

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 currently scheduled for Saturday January 29, 2022. All **vaccinated** members are urged to attend this meeting and event.

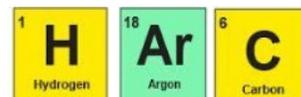
Monthly Zoom video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Our October meeting is scheduled for Monday **October 4**, 2021 at 8 pm.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Our September Zoom meeting was held on Monday September 13, at 8 pm, one week later than usual to allow for Labor Day travels.



Top row LtoR: Marilyn KB1YYO and Gary WE1M
Bottom row: Dan N3DAW and Sam W1SMF



The following was discussed:

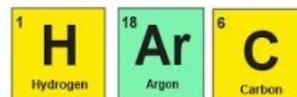
- Upcoming Contests
- K1WAS
 - Formally starting up the club
- Parks on the Air
 - Dave KB1LTW does this and maybe can help us do this.
- Summits on the Air
 - Marilyn knows someone who does this and can help us do this.
- 10-10 contests
- Xmas Holiday Party. It was decided to "play this by ear."
- Saturday morning Zoom. It was decided to continue with Saturday morning Zoom and not start in-person breakfasts.
- Operating HF from our homes
- Wx Radiosonde Balloon Launch
- Solar Eclipse Launches in 2023 and 2024.

CQ DX SSB CONTEST

We will operate in the upcoming CQ DX SSB contest on October 30-31 from WAS. We will operate in the multi-operator, single transmitter high power category. All vaccinated members are invited to attend. Last year we achieved #3 in the First Call Area award, with a score of 13,715. Let's try to better this score. The contest rules can be found at this URL: <https://www.cqww.com/rules.htm/>

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. The contest rules can be found at this URL: <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes/>

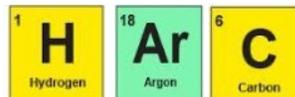


HAMS & EGGS BREAKFAST

Breakfast was held at Pop's Family Restaurant, Old Gate Ln, Milford CT on Saturday morning August 28, 2021. They have an extensive menu of breakfast items. The food is average, the coffee cups are small (but not as small as Blue Sky Diner) and the prices are a little on the high side for New Haven County. Over-all, not a bad breakfast experience.



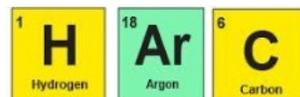
Left to Right: Ned KA1CVv, Larry AB1JC, Ken NE1CU and Mike KA1EOU. Gary WE1M was the shutterbug.



PREHAMFEST BREAKFAST



Mike KA1EQU and Gary WE1M enjoyed a prehamfest breakfast at Newtown Deli prior to the CARA Hamfest.

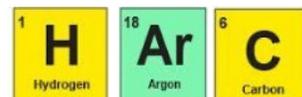


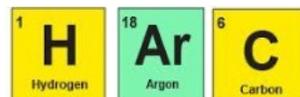
NEWTOWN HAMFEST 2021



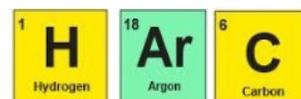
Seen at the Hamfest

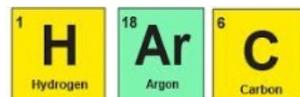
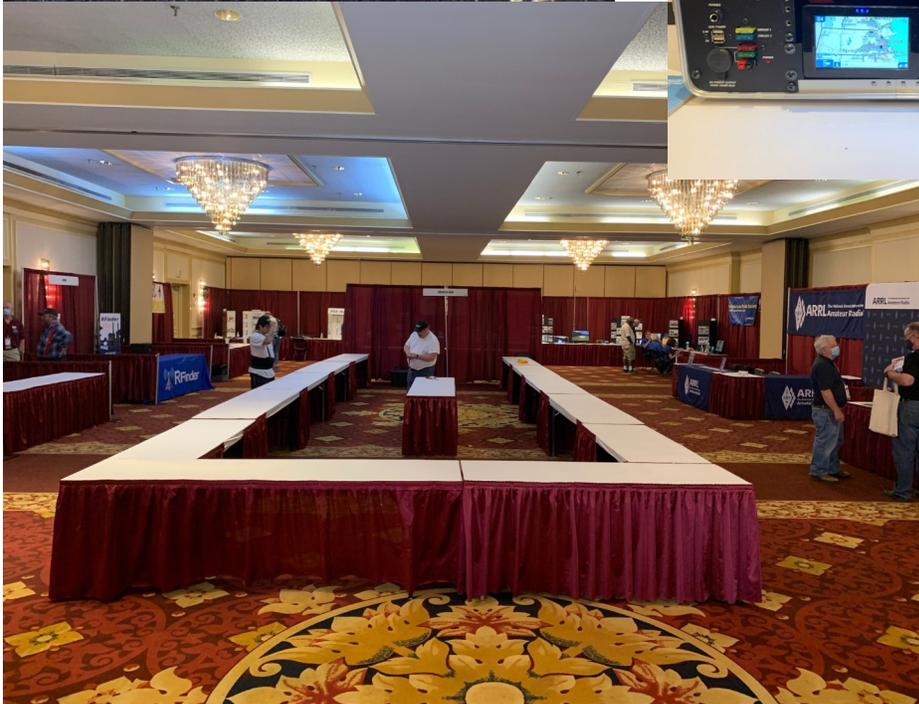
Mike KA1EOU, Tom K1KI,
Tom K1TMM, Ned KA1CVv,
John N1OLO, Joe WA1EDX,
Charles KA1A, Larry W1LAG,
Emily N1DID, Manny N1SQB,
Bill KA1FAI and John
N1GNV.

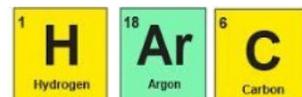
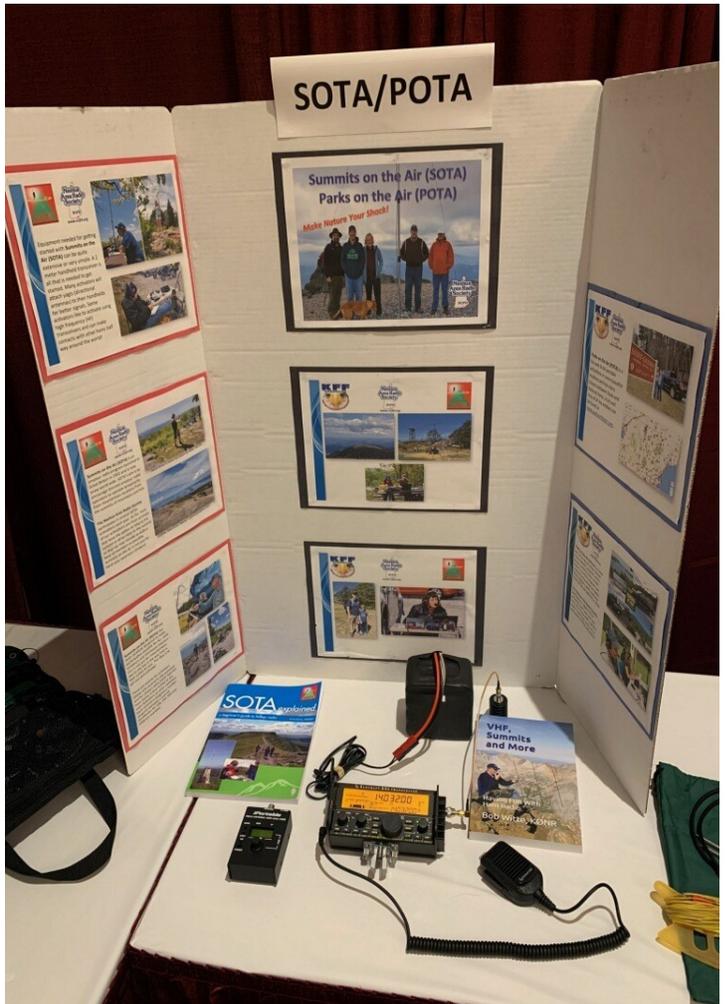


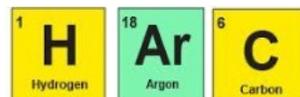


BOXBORO HAMFEST MARLBOROUGH, MA 2021 *Photos Courtesy Ned KA1CVv*









NUTMEG HAMFEST 2021 TBD

Nutmeg Hamfest

And Connecticut State ARRL Convention
Sponsored by the Meriden Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



2021 Date to be announced
At the Sheraton Four-Points Hotel
275 Research Parkway
Meriden, CT 06450



To our much appreciated vendor partners, flea-market sellers, and attendees:

It is with great sadness and regret that we announce the cancellation of the 2020 Nutmeg Hamfest and Connecticut State ARRL Convention. This would have been the Twenty-Eighth edition of Southern New England's Biggest and Best Hamfest. Given the current COVID-19 Pandemic, we feel it will be impossible for us to present the First-Class event that you deserve and expect. We're fully confident that we'll be back in 2021 with our biggest and best Nutfest ever.

**Thanks, once again, for your past support and 73,
The Meriden Amateur Radio Club**

General Information:

Gates open 6:00 AM for Tailgating and Inside Vendor Setup
New! Earlier opening -- Building open 8AM to 2PM for the general public

Note: No one except inside vendors and staff will be admitted into the building prior to 8:00

Talk-in 147.36 R, +600, no PL

General Admission \$8.00, Under 12 free
Tailgating \$10.00 per space
Inside Tables \$20.00 each



YAESU Factory Reps will be here to demo their great line of radios and answer your questions.

Our Featured Speakers:

Back by popular demand: The famous Go-Kit Competition. All day in the main exhibit hall. If you've built one, come show it off. If you're thinking of building one, you'll get some great ideas and suggestions from experienced constructors. Either way, it's a lot of fun and you don't want to miss it!! The Irrepressible Douglas, WA1SHF welcomes you to participate.

9:00-9:45 AM: ARRL Section Meeting with Connecticut Section Manager Chuck Motes, K1DFS; NE Division Director Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, and Vice-Director Mike Ralsbeck, K1TWF

10:00-10:45AM: To be announced

11:00-11:45AM: To be announced

VE Session

Contact Don Mitchell, KE1AY dmitchell1273@SBCGLOBAL.Net
Note: The VE Session will start at 9:30 Sharp!
While we may be able to accommodate walk-ins, pre-registration is strongly recommended

Great Door Prizes!

First Prize: Yaesu FT10-3200 Transceiver
Provided by KJI Electronics

Second Prize: Coax and Powerpole Crimp Kit
Provided by Quicksilver Radio

Third Prize: G5RV HF Antenna
Provided by Radio Oasis

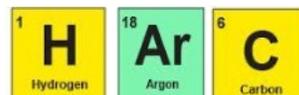
Many door prizes to be awarded during the event
You must be present to win any prize.




Major Exhibitors Include:

[Quicksilver Radio Products](#)
[KJI Electronics](#)
[Gold Medal Ideas](#) -- Ham Hats, Shirts, etc.
[Radio Oasis](#) -- HF Antennas
KBcubed Radio -- DMR radios

Vendor Information
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UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Oct 30-31 CQ DX SSB Contest – we plan to operate
- Nov 6-8 Sweepstakes CW
- 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

OUR SKED

- Oct 11 – Columbus Day
- Oct 31 – Halloween
- 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

CONGRATULATIONS KC1MHU

- Congratulations go out to member Dr. J. Pallis KC1MHU, who will mentor UB Grad students for the Annular eclipse in 2023 and also for the full solar eclipse in 2024.
- Congratulations go out to (non member) Junie N1DUC for appearing in the September issue of QST.

FIND IT IN OUR NEWSLETTER

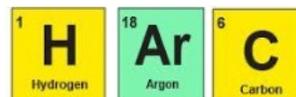
We have used our computer tools to insert items into this newsletter.

Can you find

1. A wood pecker?
2. A sunflower?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

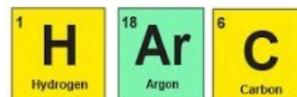
The GOAT in sports is not T. Brady, J. Montana nor M. Ali. The GOAT in sport is Secretariat.



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

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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