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MEETING INFO

A meeting was held on Saturday January 28, 2017 and was run by Trustee Gary WE1M. In attendance were

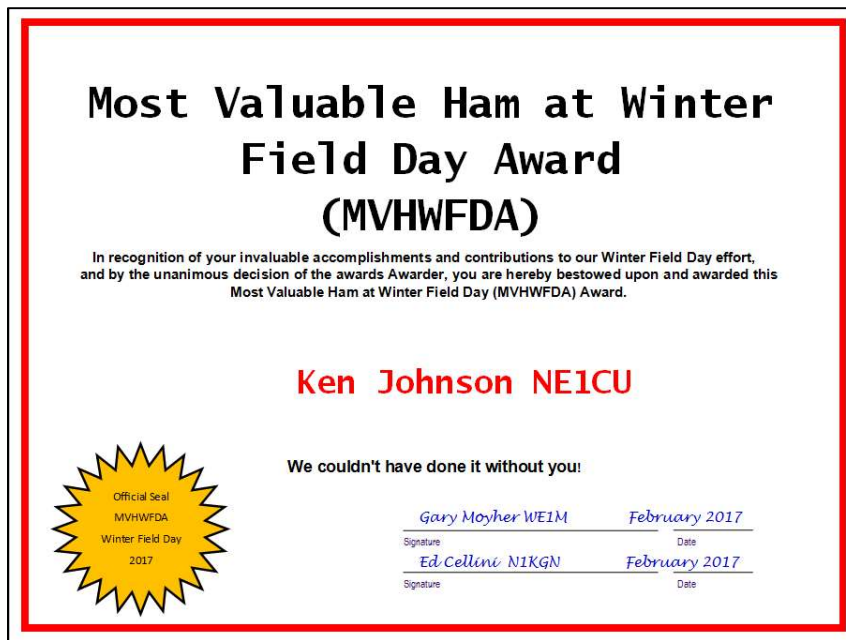
- Kev N1KGM
- Larry AB1JC
- Mike K1MJM
- Dave KB1LTW
- Jeff KB1MZL
- John WE1JR
- Bob W1RPG
- Larry W1LAG
- Ned KA1CVv
- Gary WE1M
- Ken NE1CU

The meeting was held at the East Village Rec Center in Shelton, CT just prior to set up of Winter Field Day. Among the items discussed was the need for a new web site. Dave KB1LTW said he could provide web services and Kevin N1KGM researched and found that N1KT.com and N1KT.org were available. Member Mike K1MJM immediately donated the money to reserve both URLs for the club. Dave then reserved them for us and set up a web page on his server, written in HTML. While it is not complete and “under construction”, take a look at Dave’s handiwork: www.N1KT.org. Thanks to all the members for acting so quickly to provide a new web page.

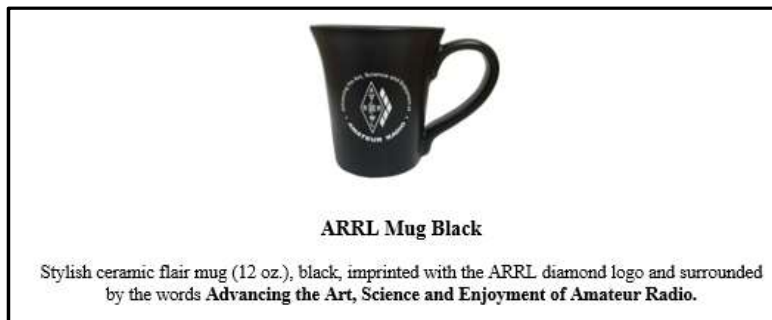
KEN NE1CU AWARDED CLUB’S MVHWFDA AWARD©



Ken NE1CU has won the 2nd annual “Most Valuable Ham at Winter Field Day (MVHWFDA©) Award” for his outstanding work in setting up stations, providing the trailer for our tower and beam every year and providing transportation for the tower sections. In addition to this certificate, Ken was awarded the ARRL coffee mug. See certificate and mug below. Previous winners include Larry AB1JC, who won the summer field day award MVHFD© in 2015 for making over 100 twenty meter phone contacts and Bob WD1M who won the MVHFD© last summer for making over 100 CW contacts.



The certificate reads, "In recognition of your invaluable accomplishments and contributions to our Winter Field Day effort, and by the unanimous decision of the awards Awarder, you are hereby bestowed upon and awarded this Most Valuable Ham at Winter Field Day (MVHWFDA) Award©." Congratulations Ken!



NE1CU wins this year's Winter Field Day Award!

WINTER FIELD DAY 2017

The 2017 Winter Field Day was held the weekend of January 28-29 at the East Village Recreation Center, Shelton CT. HARC paired with the Greater Bridgeport ARC and the Greater Fairfield Am. Radio Assn. using our call sign N1KT. With Ken NE1CU as WFD Chairman, we fielded 4 radio stations covering all the bands. We entered the contest as 4I CT, meaning 4 stations, Indoors and in CT. We logged our contacts with N3FJP software, operating

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on all the bands. Point totals will be in next issue. Here is a copy of the banner that hung on the wall of the Rec Center:

**Greater Bridgeport ARC welcomes The Housatonic
ARC and The Fairfield Amateur Radio Association to
Winter Field Day 2017**

Below are pictures from the event:



Don't get caught below the KT boundary, rise above with N1KT!

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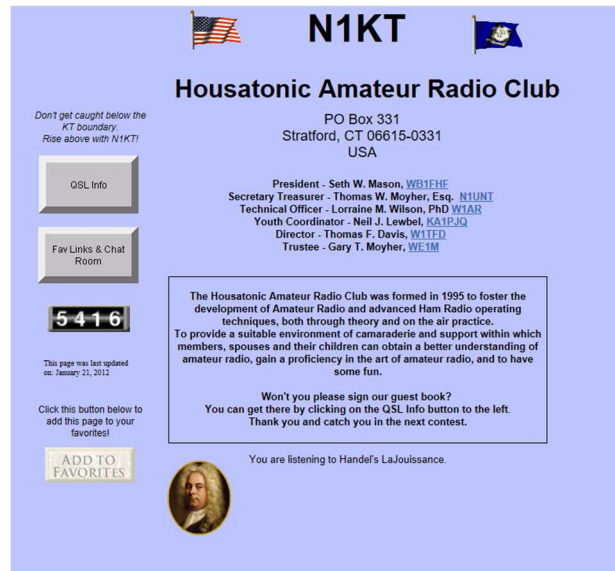
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SUMMER FIELD DAY

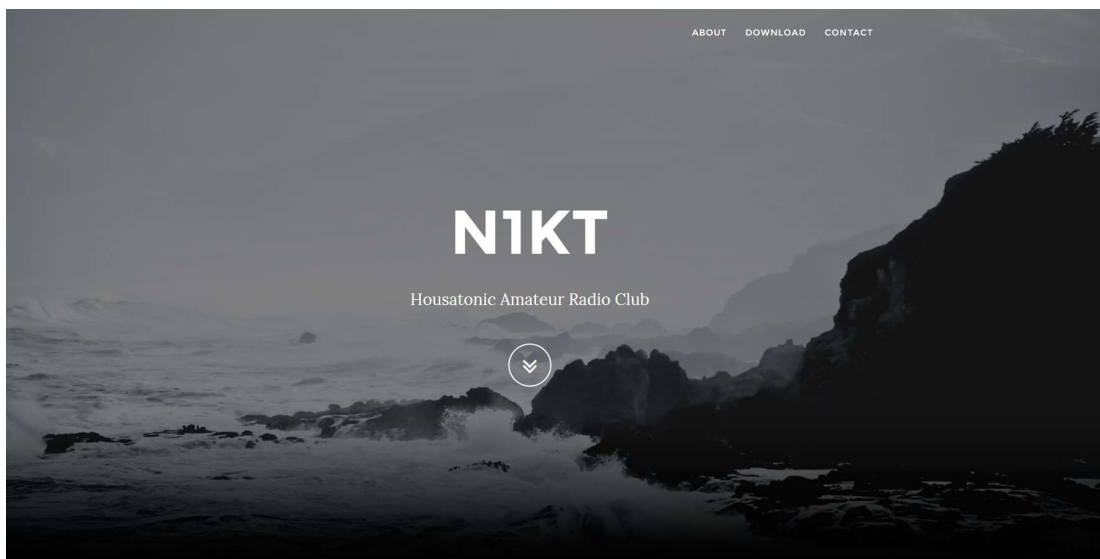
Did someone say Summer Field Day? Well, our membership approved the use of N1KT at a combined HARC and GBARC Summer Field Day. FD will take place June 24-25, 2017. Location is currently TBD as the Rec Center in Shelton had an unacceptable S9 noise level for the entire Winter Field Day.

WEB PAGE UPDATE

Say goodbye to our old web page on homestead.com. Member Dave KB1LTW is designing a new web page for our club. www.N1KT.org or www.N1KT.com. Both work. Thanks Dave!



Out with the Old Web page



In with the new Web Page

N1KT RENEWED

“N1KT was just renewed for 10 more years”, states Housatonic ARC Trustee Gary WE1M. This assures its continued availability for contesting. It is good until the year 2027.

JOTA and N1KT

On Saturday Oct 15, 2016, Housatonic ARC and GBARC member Dave KB1LTW and ARRL CT Section Youth Coordinator Douglas WA1SHF operated N1KT at the Strang Boy Scout camp in Waterbury for the 59th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). The best we can tell they made about 20 contacts utilizing 20 meters, 40 meters and 440 MHz. Here is a copy of the QSL card issued. Thanks WA1SFH.

					
Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation, Goshen, CT USA					
Confirming QSO with	Date	UTC	Frequency	RST	Mode
	Saturday October 15, 2016				
N1KT		Housatonic Radio Club P.O. Box 331, Stratford, CT 06615-0331 USA			

N1KT QSL used for JOTA 2016

UPCOMING CONTESTS

- CW WW WPX CW May 27-28
- ARRL June VHF Contest June 10-12
- ARRL Field Day June 24-25
- IARU HF World Championship July 8-9
- CQ WW VHF July 15-16
- ARRL Sept VHF Contest Sept 9-11
- CQ WW RTTY DX Sept 23-24
- CQ WW DX SSB Oct 28-29
- ARRL CW Sweepstakes Nov 4-6
- ARRL Phone Sweepstakes Nov 18-20
- CQ WW DX CW Nov 25-26
- ARRL 160 meter Contest Dec 1-3
- ARRL 10 meter Contest Dec 9-10

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL TEST CENTER HAM RADIO EXAM DATES

MARCH 9TH (ARRL / VEC)

APRIL 13TH (W5YI / VEC)

MAY 11TH (W5YI / VEC)

JUNE 8TH (ARRL / VEC)

JULY 13TH (W5YI / VEC)

AUGUST 10TH (W5YI / VEC)

SEPTEMBER 14TH (ARRL / VEC)

OCTOBER 12TH (W5YI / VEC)

NOVEMBER 9TH (W5YI / VEC)

DECEMBER 14TH (ARRL / VEC)

All Amateur Exam Session Dates take place at 6:30 pm on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month. Registration & Sign-in for exams take place at 6:30pm.

Exam session contact information

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HAMFESTS from ARRL

- 3/19/17 - Southington Hamfest, Southington, CT
- 5/20/17 - Goshen Hamfest, Goshen CT

SKED

Jun 24-25 – ARRL Field Day

July TBD – Special Event Station

NECROLOGY IN HONORARIUM

G. Grosner – W1ASO SK

N. Lewbel – KA1PJQ SK

L. Wilson PhD - W1AR SK

A. Hernandez - NU1T SK

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Meeting Minutes 1/28/2017 January Formal Meeting

1. Meeting came to order at 11:30 am, hosted by Gary WE1M.
2. In attendance
 - a. Kevin N1KGM
 - b. Larry AB1JC
 - c. Ken NE1CU
 - d. Jeff KB1MZL
 - e. Dave KB1LTW
 - f. Mike K1MJM
 - g. John WE1JR
 - h. Ned KA1CVV
 - i. Bob W1RPG
 - j. Larry W1LAG
 - k. Gary WE1M
3. Went through agenda items from agenda sheet.
4. Gary WE1M announced that the club call sign N1KT was renewed until 2027.
5. JOTA – Gary WE1M explained JOTA and use of call sign last year. Larry AB1JC made a motion to allow Dave KB1LTW and Douglas WA1SFH to use N1KT next JOTA. 2nded by Dave. Motion carried.
6. Field Day. Gary WE1M explained use of call sign last year. Ken NE1CU made a motion to allow GBARC to use N1KT next FD. Larry AB1JC. Motion carried.
7. Winter Field Day. Gary WE1M explained use of call sign last year. Dave KB1LTW made a motion to allow GBARC to use N1KT today for WFD. Ken NE1CU 2nded. Motion carried.
8. New Web site. Gary WE1M explained the need for new web site. Dave KB1LTW offered to host the new site on his server. Kevin N1KGM stated that we should host N1KT.org and N1KT.com. Kevin N1KGM verified that neither URL was reserved and that 441.700 repeater reserved both .com and .org. Dave KB1LTW stated it is \$10/yr/domain. Gary WE1M explained that our club Treasury is low. Mike K1MJM donated \$20 to the club to cover the first year and the club forwarded the funds immediately to Dave KB1LTW. Larry AB1JC made a motion that Dave spend up to \$50 and everyone chips in as needed. 2nded by Ken NE1CU. Motion carried. Dave reserved both URLs and proceeded to put a new “under construction” website up on his server. It was running an hour later written by Dave in HTML. Dave is to report back to club by our informal meeting at Summer Field Day.
9. No other correspondences nor new business was presented.
10. Meeting closed at 12:20 pm.

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 2017

President - Lawrence J. Reed, AB1JC

Secretary Treasurer – Thomas W. Moyher Esq. N1UNT

Technical Officer – Seth W. Mason, WB1FHF

Youth Coordinator - Kevin W. Cellini, N1KGM

Director1 – Thomas F. Davis, W1TFD

Director2 – Kenneth E. Johnson, NE1CU

Webmaster – David H. Schadlich, KB1LTW

Trustee – Gary T. Moyher, WE1M

Website www.N1KT.org

The club call sign is N1KT.

Annual formal meeting is held on Winter Field Day, and an informal meeting is held on Summer Field Day. Both meetings are held during set up time prior to the event start.

Contact Information

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CQ Zone 5

ITU Zone 8

Fairfield County

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SKCC# 3980

HARC is an ARRL affiliated club.

QSL N1KT via WE1M, eQSL or Bureau.

If you prefer to send a QSL card, we will send a QSL card in return.

Our previous call sign was KB1BRB. We will gladly QSL KB1BRB contacts.

Contact the Editor at: WE1M.radio@gmail.com