Housatonic Amateur Radio Club
ARRL International DX Phone Contest March 7-8
2026 K1WAS

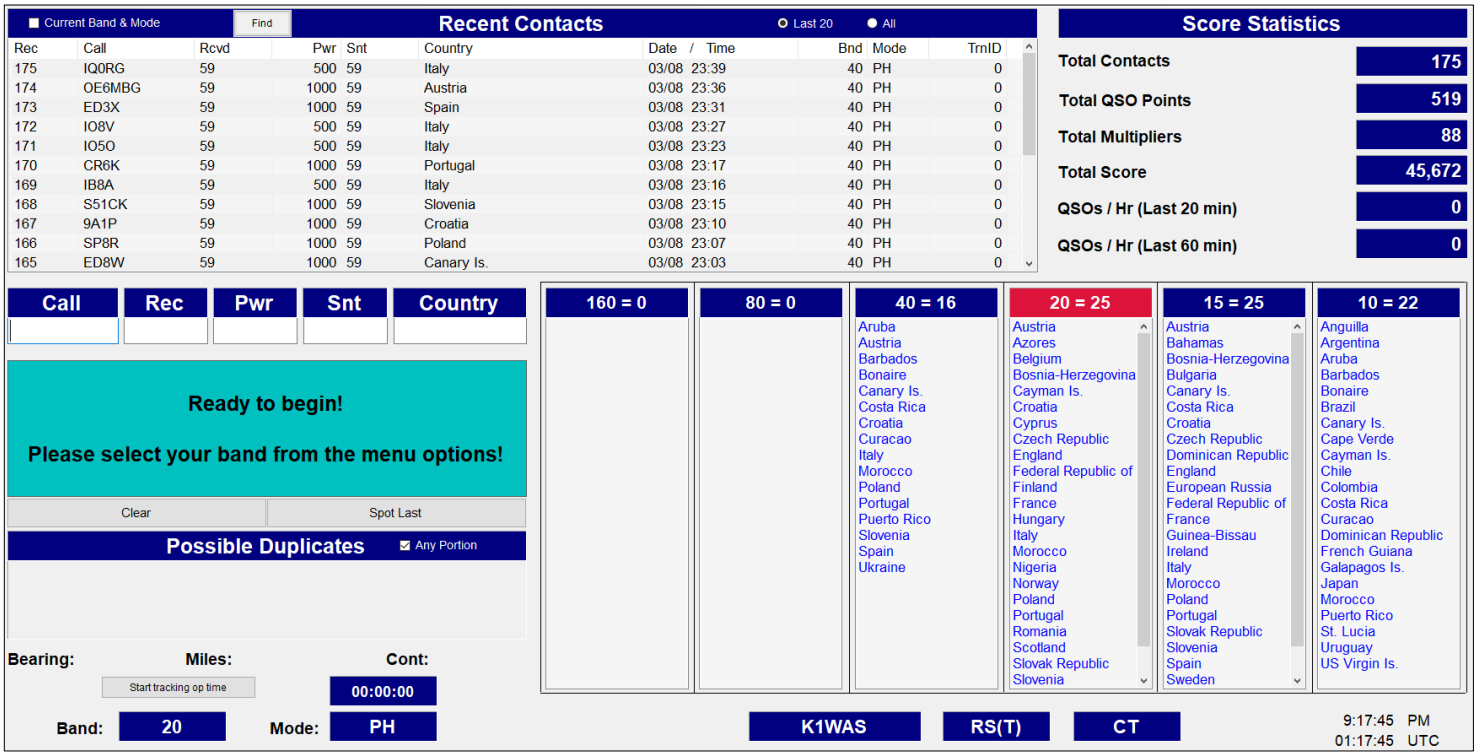
Rev 2.0

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.



N3FJP final screen

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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

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Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
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	%
AB1JC	124	71
WE1M	30	17
KB1LZ	8	5
KI6JXJ	7	4
W1SMF	6	3

Total = 5

Contest Operators

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Country	Total
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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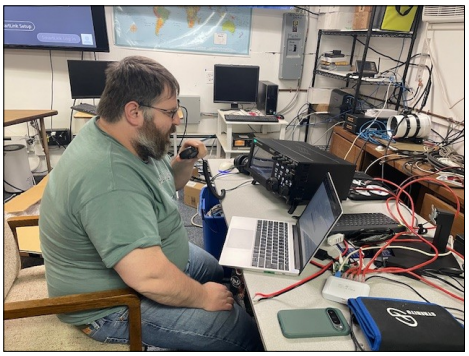
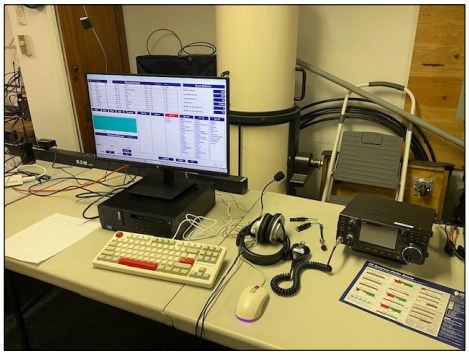

K1WAS-10 APRS DIGIPI I-Gate Now Operational

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.

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We earned 1st in CT, 2nd in New England and 10th in North America for Multi Op, one transmitter, low power

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