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DON'T FORGET

**The North East Weak Signal Group 2 Meter Net
Every Thursday at 8:30 PM local 144.250 MHz**

MEMBERSHIP in the N.E.W.S Group is \$10 per 2 years.

Apply to George Collins, KC1V. E-mail: news.kc1v@gmail.com.

You may download an application from our web page: <http://www.newsvhf.com>

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Send articles by e-mail to Don W1FKF at donw1fkf-news@yahoo.com.

REMINDER: 222 MHz Activity Night Tuesdays 7 to 11 PM

Wed Nights 8:30 pm - 432MHz K1FMS (N1DPM)
8:00 - 432.100 8:30 - 432.150 MHz

Eastern VHF/UHF/Microwave Conference

***April 24-26, 2026 Hilton Garden Inn
555 Corporate Drive, Windsor, CT 06095***

Weekly Calendar

Mon. Packrats Nets start at 7:30pm on 6 meters, 8 pm on 144.150, etc. Philadelphia area.
Tues. Mud Toads Net FM 17, Virginia 8 pm 144.250
Tues. Activity Night 7:00pm 222.100 K1WHS +
Weds Activity Night 8:30pm 432 150 K1FMS (N1DPM) +
Thurs. NEWS net, 8:30pm 144.250 W1VD
Sat. Chesapeake Net 144.205 W3BFC FM28 9 pm
144.205 Mornings 8:30-9:30 AM -- 144.205 , 144.190, ME, Canada to NC and out to OH, WV

Secretary's REPORT

NEWS Meeting 3 January 2026
at Storrs Library, Longmeadow, MA
and by ZOOM
Called to Order by President, W2AAU, at 1324

TREASURER REPORT

Balance \$3009
Income \$20 dues \$185 duct tape auction
2 renewals
Dues start January 1

OLD BUSINESS

Eastern VHF/UHF/Microwave Conference will be April 24-25 in Windsor CT.
More papers & presentations needed

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting dates 2026
3/21, Conference, 7/12 picnic, 9/26, 11/21, 1/2/2027

ELECTION

K1MAP MOTION to nominate present officers and directors. UNANIMOUS
All re-elected for 2 years UNANIMOUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VHF Contest 1/16-18
Hamcation Orlando 2/13-14

BEACONS

Mt Equinox beacons K1EQX/b 144.280 432.280 FN33kd
WB2VVV/b
50.075 FN41dr
NH Aurora 144.293 FN43eu pointing North
222.057 FN43eu
28.2645 FN41cr
K1HC 144.291 FN53
K1MAP 10368.280, 144.291 FN32
KV1J 10368.400 222.064 FN44
N1JEZ 10368.320 FN34om
K1FO 1296.290, 144.274 FN31

Adjourn 1353

...Treasurer's Report January 3, 2026

<u>Balance, Last Report 11-22-2025:</u>	\$3009.50
Income:	
Dues:	\$20.00
Auction Donations:	\$185.00
Expenses:	
None:	
<u>Current Balance 11-22-2025:</u>	<u>\$3,214.50</u>

Current Paid Members:

We had 2 renewal.

The membership totals are:

120 Regular

3 Life

11 Permanent

Submitted January 3, 2026

George Collins, KC1V

Treasurer, North East Weak Signal

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BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2026 (all are welcome)

11:15 AM at Lulu's,

151 Hazard Ave. Enfield, CT Phone: (860) 763-2377

I-91 Exit 47 Rt. 190E 1 Mile on Left

<http://luluspizzeria.com>

GENERAL MEETING

March 21, 2026

STORRS LIBRARY 693 Longmeadow St,

Longmeadow, MA 01106

And ZOOM

from 1 PM to approximately 3:45 PM.

Officers

Officer	Contact Information	Activity
President	Dick Frey, WA2AAU 7262 Skyline Drive Delanson, NY 12053 (FN22vs) rffbauer@gmail.com	6, 2, 222, 432, 903, 1296, 2304, 3400, 5760, 10 GHz, 24 GHz.
Vice President	Eric Mazur, KA1SUN 763 Main Road Savoy, MA 01256 (FN32ln) ka1sun0@gmail.com	6, 2, 222, 432, 902, 1296, 2304, 3400, 5760, 10 GHz.
Secretary	Paul Wade, W1GHZ 682 Dubray Rd, Cabot VT 05647 (FN34uj) w1ghz@arrl.net	6, 2, 222, 432, 902, 1296, 24 and 47 GHz 10GHz, more to come.
Treasurer	George Collins, KC1V 105 Ninth District Rd Somers, CT 06071 (FN31sx) news.kc1v@gmail.com	6, 2, 222, 432, 10GHz.
Editor, NEWSletter	Don Twombly, W1FKF 32 Bumfagon Rd Loudon, NH 03307 (FN43gi) donw1kf-news@yahoo.com	6, 2, 222, 432, 903, 1296, 2304, 3400, 5760 MHz, 10 GHz, 24 GHz, 78 GHz. 1296 MHz EME 10 GHz EME

Mt Equinox 432. Beacon Antenna

Eric Mazur, KA1SUN

432.280 K1EQX FN33kd VT Mt Equinox
 1W to Big Wheel @ 3840' asl

Feb. 12, 2026



Board of Directors

Each Board Member is appointed for a 2-year Term.

Contact Information	Activity
Mark Casey, K1MAP 303 Main Street Hampden, MA 01036 (FN32sb) map@mapinternet.com	6, 2, 222, 432, 903, 1296, 2304, 3400, 5760, 10 GHz.
Bob Bownes, KI2L 8 Ribbon Candy Lane Troy, NY 12180 (FN32et) bownes@gmail.com	6, 2, 222, 432, 902, 1296, 2304, 3400, 5760, 10 GHz, 24 GHz.
Tom Cefalo, W1EX 16 Dogwood Ln North Reading, MA 01864 (FN42lo) w1ex@verizon.net	6, 2, 432, 5760, 10 GHz, 24 GHz, 47 GHz, 78 GHz.
Tom Williams, WA1MBA 68 Nickerson Rd Orleans, MA 02653 (FN51as) tomw@wa1mba.org	222, 10 GHz, 24 GHz, 47 GHz, 78 GHz.

Support your VHF/UHF - Microwave

NEWS Group

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

FOR A DOOR PRIZE Or Auction item FOR THE CONFERENCE

CONTACT

MICKIE, WIMKY dpoclement@tds.net

49th EASTERN VHF/UHF/MICROWAVE CONFERENCE:

April 24-26, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn (860)-688-6400

555 Corporate Drive, Windsor, CT 06095

I-91 exit 38 to Day Hill Rd.



4/24/2026 FRIDAY

Preliminary SCHEDULE

	12:00 PM	Test Lab opens by Greg from Rhode & Schwartz
	2:00 PM	Transmission Lines
	3:30 PM	Small dish EME demo
	4:45 PM	NEWS Meeting
	7:00 PM	Informal swap

4/25/2026 SATURDAY

		Test Lab open all day by Greg from Rhode & Schwartz
		K1FSM & W1VLF More Light Communications , A year later
		K1WHS Where have all the Aurora gone?
		W1GHZ Measuring Microwave VSWR
		WA1MBA Q65 Beacons for 10, 24, and 47 GHz plus 5.76
		W3CMP 6 Meter Rover Antennas
		WA4LPR Measuring Phase Noise with a computer sound card
		KC1DWH Block Island January VHF Operating
		W9JJ Contest Update Forum
	4:00 PM	Sun Noise demo OUTSIDE

49th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference REGISTRATION [Click here](#)

Please type in your Call for desired item before clicking Add to Cart

May have to Return to [BROWSER TAB](#) to add additional entries

(we want to make sure your callsign appears at least once on the order)

Proceedings

Papers will be available online after conference at newsvhf.com

[For Mail Registration click here](#)

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Registration by PayPal is preferred, please

[Registration: \\$40 up to April 17.](#)

\$50 after April 17

[Saturday Dinner Banquet tickets until April 17](#)

Dinner Choices: Rib Eye Steak \$55, Chicken Marsala or Vegetarian \$45

[Guest Saturday Dinner Banquet tickets until April 17](#)

Dinner Choices: Rib Eye Steak \$55, Chicken Marsala or Vegetarian \$45

Friday Lunch

Pizza Lunch on Friday at Jim's Restaurant

Includes Pizza , salad, soft drink, and tip \$22

Saturday Lunch

Grinder Lunch on Saturday at Jim's Restaurant

Includes Grinder (sub sandwich), salad, soft drink, and tip \$22

Note: Your ticket(s) will be waiting at the event registration entrance.

Registration after April 17 will be \$50.

Banquet tickets will be \$10 more after April 17 if available.

You must be Registered for the Conference to attend the evening Doorprize drawings.

Have a simple tip or technique that you can share? Send a short description and maybe a cellphone picture to the NEWSletter to share it with members.

Book a hotel room at the Conference rate with this link:

Hilton Garden Inn at Bradley Airport

The 'quick book' option is for all 3 nights. Use the 'Edit Stay' link (near the top of the page, on the right hand side) to change what nights you want to book.

The hotel address is [555 Corporate Drive, Windsor, CT 06095](#)

Take I91 Exit 38, then go west to Day Hill Road.

ZK06-UM Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) Module, Broadband, 10M-6GHz, 21dB Gain,



Freq. (MHz)	Gain (dB)	NF (dB)
144	25.64	0.33
432	24.98	0.35
902	22.12	0.41
1296	23.20	0.48
2304	22.1	0.49
3400	20.1	0.51
5760	19.7	1.30

Need a band pass for band used

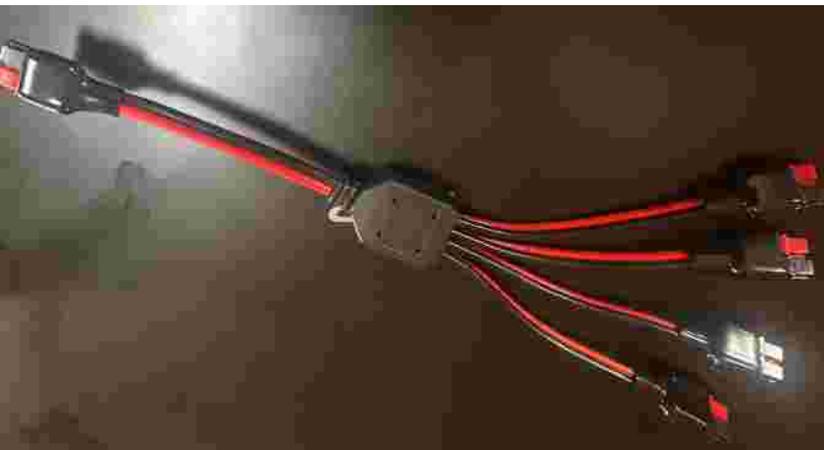
\$15.00 ea

Will Have some at March NEWS Meeting
W1FKF

Anderson Splitter Cable 1 in 4 out

\$15.00 ea

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W1FKF





Cheese
Bits
Mt Airy VHF Radio Club



2026 | Macon, GA

The 2026 SVHFS conference will be held on April 17th -19th in Macon Georgia. All interested in VHF and above Amateur operation are invited to attend. The conference will begin with our Thursday night social at a local establishment.

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[EME Conference 2026](#)
[Tenerife - Canary Islands](#)
May 28th-31st, 2026
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[Eastern VHF/UHF/Microwave](#)
Conference date
April 24-26, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn
555 Corporate Drive, Windsor, CT
06095

ARRL Launches Nationwide Grassroots Campaign to Pass Amateur Radio
Emergency Preparedness Act




[Send Your Letters Now](#)
<https://send-a-letter.org/hoa>

ARRL has launched a nationwide grassroots campaign aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

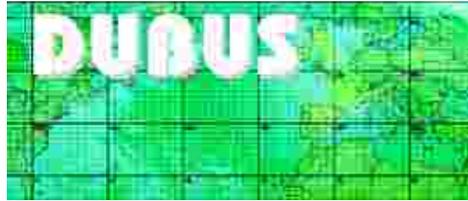
Support The ARRL

Spectrum Defense

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Directive Systems & Engineering
Directive Systems & Engineering VHF, UHF, Microwave Antennas and related products



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Call sign: _____ Grid: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home) _____ Optional (work) _____

Email: _____

ARR member: Y N

Electronic Newsletter Delivery: Y N

Operational Bands (circle)	50 MHz	144 MHz	222 MHz	432 MHz	903 MHz	1.2 GHz	2.3 GHz
	3.4 GHz	5.6 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz	76 GHz	Light
	Other (list)						

The North East Weak Signal [N.E.W.S.] Group was established in 1993 to form a camaraderie among fellow VHF-UHF-Microwave enthusiasts and support a convenient means to exchange technical information. We currently have six meetings per year, 4 are held on at the Storrs Library on Rt. 5 in Longmeadow, Mass., 1 at our annual Conference in April, and 1 at our Annual Picnic in July. We provide a "NEWSLETTER" that is distributed via email two weeks prior to each meeting. Any contributions to this publication are appreciated and can be sent to: Don, W1FKF by e-mail to donw1fkf-news@yahoo.com.

Dues are \$10 for 2 years. Please contact or mail application to: NEWS Treasurer, George Collins, KC1V, 105 Ninth District Rd., Somers, CT 06071 or E-mail: news.kc1v@gmail.com

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