

Housatonic Amateur Radio Club

ARRL International DX Phone Contest March 7-8 2026 K1WAS

Rev 1.0

Members of the Westport Astro ARC, Greater Fairfield Am Radio Assn. and the Housatonic ARC operated K1WAS in the 2026 ARRL International DX Phone Contest March 7-8, 2026.

We operated **Multi Op, Single Transmitter, low power** (100 watts). Assisting our effort were Larry AB1JC, Gary WE1M, Jeff KB1LZ, Dan N3DAW, Sam W1SMF, David KB1LTW and Jason KI6JXJ. Our main station was an IC-7300. We also operated our new (used) Flex radio 6400M as a “fun station” that was not in this contest. Later, after becoming familiar with our Flex radio, we made this our contest station and took the 7300 off line.

We operated from the Westport Astronomical Society in Westport, CT using the hex beam, Off Center Fed Dipole and the 40 meter dipole. We made 175 contacts for a claimed score of 45,672 points.

We also reworked the WAS sky camera and David KB1LTW installed an Aprs Digipi using the unused FT-8800 mobile rig.

Recent Contacts										Score Statistics	
Rec	Call	Rcvd	Pwr	Snt	Country	Date / Time	Bnd	Mode	TrnID	Total Contacts	Total QSO Points
175	IQ0RG	59	500	59	Italy	03/08 23:39	40	PH	0	175	519
174	OE6MBG	59	1000	59	Austria	03/08 23:36	40	PH	0	88	45,672
173	ED3X	59	1000	59	Spain	03/08 23:31	40	PH	0	0	0
172	IO8V	59	500	59	Italy	03/08 23:27	40	PH	0	0	0
171	IO5O	59	500	59	Italy	03/08 23:23	40	PH	0	0	0
170	CR6K	59	1000	59	Portugal	03/08 23:17	40	PH	0	0	0
169	IB8A	59	500	59	Italy	03/08 23:16	40	PH	0	0	0
168	S51CK	59	1000	59	Slovenia	03/08 23:15	40	PH	0	0	0
167	9A1P	59	1000	59	Croatia	03/08 23:10	40	PH	0	0	0
166	SP8R	59	1000	59	Poland	03/08 23:07	40	PH	0	0	0
165	ED8W	59	1000	59	Canary Is.	03/08 23:03	40	PH	0	0	0

Call	Rec	Pwr	Snt	Country	160 = 0	80 = 0	40 = 16	20 = 25	15 = 25	10 = 22
Ready to begin! Please select your band from the menu options!							Aruba Austria Barbados Bonaire Canary Is. Costa Rica Croatia Curacao Italy Morocco Poland Portugal Puerto Rico Slovenia Spain Ukraine	Austria Azores Belgium Bosnia-Herzegovina Cayman Is. Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic England Federal Republic of Finland France Hungary Italy Morocco Nigeria Norway Poland Portugal Romania Scotland Slovak Republic Slovenia	Austria Bahamas Bosnia-Herzegovina Bulgaria Cayman Is. Costa Rica Croatia Czech Republic Dominican Republic England European Russia Federal Republic of France Guinea-Bissau Ireland Italy Morocco Poland Portugal Slovak Republic Slovenia Spain Sweden	Anguilla Argentina Aruba Barbados Bonaire Brazil Canary Is. Cape Verde Cayman Is. Chile Colombia Costa Rica Curacao Dominican Republic French Guiana Galapagos Is. Japan Morocco Puerto Rico St. Lucia Uruguay US Virgin Is.

Possible Duplicates <input type="checkbox"/> Any Portion		
Bearing:	Miles:	Cont:
	Start tracking op time	00:00:00
Band: 20	Mode: PH	

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CT
9:17:45 PM
01:17:45 UTC

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Score Statistics	
Total Contacts	175
Total QSO Points	519
Total Multipliers	88
Total Score	45,672
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	0
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	0

175 QSOs, 88 multiplies for a claimed score of 45,672

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
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40	0	21	0	21	12
20	0	55	0	55	31
15	0	43	0	43	25
10	0	56	0	56	32
Total	--	-----	---	-----	---
	0	175	0	175	100

QSOs by band

Operator	Total	%
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AB1JC	124	71
WE1M	30	17
KB1LZ	8	5
KI6JXJ	7	4
W1SMF	6	3
Total = 5		

Contest Operators

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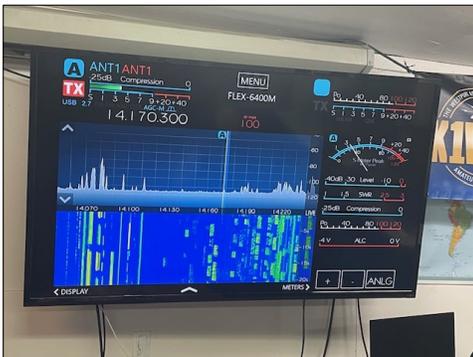
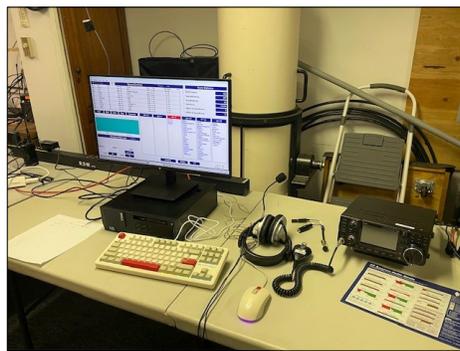
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Country	Total
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Italy	15
Brazil	14
Argentina	12
Poland	9
Spain	9
Slovenia	8
France	7
Federal Republic of Germany	6
Costa Rica	5
England	5
Portugal	5
Austria	4
Canary Is.	4
Chile	4
Croatia	4
Czech Republic	4
Morocco	4
Switzerland	4
Aruba	3
Puerto Rico	3
Slovak Republic	3
Barbados	2
Bonaire	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2
Bulgaria	2
Cayman Is.	2
Curacao	2
Dominican Republic	2
Sweden	2
Uruguay	2
Anguilla	1
Azores	1
Bahamas	1
Belgium	1
Canada	1
Cape Verde	1
Colombia	1
Cyprus	1
European Russia	1
Finland	1
French Guiana	1
Galapagos Is.	1
Guinea-Bissau	1
Hungary	1
Ireland	1
Japan	1
Nigeria	1
Norway	1
Romania	1
Scotland	1
St. Lucia	1
Ukraine	1
US Virgin Is.	1
Wales	1
Total = 54	

We worked 54 countries

Guinea-Bissau is in Western Africa

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K1WAS-10 APRS DIGIPI I-Gate Now Operational

We are pleased to announce that a new APRS I-Gate is now operational in the WAS classroom. David, KB1LTW, recently set up a transmit and receive I-Gate using the club's FT-8800 mobile radio and a new Digipi. The FT-8800 had previously not been in use.

The station identifies as K1WAS-10 and is configured as both a receive and transmit I-Gate, expanding the club's APRS capabilities in the local area.

The antenna for the station is mounted on the classroom roof, providing good coverage and allowing the gateway to both feed local APRS traffic to the internet and transmit internet-originated APRS messages back to RF. This addition helps improve APRS coverage in the area and provides another useful piece of infrastructure for the amateur radio community.

Many thanks to David, KB1LTW, for taking the initiative to put the FT-8800 back into service and get the K1WAS-10 I-Gate up and running.