

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.

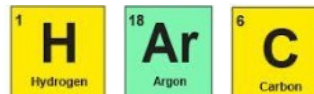
Monthly Zoom video meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Due to the Labor Day holiday, our September meeting is scheduled (a week later) on Monday **September 13**, 2021 at 8 pm.

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

Our August monthly Zoom meeting was held on Monday August 2, at 8 pm. Nine members attended our meeting.



Top Row: Ned KA1CVv, Gary WE1M, Larry AB1JC
 Middle Row: Mike K1MJM, Jani KC1MHU, Marilyn KB1YYO
 Bottom Row: Sam W1SMF, Jeff KB1LZ, Mike KA1EOU



The following was discussed:

Balloon Launches

Light APRS

Radiosonde

Upcoming Contests. We will operate

Oct 30-31 CQ DX SSB Contest

Nov 20-21 Sweepstakes SSB

December 10 meter contest - will be evaluated as time approaches

CubeSat

Ground Station

STEM Bus ground station

Need ICOM 7300 and ICOM 9700

Antenna wire

LCD meters

Round Robin

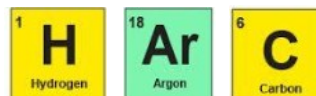
CQ DX SSB CONTEST

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.

ARRL NOVEMBER SSB SWEEPSTAKES

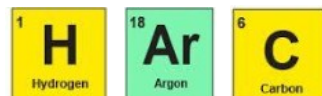
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SUSSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY HAMFEST (courtesy of Ned KA1CVv)



Club member Ned KA1CVv and John N1OLO (of Hamsource) selling wares at the Sussex County Hamfest in NJ.



HAMFEST EAST GREENBUSH NY (near Troy)

*East Greenbush Amateur Radio Association
Presents*

HAMFEST 2021

It's Our Greatest Hamfest Ever!
Over \$3,500 in Prizes and Giveaways

Including:

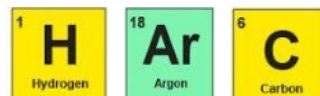
- HF/6 Meter Transceiver
 - DMR HT Radios
 - Shack Accessories
 - Tri-Band HT Radios
 - Gift Certificates
 - and much more!

Plus Vendors, Tailgating & Great Food!

August 21st - 8 am to 1 pm

**East Greenbush Town Park
Town Park Road, East Greenbush, NY
Admission just \$7 - includes prize ticket**

Visit www.EGARA.club for details



HAMFEST ADAMS MA (north west corner of MA)





HAMFEST

Sunday Aug.22, 2021

SANCTIONED **Bowe Field (Adams Agricultural Fair Grounds)**
Right off of Route 8 in Adams, Ma.

Large Pavilion!! - Tailgating - Food - Coffee - V.E. Session 9:00 A.M. - LOTS OF PARKING!!
Check www.nobarc.org For Updates!!

MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON THE FIELD AND SOCIAL DISTANCEING

Prize Raffle 11 A.M.

Presence IS required to win

Raffle Tickets
\$4.00 ea. / 3 for \$10.00
Available at the flea

AnytoneAT-578UV III




MFJ -4128 power supply



MMDVM

Gates Open:

Sellers: 6:30 A.M.
Buyers: 7:00 A.M.

Admissions: \$5.00
Children under 12 FREE!

Tailgating (outside):
\$10.00 w/one admission.

Vendors (pavilion):
\$10.00 w/one admission.

Talk-in On 146.91 / PL 162.2

DIRECTIONS

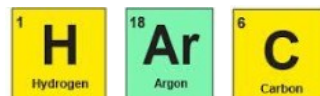
Location: N 42° 39.163', W 073° 06.888'

371 old Columbia St Adams MA 01220
Contact Eric @ 413 743 9975

From the North
Route 8 into the town of Adams. Look for the Mobile Gas sign at Butler Road on the right side of the road. Approximately 1/4-mile South of the North Adams Line.

From the South
Follow Route 8 into Adams. Go through the town of Adams on Route 8. Look for the Mobile Gas sign at Butler Road on the left. Approximately 1/4 mile past Pfizer's (Specialty Minerals).

From The East or West
Take I-90 to Exit 2. Follow Route 7 North into Pittsfield. Take Route 8/9 toward Dalton. Take Route 8 before Dalton to Adams.



HAMFEST Newtown – As we went to press, this hamfest was scheduled.




Sanctioned by ARRL

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday, Doors open 8AM
Candlewood Amateur Radio Association
Annual

Western CT. Hamfest

The **BIGGEST**, little Hamfest in
Western Connecticut

Indoor tables \$20 each, Tailgating \$15 / spot

Includes 1 admission
Admission at the door \$7 (~~\$1 discount with flyer~~)
Children under 12 Free

See you at the Hamfest "73"
CARA is a 502(c)3 organization

All State COVID-19 regulations will be in place

FALL "ARES" FORUM
10:30 IN THE HALL

DEMONSTRATIONS

MAJOR VENDORS

INDOOR TABLES
OUTDOOR TAILGATING

VE SESSION - 9:30
NO APPOINTMENT REQ.

REFRESHMENTS
RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES
50/50
GOOD TIMES

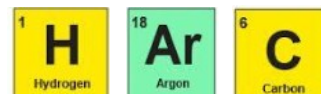
TO BE HELD AT
Edmond Town Hall
45 Main St
Newtown, CT

Hamfest.cararadioclub.org

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HAMFEST NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION (Marlborough, MA)



g everything lined up for the convention. Updates will be posted here as soon as they are available - we apprecia



HamXposition has a new home!

Originally planned for its debut at the 2020 convention, the convention committee is excited to announce the 2021 convention will be held at the **Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center** in Marlborough, MA. The new venue is just as conveniently located as our previous venue, but offers updated amenities and lots of nearby family-friendly attractions and dining options. View the hotel information or the convention layout and maps.

Ham-packed with events for everyone!



Forums

Attend forums, talks, and classes where your fellow hams will be giving presentations about a wide array of subjects for all levels of radio enthusiasts.

[Read More >](#)



Flea Market

Looking for that one last piece to make your shack complete? Radio bargain hunter? Find what you're looking for in the flea market!

[Read More >](#)



DXCC/Contest Dinner

Join us for the DXCC/Contest dinner with a guest speaker (soon to be announced!) in this DXCC/Contest-oriented gathering. Seating is limited!



Grand Banquet

Enjoy dinner as we join with guest speaker Dr. Philip J. Erickson, W1PJE, for an evening of fun and interesting discussion. Seating is limited!

[Read More >](#)



Special Event Station

Take control of one of the operating positions and make contact at the Special Event Station.



Tech-in-a-Day

The Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association will be holding a free technician study course, perfect for anyone looking to their technician license!



License Exams

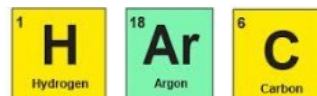
Get licensed for the first time? Want to upgrade for more privileges? Get it done at HamXposition!

[Read More >](#)



NEQRP Symposium

The QRP Club of New England (NEQRP) club will host their annual symposium of talks on Saturday!



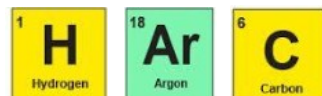
HAMS & EGGS BREAKFAST

Breakfast at Focaccia's in Shelton on July 17, 2021.



*Ken NE1CU, Marilyn KB1YYO, Jeff KB1LZ & Jim W1RAZ.
The shutterbug with thumbs up is Larry AB1JC.*

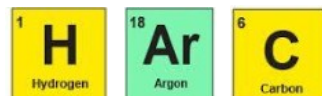
Larry and Gary at Sassafra's in Shelton on July 16, 2021.



Breakfast at Blue Sky Diner, August 7, 2021



LtoR: Sam W1SMF, Ken NE1CU, Mike KA1EOU, Marilyn KB1YYO, Gary K1IC, Jeff KB1LZ and Larry AB1JC.

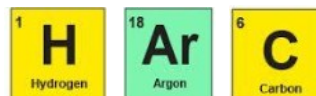


UPCOMING CONTESTS

- Sept 11-13 VHF Contest
- 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

- Sept 6 – Labor Day
- Sept 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Sept 25 – Possum Day
- 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



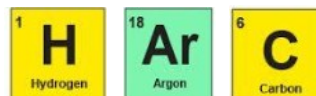
NOTICE

It is with sorrow, that we must postpone our club's Silver Anniversary Party until after the pandemic. In the meantime, continue to ponder how you would like to celebrate. We can decide at any time and hold this celebration at any time.

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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Fairfield County

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CQ Zone 5
ITU Zone 8
10-X 67120
SKCC# 3980

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.

“Direct Currents” is the official newsletter of the Housatonic Amateur Radio Club. It is published monthly.

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