 3 years. We can now participate in ten-ten 10 meter contests for points and awards. We will also receive their 10-10 quarterly newsletter in electronic pdf format. Our 10-X number is 67120. More information on 10-10 International can be found at <https://www.ten-ten.org/>. Our local chapter named, Castle Craig can be found at <http://1010castlecraig.org/>.

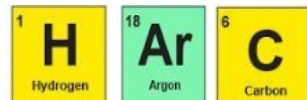
On the evening of Friday Oct 15, 2021 Sam W1SMF, Larry AB1JC and Gary WE1M went to WAS in an effort to collect 10-10 numbers for K1WAS. Using the 4BTV on the north tower, we scanned the band. Unfortunately, 10 meters had already shut down for the night, so no contacts were made. The only thing we heard was 4U1UN/beacon on 28.200. Better luck next time, eh?





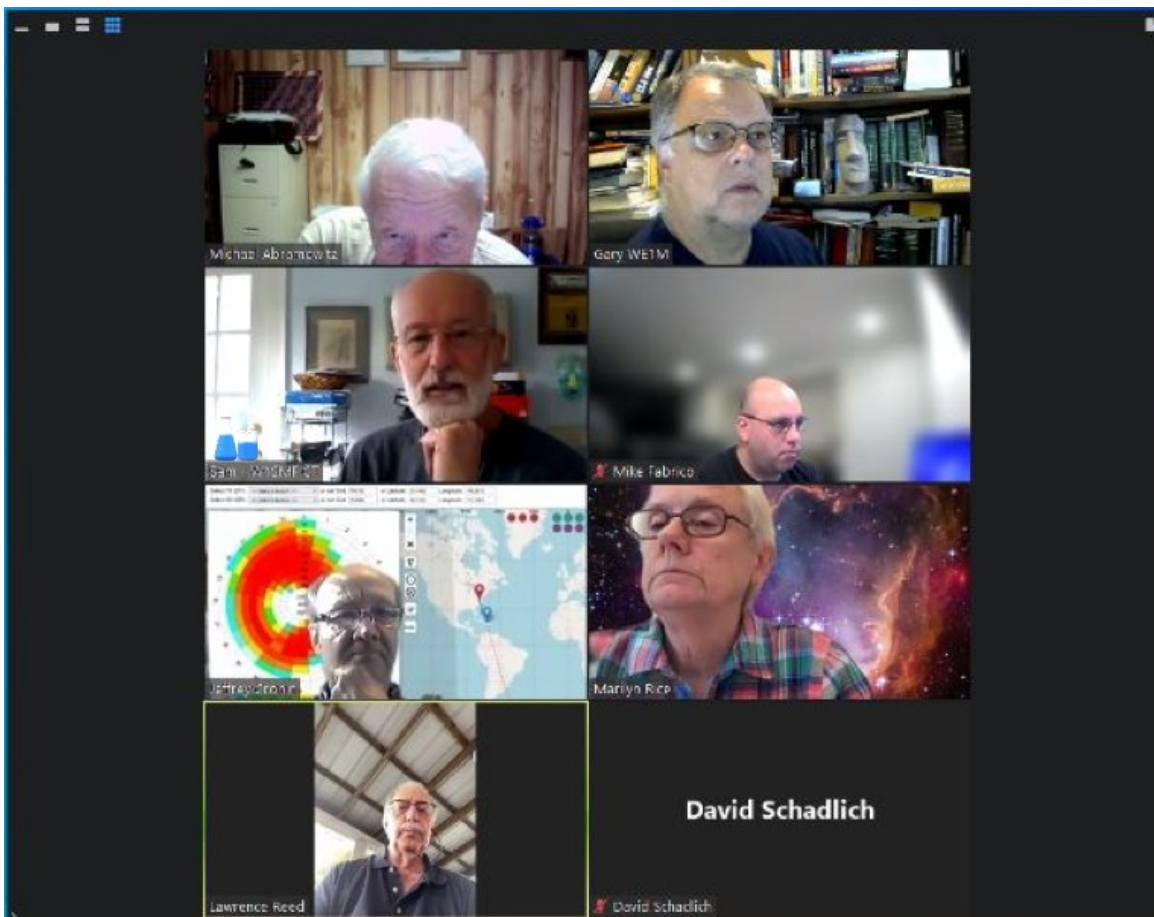
Left: Sam W1SMF looking up 10 meter information.

Below: The station equipment that Larry AB1JC had set up.

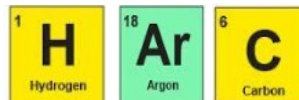


SATURNDAY MORNING ZOOM BREAKFAST

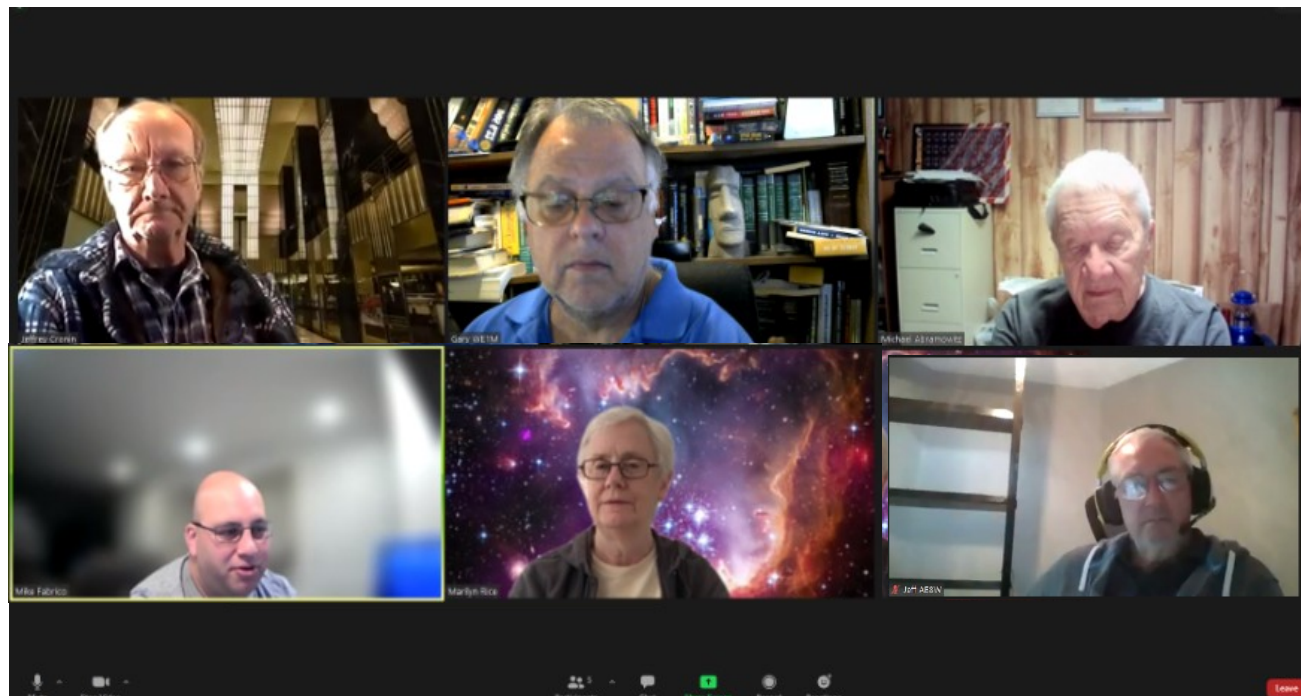
Zoom Breakfast 09/18/2021



Mike KA1EQU, Gary WE1M, Sam W1SMF, Mike N2UXA, Jeff KB1LZ, Marilyn KB1YYO, Larry AB1JC and Dave KB1LTW.

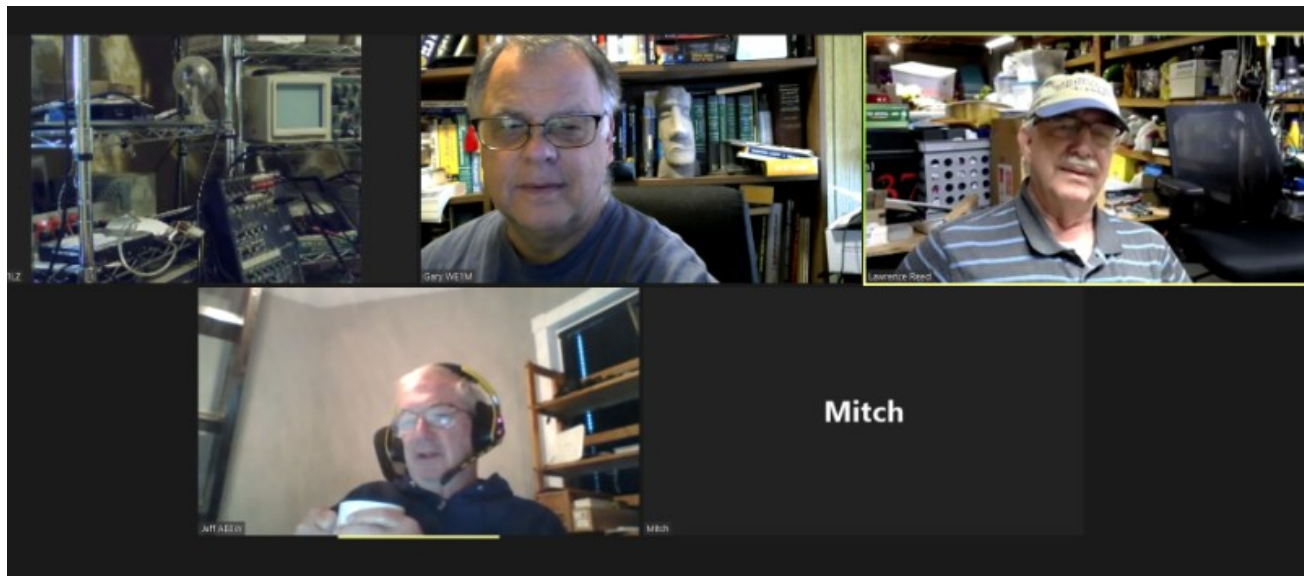


Zoom Breakfast 09/25/2021

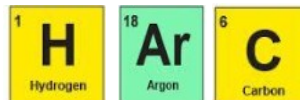


*Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M & Mike KA1EOU
Mike N2UXA, Marilyn KB1YYO & Jeff AE8W (in MI)
Dave KB1LTW showed earlier from RI.*

Zoom Breakfast 10/16/2021

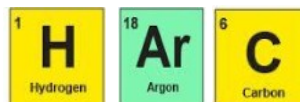
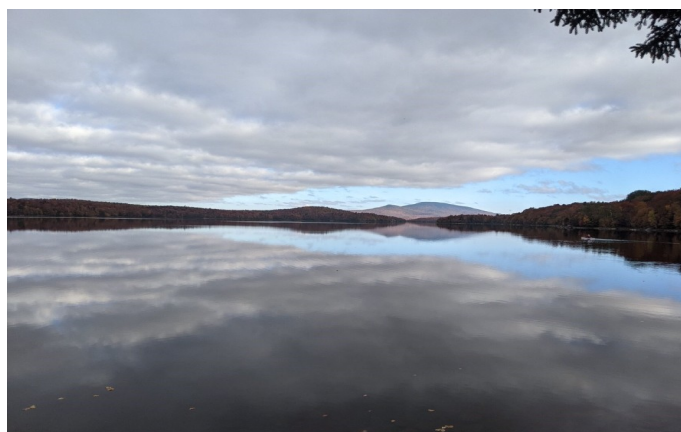


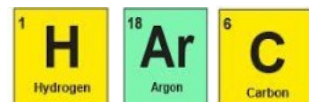
*Jeff KB1LZ, Gary WE1M & Larry AB1JC
Jeff AE8W (in MI), Mike KA1EOU*

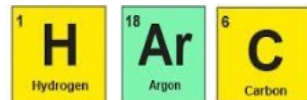


MEMBER DAVE KB1LTW ACTIVATES VT FOR POTA

In early October 2021, club member David KB1LTW spent the Columbus Day weekend in VT activating Calvin Coolidge park for POTA. He bicycled by trail and pedaled through Woodstock VT camping each night. He says his first activation was 50-50-50. Fifty contacts in 50 minutes using 50 watts on HF. Below are some pictures he shared with us including Woodstock, VT.







BAND CONDITIONS (from ARRL)

- **Predicted solar flux** is 85 on November 1 – 5; 88 on November 6; 85 on November 7 – 13; 88 on November 14 – 15; 90 on November 16; 88 on November 17 – 18, and 100 on November 22.
- **Predicted planetary A index** is 5 on November 1; 8 on November 2; 5 on November 3 – 5; 10 on November 6 – 7; 8 on November 8 – 9; 5 on November 10 – 12; 10, 12, 12, 10, and 8 on November 13 – 17; 5 on November 18 – 20; 10 on November 21, and 5 through the end of the month.

UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Nov 6-8 Sweepstakes CW
- Nov 13-14 Fall Digital 10-10 Contest – *we plan to operate*
- Nov 20-21 Sweepstakes SSB – *we plan to operate*
- Nov 27-28 CQ DX CW Contest
- Dec 3-5 ARRL 160 meter Contest
- Dec 11-12 ARRL 10 meter Contest – *we will evaluate*
- Dec 30 – Youth On the Air Round 3
- Jan 29-30, 2022 – Winter Field Day – *we plan to operate*

OUR SKED

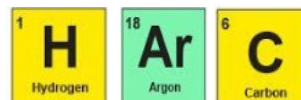
- Nov 11 – Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 – Sadie Hawkins Day
- Nov 25 – Thanksgiving
- Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 25 – Christmas
- Dec 31 – New Years

FIND IT IN OUR NEWSLETTER

We have used our computer tools to insert items into this newsletter.

Can you find

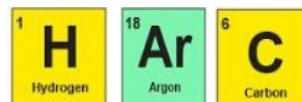
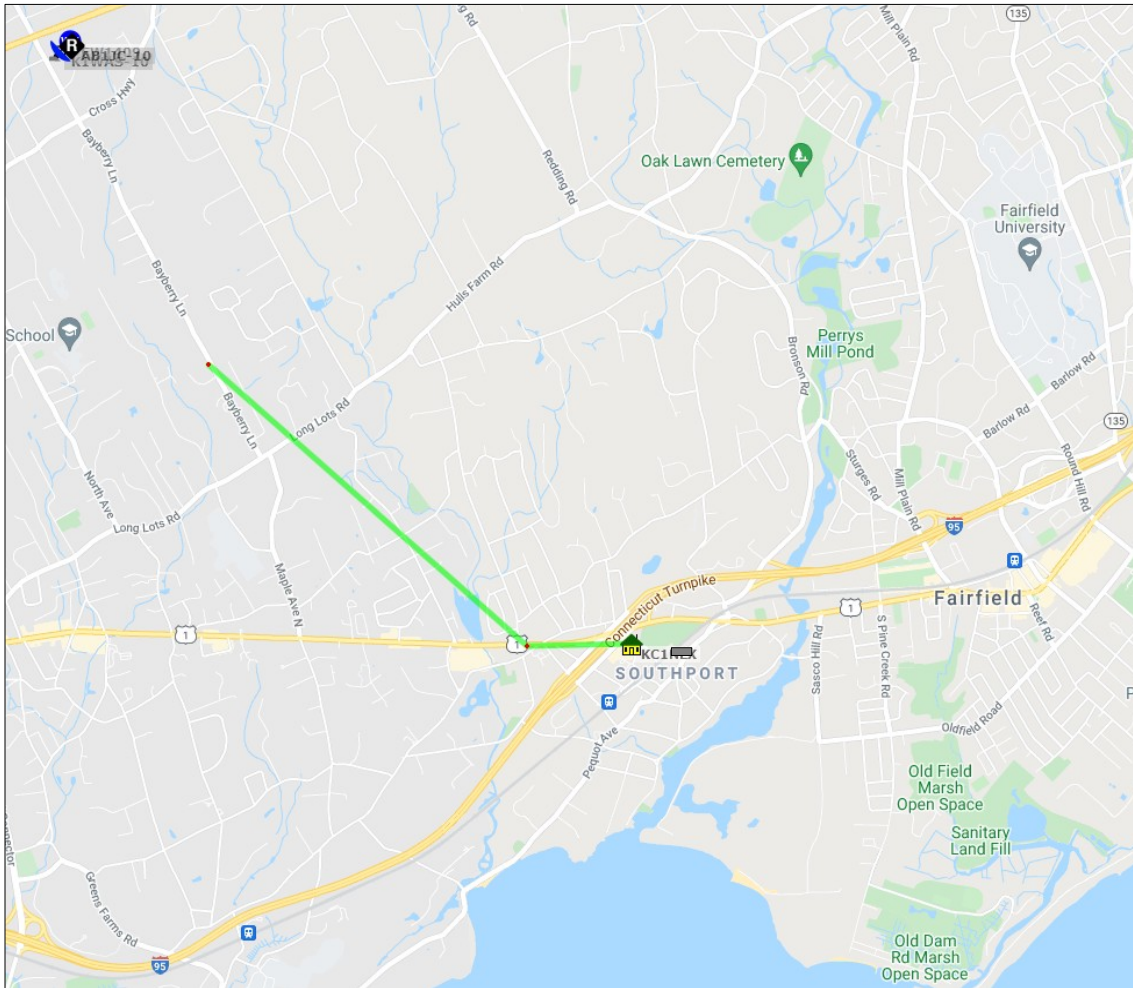
1. A chemistry beaker
2. An Erlenmeyer flask
3. A statue



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Be brave and stand for what you believe in, even if you stand alone!

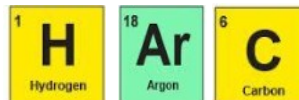
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?



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 2021

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Website www.N1KT.org/

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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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