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April 5th 2017 club meeting



May 3rd 2017 club meeting

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 04/05/17



Paul Moss KB1MTW **Larry Kenney W1VP** **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** **Joe Amorelli K1JMA**
V.President Secretary Treasurer President

ATTENDANCE: 55 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney
K1JMA Joe Amorelli
KB1MJL Al Marshall
WK1D Jeff Ayres
W1JGR John Ruppel
KC1JRA Gary Silvia
AG1B Richard Metcalf
W1AEM Matt Kane
KB1MOC Kevin Dykes
KA1CQD Fred Sanford
K1RFB Rich Piantoni
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
K1UFO Billy Robinson
W1AY Brad Wilson
KC1EFF Randy Mills
KA1KHJ Dennis Kelley
KC1BEA Karen Hart
K1XRB Peter Q George
N1ISS Mark Sullivan

KB1MTW Paul Moss
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze
WD1L John Nelson
W1OD Steve Cohn
KC1EFT Alan McPhee
KC1ACF Mark Vess
KC1FZ George Davis
KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell
WA1TOM Tom Luckman
WA1MAD Mike Davis
KC1GEO Justin Seggelin
W1MBH Scott Mitchell
W1GTZ Paul DeLory
N1MAG Wayne Galvin
WA1BEE Allen Hiltz
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais
W1AZU Heather Massey
K1WGU Bob Bass

N1SOM Jeff Tracy
WG1L Jim O'Rourke
N1COP Bob Woodbury Jr.
W1JDG John D. Ginsberg
N1STV Steve Cote
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
N1OYH Carl Davis
KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KC1FWV John Barbour
KV1SMC Stephen Cavey
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
KD1X Ryan Merck
KC1GMN Bill Healey
KC1ALO Don Wettergreen
W1ACO William Hart
W1GQN Jim Havens
W1AKN Jack Buckley

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:03pm 04/05/17.
A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the March 2017 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the March 2017 meeting notes were published in the March 2017 Spectrum newsletter available on the club website. Motion to accept the March 2017 meeting notes as published made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Elayne KB1IKH**.

Elayne reports a 'Thinking of you' card was sent **John Coombs WQ1L**. Elayne also reports a sympathy card was sent to **John W1JDG** regarding the very recent passing of his step-mother.

New members:

Jeff N1SOM and **Joe K1JMA** presented new member applications in good standing for the following:

- **KC1GMN William Healey**
- **KC1GEO Justin Seggelin**
- **N1MAG Galvin Wayne**

Motion to accept as a new member made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club folks!

Net Control for April 2017

- April 9th : **Larry W1VP**
- April 16th : **John KC1FWV @ CranLand**
- April 23rd : **Ross W1EKG**
- April 30th : **John G. W1JDG**

Old Business

- **Joe K1JMA** informed everyone that 30% of the club membership has still not paid their 2017 club dues. Joe encouraged all who have not paid, to please do so asap. (note: dues checks can be mailed to: Post Office Box 48 Whitman, MA 02382. Club membership is \$25/yr. Please include your callsign on the check-thx)

New Business:

- **Ross W1EKG** announced he will have NEAR-Fest tickets for sale soon. The price this year will be a \$10 entrance fee & \$10 for inside parking. When available, a club wide email blast will be sent out. Joe asked who has the (2) early entry passes? It was noted **John WI1G** has one pass. The other has been lost.
- **Joe K1JMA** asked for volunteers going to NEAR-Fest to help setup and take down the clubs tables, the equipment for sale and the large tent. **Joe K1JMA** volunteered on both Friday and Saturday. **Mike WA1MAD** and **Mark KC1ACF** volunteered to help with take down. More volunteers are needed. Please speak

to **Joe K1JMA**, **John W1IG** or **Paul KB1MTW** to help out.

- **Ross W1EKG** provided an update on the Go-Kit symposium he is planning. New locations (and dates) are now being considered for this event. More info will be provided when available. (note, post meeting, June 17th seems to be the new date for the symposium. More details to follow when available)
- **Mark KC1ACF** provided an update on the Field Day event. Mark has not signed the contract with the Bridgewater YMCA yet for use of their fields but plans to do so tomorrow or Friday (April 6th or 7th). Mark will also confirm placement of signs on the YMCA property up to 1 week prior to the event. A general discussion took place on sign options. The 'sandwich' board sign stored at the clubhouse was mentioned but needs painting etc. to be usable. **Joe K1JMA** asked for volunteers to work on the 'sandwich' board to make it usable for this and other events (repainting, etc. needed). No volunteers came forward so Joe volunteered to do this. Also mentioned was possibly contacting **Jack Foley N1BCE** for his expertise on the matter. Joe K1JMA volunteered to speak with Jack. Mark also discussed his plans for again hosting a welcome center under his canvas tent near the lower pavilion. A general discussion took place on if & how we might also establish a GOTA (Get On The Air) station at the welcome center. **Jeff N1ZZN** informed us of additional rules the ARRL specifies for GOTA stations. It was decided to address this at the next club meeting after the rules have been reviewed. **Jeff N1ZZN** offered to contact the Whitman/Hanson Express newspaper to have our Field Day event listed with other community events.
- **Steve W1OD** inquired about the food budget for the Field day event. A general discussion took place with a motion to appropriate up to \$400 for food & supplies made by **Ron KB1OEQ** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** asked for volunteers to help Steve with the food preparations. **John WD1L** and **Larry W1VP** volunteered to help. **Paul KB1MTW** confirmed the grills will be transported to the Field Day site and will have filled propane gas tanks. Steve also reminded everyone of the Saturday 1pm VE session during Field Day. **Mark KC1ECF** also informed folks **John W1JDG** has again volunteered to be our Field Day safety officer.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded everyone that club officer nominations should be done at this April meeting and the May club meeting. Nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are needed. Also one board member position will become available and should also have a nomination. Nominations for **Joe K1JMA** (President), **Paul KB1MTW** (Vice-President), **Jeff N1SOM** (Treasurer), **Larry W1VP** (Secretary) and **Mike WA1MAD** (board member) made by **Brad W1AY** with a second by **Ryan KD1X**. Motion passed quorum vote.
- **Jeff N1SOM** presented details on Jacket, T-Shirts and Polo-Shirts from Rockland Athletics:
 - Jackets: \$49.50 (S-XL), +\$2 (XXL), if quantity >6 ordered, \$48/ea
 - T-Shirts: (quantity 20 or more) \$16 with club logo, \$20 +name and callsign
 - Polo Shirt: (quantity 15 or more) \$20 with club logo, \$24 +name and calls

- **Joe K1JMA** contacted a different vendor for comparison purposes:
 - Jacket: \$45 (S-XXL), +\$3 (XXXL) includes club embroidery + name/callsign
 - Jacket w/hood: \$50 (S-XXL), +\$3 (XXXL) includes same embroidery
 - Ball caps: \$10 & \$15 w/club logo
 - A \$60-\$65 setup fee is also required
 - Also simple 1-color t-shirts with club logo on the front: \$6, +back logo \$8
 - A general discussion took place regarding these options. Mike WA1MAD asked about club vests.

- **Joe K1JMA** started a general discussion regarding installation of our 2 meter repeater antenna at our current repeater site. It was decided to table the idea for now and open the topic up again at a later time.

- **Paul KB1MTW** decided to auction off his ARRL Hints & Kinks book. High bid went to **Jeff WK1D** for a \$25 donation to the club.

- **Joe K1JMA** started a general discussion on the topic of moving the club to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based on a discussion at a recent executive board meeting. Federal and State filings must take place & the club bylaws must be appended for this to take place. Additional changes such as raising the club dues were tabled for the time being while the 501(c)(3) details and bylaw changes can be investigated. **Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** explained a fundamental advantage of being a 501(c)(3) is our ability to accept donations as a non-profit organization and the inherent tax advantage to those who donate to the club.
 - **Mike WA1MAD** suggested **Jack Foley N1BC** might be of help in understanding the advantages of becoming a 501(c)(3)
 - A true non-profit/501(c)(3) can also receive business donations (ex: Stop&Shop food donations) and would have sales tax exclusion. **Ryan KD1X** suggested checking on a non-profit discount on rented space used by the club.
 - Other related topics included **John W1JDG** suggested a new Life membership club option be considered if/when re-writing the club by-laws to bring in cash to the club.
 - Motion to start the club bylaw update process to become 501(c)(3) compliant should the decision to move forward with the 501(c)(3) be made in the future made by **John W1JDG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. **John W1JDG** volunteered to help with the club bylaw updating.
 - **Billy K1UFO** suggested the current club bylaws be made available for all club members (via our website) as many club members are not familiar with these.
 - **Dave KB1QMX** suggested consulting a local attorney when the time is right.
 - **Bob N1COP** suggested retaining a CPA for the 501(c)(3) transition. Bob also had suggestions for handling the 501(c)(3) investigation and transition through a smaller set of folks setup in a committee.
 - **Jeff N1ZZN** asked about the membership fee if attending any one of Ross's training classes. **Joe K1JMA** addressed this and indicated this policy will no longer be in place.

- It was announced the South Shore Repeater Associations 147.300Mhz repeater

in Weymouth is up and functioning.

- **Gary KC1JRA** President of the Wingbusters flying club announced an open house on June 4th 9am-3pm, at their flying field and invited the Whitman club to attend. Gary mentioned a Model-T club will also be attending.
- **Ross W1EKG** indicating he will be starting an Extra level training class very soon on Tuesday nights at the Whitman police station.
- **John KC1FWV** suggested started an Elmer program. (John is scheduled to talk about his ideas for this at the May club meeting)
- **Dave KB1QMX** noticed on one of the Whitman-Hanson cable access channels, a technician training class by **Eric KB1FHS**
- **Paul KB1MTW** reminded everyone the club has several towers and parts for sale. Also **Bill N1FRE**'s tower needs to be taken down at some point as well.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at **8:30** pm, 04/05/17

End Secretary's Report



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Photos by Jeff WK1D



Joe KIJMA showing samples from a different jacket vendor for new club jackets



New club member KCIGEO Justin Seggelin



Larry W1VP trying on the new model jacket



Joe KIJMA showing a sample t-shirt



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 05/03/17



Paul Moss KB1MTW V. President **Larry Kenney W1VP** Secretary **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** Treasurer **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** President

ATTENDANCE: 42 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney	KB1MTW Paul Moss	N1SOM Jeff Tracy
K1JMA Joe Amorelli	W1AKN Jack Buckley	N1COP Bob Woodbury Jr.
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	W1OD Steve Cohn	WK1D Jeff Ayres
AG1B Richard Metcalf	WG1L Jim O'Rourke	KB1MJL Al Marshall
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	KB1IKH Elayne Tovet	W1JT Jim Tovet
WD1L John Nelson	W1JDG John D. Ginsberg	KV1SMC Stephen Cavey
N1OYH Carl Davis	KC1FZ George Davis	KB1YFQ Wayne Robertson
W1AY Brad Wilson	W1AEM Matt Kane	KV1EUJ Kurt Sundwall
KV1FZI Joe D'Antonio	N1MAG Wayne Galvin	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
WA1BEE Allen Hiltz	KC1JRA Garry Silvia	N1STV Steve Cote
KD1X Ryan Merck	KC1ACF Mark Vess	K1FAB Frederick A. Birtwell
KB1OEP Mike Supple	W1IG John Murphy	W1GTX Paul DeLory
K1UFO Billy Robinson	W1JGR John Ruppel	KB1MOC Kevin Dykes
K1XRB Peter Q George	KB1PFL Jim Madden	KC1EFF Randy Mills

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 05/03/17. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the April 2017 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Brad W1AY**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Jeff N1SOM** also brought up the yearly Whitman-Hanson Dollars for Scholars donation our club typically makes. Motion to appropriate \$500 for the Whitman-Hanson Dollars for Scholars donation made by **Ross W1EKG** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote, **Jeff N1SOM** also noted a new roster was just email out to all members. A short discussion took place on the validity of verizon email addresses.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the April 2017 meeting notes were published on the club website and will be included in a future newsletter. Motion to accept the March 2017 meeting notes as published made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jim WG1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Elayne KB1IKH**.

Elayne reports get well cards will be sent to:

- **Bob KA1KIJ**
- **Bob K1WGU**

Net Control for May 2017

- **May 7th: Jeff N1SOM**
- **May 14th: John W1JDG**
- **May 21st: Ryan KD1X** (note: replace by **John KC1FWV** from **CranLand**)
- **May 28th: Jeff WK1D**
- **June 4th: Larry W1VP**

New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** informed everyone that 79% of the club membership has now paid their 2017 dues and will be eligible to vote in the upcoming club election. 21% of the club membership have not paid and have now lost their voting and motion privileges. Joe also noted, this meeting is the last opportunity for anyone to make nominations for the club officer positions and the one board member position becoming available. **Jeff WK1D** nominated **Steve W1OD** for the board member position. A second was made by **Brad W1AY**. **Steve W1OD** accepted the nomination. **Jeff N1SOM** indicated ballots would be mailed out within a week.
- **Joe K1JMA** asked if **John KC1FWV** was present. (he was not). John had asked for time to give a talk after the meeting regarding a mentoring program for new amateur operators. Joe noted this will be postponed to a later meeting when John is available.
- **Joe K1JMA** asked for a show of hands regarding who would be attending the upcoming NEAR-Fest event on May 5th and 6th. Approx 10-12 members indicated they would be attending the event. Joe indicated a sign-up sheet is available at the front table for times to man the Whitman club table and also to help with setup and breakdown of the table and equipment for sale. **Paul KB1MTW** described the new indoor location for the Whitman clubs table. Paul indicated the large club canopy is available for use by any club member. **John W1JDG** offered help load gear for club members needing assistance. Please contact John if you would like his help (thanks John!). **Paul KB1MTW** also mentioned anyone wishing to have equipment sold at the Whitman club table, please see him asap. **Ross W1EKG** indicated he now has NEAR-Fest tickets for sale (\$10 entrance fee, \$10 inside parking). Ross also mentioned an individual (**Ron Smith, N1PXX**) is looking for a ride up to NEAR-Fest. Contact Ross if you can help.
- **Larry W1VP** reports the website committee (**Larry W1VP, John WD1L, Steve**

KV1SMC, Jeff N1ZZN, Justin KC1GEO and John KC1FWV is looking at other area club websites for ideas on improving our website. Further discussions are needed before we can begin the redesign. The attending committee members plan to meet after this meeting to discuss this further (**Larry W1VP, John WD1L and Steve KV1SMC**).

- **Ross W1EKG** indicated he will be running an informational/educational Go-Kit symposium June 17th 9am-12pm at the United Methodist Church, 503 South Ave Whitman MA. He explained this will be an opportunity for anyone with a Go-Kit to highlight it's features and share details on its assembly and operation. Also **Mike WA1MAD** and **Chris N1CFB** may show their BITX 40Meter kits they've recently built. Ross will be working on the advertising of this event asap. **Paul KB1MTW** suggested he might bring some PL259 connectors and coax and show anyone interested the proper way to prep the coax and solder/assemble the PL259s. Paul also indicated there was a thought of setting up VHF/UHF and HF antennas at the church so go-kit stations could be operated during the event. **John W1JDG** offered to bring his HF antenna to the event. Ross also mentioned bringing Whitman club membership forms to the event as well.
- **Ross W1EKG** provided an update on the ongoing Extra training class. Things are going along pretty well with approx 7 folks attending. After this, the next series of classes will start in the fall.
- **Mark KC1ACF** provided an update on the Field Day 2017 event.
 - Mark has assured the contract with the Bridgewater YMCA for our use of their field on June 24th and 25th has been signed.
 - Mark also mentioned he's acquired additional signs for the lower pavilion area better identifying this event to the visiting public.
 - It was mentioned **Jeff N1ZZN** would be have a mention of this event made in the Whitman-Hanson Express newspaper (**Jeff N1ZZN** to provide an update when available).
 - Mark further commented on his plan to submit an article on the event to the Patriot Ledger and Enterprise newspapers community service sections (as free submissions).
 - Mark plans to bring his trailer & generator as he did last year and operate at the lower pavilion.
 - Mark received permission to place signs along the front of the YMCA property as long as they **do not obscure a drivers view of rt 106 in either direction** when leaving the YMCA parking lot. The signs must be secured well (with rope and stakes if necessary) as the roadside is very windy along rt 106. The signs can be put in place up to 1 week prior to the event as well.
 - Mark also has the TV antenna recently purchased by **John W1JDG** for use with the signs to attract the general public to the event.
 - **Joe K1JMA** asked for a volunteer to store the extra non-perishable items after Field Day. **Jim W1JT** volunteered store space for this (Thanks Jim!).
 - **Paul KB1MTW** assured the grills will be delivered to the site and will check on the propane tanks to see if they need to be filled.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned he is assembling a committee to do a feasibility study on

moving the club to a 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Anyone interested in participating in the committee, please see Joe.

- **Richard AG1B** provided details on an upcoming FoxHunt planned for May 13th and 14th in Rochester MA This will include use of the automated FoxBox over both days as well as a person acting as the fox, transmitting every 5 minutes for 30 seconds on Saturday. Richard expects the live hunt to assemble at 10am and run from 10:30am-12pm on Saturday. Full details will be posted on the club website. There will be prizes for the winners as well (including a gift certificate for a local food establishment and a Baofung HT)
- **Jack W1AKN** announced an upcoming Boy Scout activity this Saturday May 6th from 9am-5pm at the Plymouth airport in conjunction with the Genesis Amateur Radio Society. The boy scouts will be looking for contacts on the **N1ZIZ** 146.685 Mhz repeater and also on 28.400Mhz ssb. Anyone who could standby on either of these frequencies for QSO's to help the Boy Scouts would be very much appreciated.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Brad W1AY**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at **7:43** pm, 05/03/17

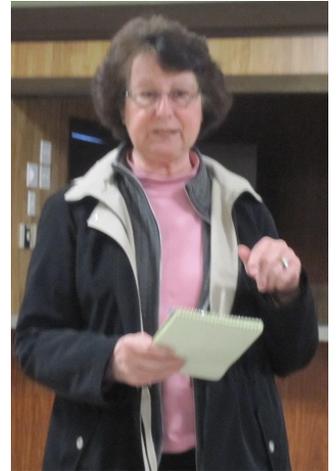
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Photos by Jeff WK1D



Automated FoxBox





Boston Marathon Volunteering

April 5th 2017

*Photos by Chris N1CFB
and Mike WA1MAD*



Chris N1CFB (selfie?)



Our John Hancock team hydration stop. Mile 19- WAIMAD

Palm Springs Air Museum

February 2017

Photos by Tom W6TOM

I joined the [Whitman] Club last Fall while I was back visiting on my annual MA trip. Would you like some pictures from out West???

Pictures are from the Desert Rats Radio Club (Palm Springs, CA) meet at the Palm Springs Air Museum in February 2017.

-Tom Murphy, W6TOM







Attending club members

W1VP Larry Kenney
N1PXX Ron Smith
WA1YKF Warren Dickie
K1UFO Billy Robinson
N1CFB Chris Babbett
KC1EFF Randy Mills
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K1FAB Fred Birtwell
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
NM1F Jim Ford
KB1REQ Jeremy Breef-Pilz
N1ISS Mark Sullivan



Paul KB1MTW, Jeff N1SOM and John WIIG at the indoor Whitman club table.



Jeff NIZZN under his large pop-up



John WIIG, Joe KIJMA and Jeff NISOM inside near the Whitman club table



John WIIG, Paul KB1MTW, Jeff NISOM joined by Matt W1AEM and his father Tom K1MIG at the Whitman table



(left) **Jeremy KB1REQ** and the team from the New England Amateur Radio Club, Inc (NE1AR) accepting a donation from Mr.Mike and the NEAR-Fest organization. (Upper Right) **Ross W1EKG** and **Chris N1CFB** by **John WIIG's** camper. (Right) **Mark NI1SS** joined the group at Johns camper also.



Kurt KC1EUJ and XYL Dianne inside near the Whitman table



and outside preparing for a picture with the Crackerbarrel Net folks



Members of the Crackerbarrel net join folks from the Whitman club. (L-R): Mark KG1Q, Kurt KC1EUJ, Ron W2RES, Ross W1EKG, Chris NICFB, Matt W1AEM, Tom K1MIG, Jerry K1WTX and Mike W1AIMAD



The final location for the NISOM camper



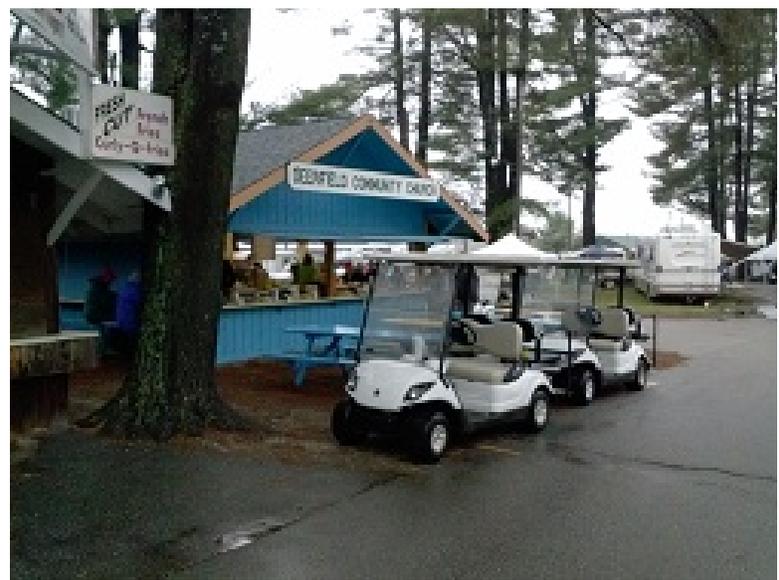
The KIJMA pop-up fully expanded and ready for camping



*The full, indoor Whitman club table, manned by **John W1IG***



Jeff N1ZZN and Steve KC1HO under Jeff's large pop-up





Hamvention was held May 19, 20 and 21, 2017 and for the first time, at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia Ohio.

Google map link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Greene+County+Fairgrounds+and+Expo+Center/@39.7002333,-83.9385855,980m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x8ebc05dc8323d1a7!8m2!3d39.7020658!4d-83.942008>

Since 1952 Hamvention® has been sponsored by Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA). For years it's been one of the world's largest amateur radio events, bringing hams together from around the globe. In 1964 the Hamvention® moved to Hara Arena. In 1973 it became a 2 day event. Additional info on this event can be found at <http://hamvention.org/>

Whitman club members attending this years Hamvention:

W1VP Larry Kenney
K1FAB Fred Birtwell
KB1IKH Elayne Tovet

N1SOM Jeff Tracy
K1UFO Billy Robinson
W1JT Jim Tovet

WA1MAD Mike Davis
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser





*I ran into a few friends at the Fairgrounds central area. Above **Jeff NISOM**, below **Tom WIICU** and right **Ross WIEKG***



The Fairground area was very nice. Lots of food vendors and places to sit. Nearby were the equipment vendors and forum buildings





Fred K1FAB and Billy KIUFO



Fred K1FAB shopping in a vendor tent. Tom W1CC in the background



Ballon launching w/tiny APRS transmitters attached



*I caught up with **George W5JDX** and **Tommy N5ZNO** from the AmateurLogicTV streaming show. George also appears on the Ham Nation streaming show.*



Scooters queued up for Hamvention entry Saturday morning



The impressive new "UrbanBeam" from SteppIR (6-40m)



The HamNation gang was there (l-r) Val NV9L, George W5JDX, Don AE5DW, Dale K0YHD, Gordo WB6NOA, Dr. T swl and Bob K9EID



Rain & mud. Some cars were stuck and were pulled free by farm tractors



*I traveled with friends from the **KIUSN** group.. (l-r) **Pi K1RV**, **Marty N1VH**, **Jerry W8FDR**, **Larry W1VP**, **Bob K1NOK** and **Tom W1CC***

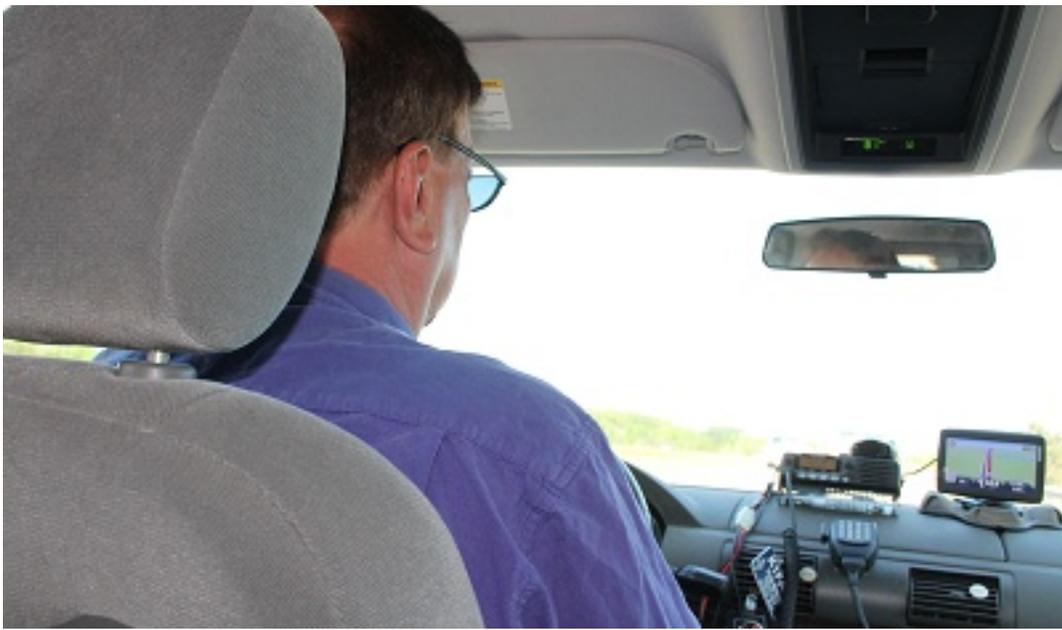


*We we also jointd up with **Don K1DC** and **Henry K1WCC** at our hotel (above center l and r)*



*We enjoyed dinner at a German brew pub called the **Carillon Brewing Company** close by to the hotel (l-r): **Henry K1WCC**, **Bob K1NOK**, **Marty N1VH**, **Tom W1CC**, **Pi K1RV**, **Jerry W8FDR** **Don K1DC** and **Tom W1ICU***

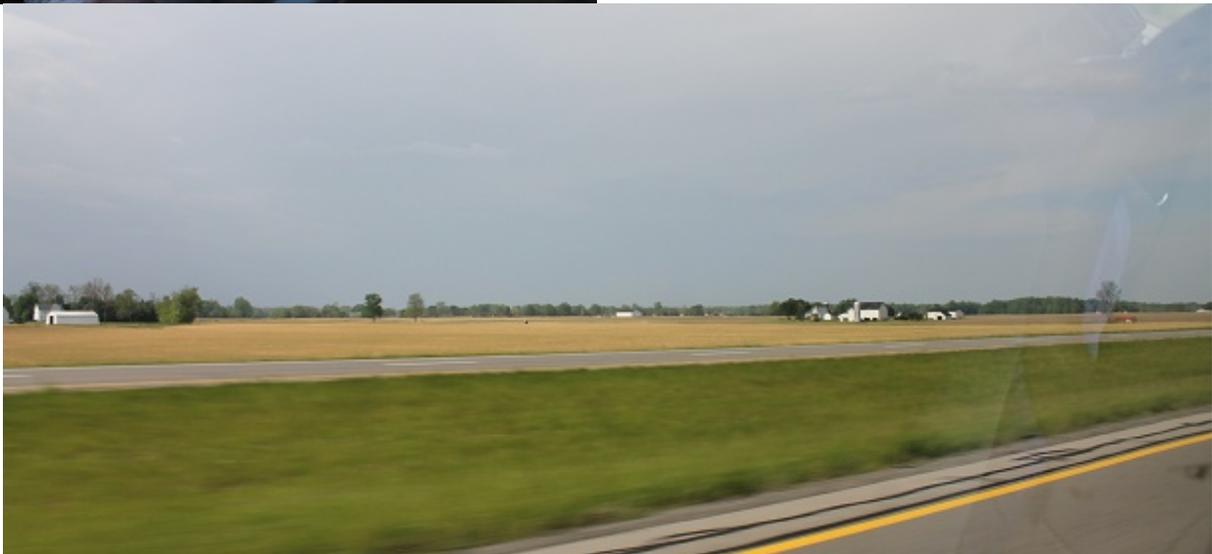




Fred K1FAB at the controls...with Mike WAIMAD in the co-pilot seat below



Billy K1UFO enjoying the ride and some tunes





Hotel camping this time...Ross WIEKG and Mike WAIMAD



Relax Mike...



Billy KIUFU (above and below). Fred KIFAB planning the next days travel no doubt.





Can't pass up a visit to Fair Radio in Lima Ohio, north of Dayton.



Ross WIEKH front and center at Fair Radio



A very happy Ross! And Mike (below)

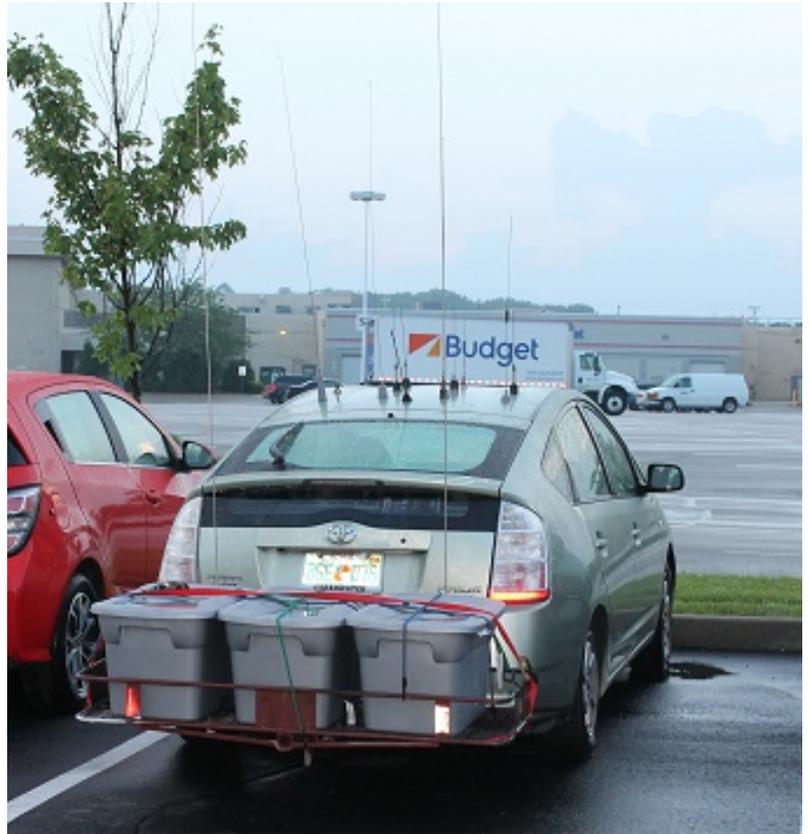


Fred KIFAB investigates also..





Now in Dayton and some rain comes through...



A well appointed mobile at the hotel...we've definitely arrived!



(left) Field parking Friday morning. Some were caught in a significant traffic backup on the little back roads leading to the Fairgrounds. (above&left) The guys board a tractor shuttle from the parking area.



Jim W1JT and Elayne KB1KH made it to Dayton/Xenia this year



Jim W1JT cruising the Fleet Market



Lots of food vendors in the central area...



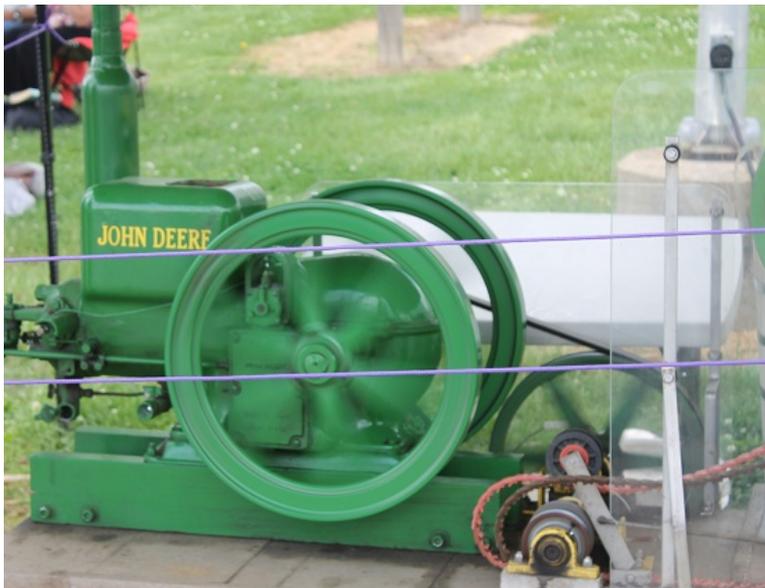
Billy KIUFO checking out the Flea Market



Quilting at the Flea Market. A new square each year...



Various Amateur rigs, an antique John Deere Ice Cream maker! (below left) and a robot (below right)





The crunch to get into Hamvention Saturday morning.

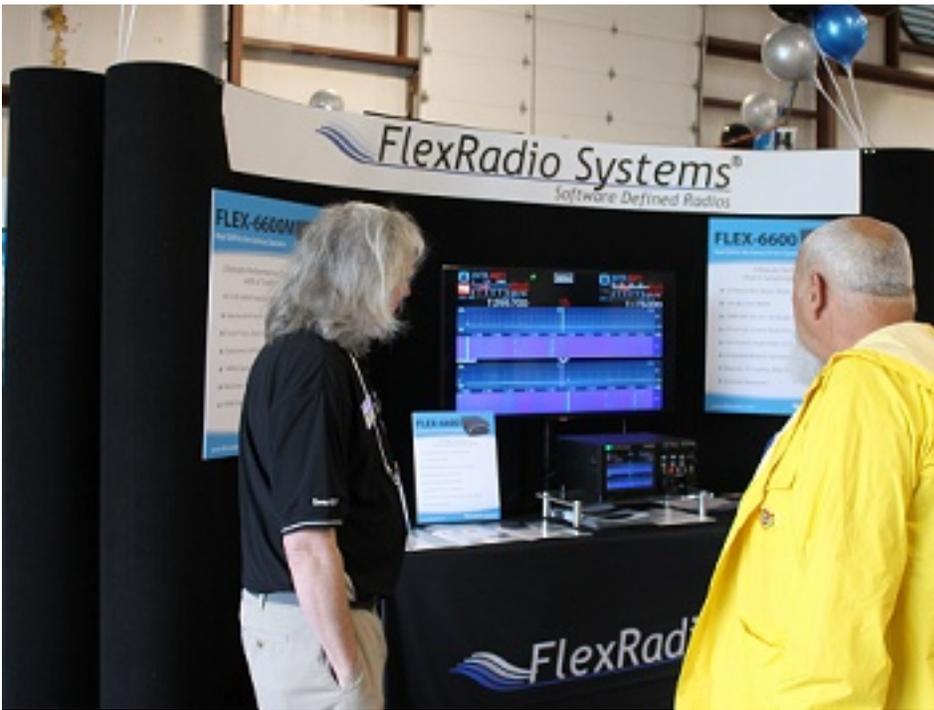


Top end Icom IC-7851. \$12,500 (Oooph!)

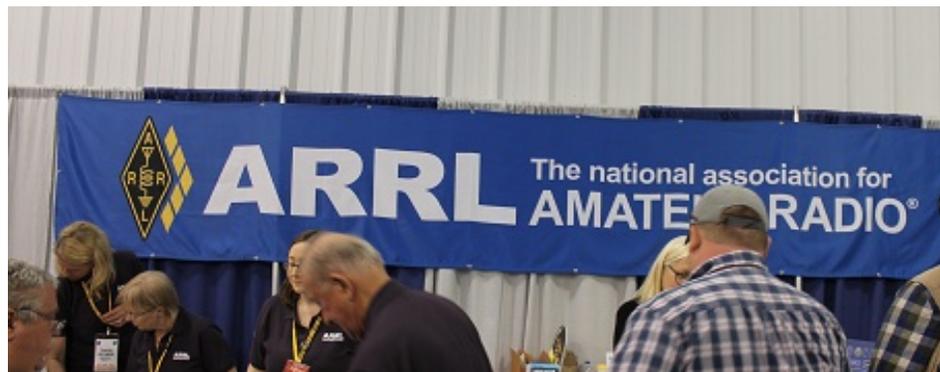


Gordo!





WRTC (World RadioSport Team Championship) is back and in Germany





Tom WIICU negotiating a deal?





StepIR demo model showing how the antenna radiator is re-sized for the frequency in use.





Bob Heil K9EID (left) and the Ham Nation crew (below) addressed the crowd





Heil equipment for sale, in the new 'audio alley'

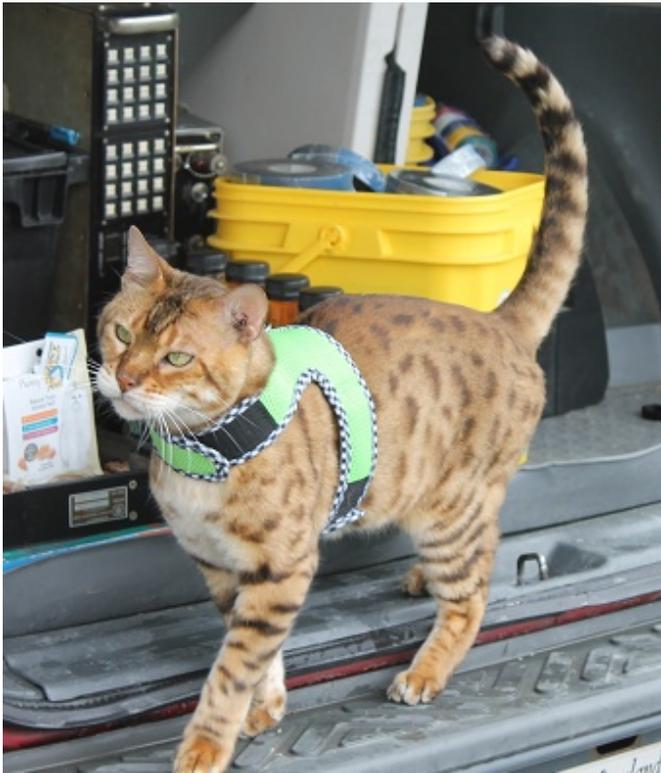


Saturday rain...unfortunately





In the HamNation audience...



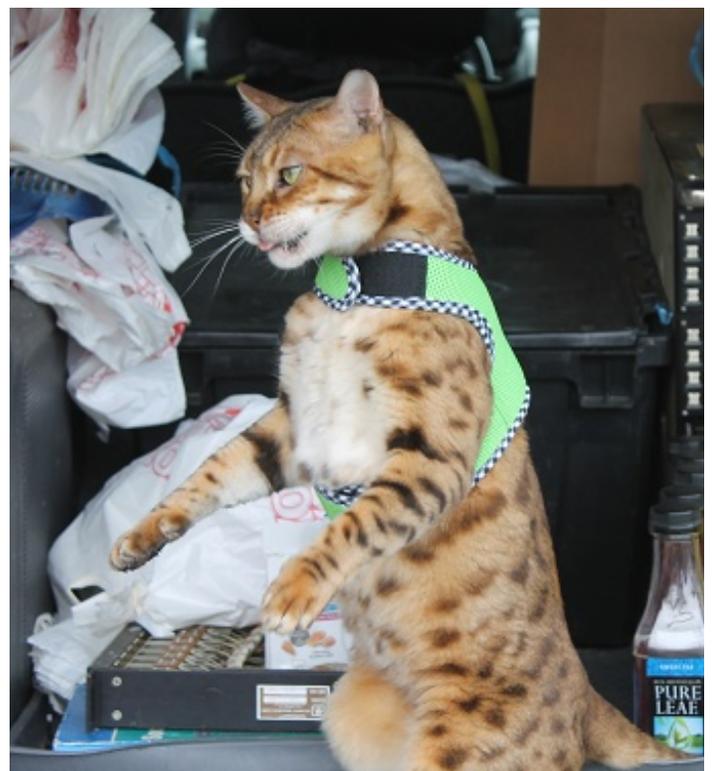
Ross W1EKG makes a new friend AH



AH!



AH!!



AH CHOO !!! 😊



Flea Market casualty...got muddy after the rain...also describes as 'soupy' under foot..





Back out from the Vendor buildings and tents.. time for lunch at the picnic tables?



A great time at Hamvention....we found something interesting on the long ride home





I never knew he had his own Hall!!



The Pulled Pork was excellent!



A (third) shower passed through, but again, this was not a deterrent as one might think. Got some of best buys at that time!!



Great food was served among the hundreds of vendors



Pi K1RV and Tom W1CC was 6 miles looking for a Starbucks, but had to settle for a Whole-Hearted Coffee



We had a quick shower pass through, but no one was too concerned.



You never know what might turn up at Hamvention for sale



A Kenwood TS-950 SDX loaded with all the accessories. That to was hard to resist



I almost sprung for this Collins KWM-380 and my 12 day rehab program kicked in!



Several Icom IC-7800's were for sale in the flea market for attractive prices.



Yes, my old company made radios at one time



This was Dave Knepper, president of the Collins Radio Association give his annual presentation. It was well attended.



Just miles and miles of really nice stuff!



All kinds of people showed up for Hamvention



A Collins SC-101 Station Console - Extremely Rare and very expensive. Only to be found at Hamcation. This unit goes nicely with the Gold Dust Twins



Heil was my first vendor visit to pick up a part



Many attendees stuck around awhile at this vendor.



Again, everybody was happy!!!



You could not ask for a better day! Endless rows of fine radios were for sale. If you couldn't find what you wanted, you didn't need it!



Radio Clubs from all over the country attended



The gates opened at 9 AM sharply and the Hamvention was underway!



What does a line look like with 24,000 people? Hint: It winds around for 12 miles!! This was the first opening for Hamvention in Xenia ever. The weather was perfect!

Another Great Hamvention!!



There were many buildings and tents that housed 100's of vendors from all over the world

Note: new addition: The NorthEast Cracker Barrel net, daily 7pm on 3921 Khz



HAM RADIO LOCAL AREA NETS

If you know of a Ham Radio Local Area Net that is not listed here, a typo on the information, or a Net listed which is no longer active, please contact Barry – N1EZH at: N1EZH@comcast.net, so this list can be updated. All Frequencies are in MHz and 6 Meters (50.0 MHz and up.), are FM Mode unless otherwise noted. Thanks!

- Sunday:** **WA1NPO – WARPSN Net, 8:30 AM, Whitman ARC Rptr, 147.225 +, PL 67.0**
6 Mtr AM Net, 5:00 PM, 50.400.0 AM, Scituate
NE Cracker Barrel Net, **7:00 PM Daily** (Matt – W1AEM, NCO on Sun), 3.921.00 MHz LSB
Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:00 PM, 28.375.0 USB
Cape & Island Traffic Net, Every Night at 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Eastern MA 2 Mtr Traffic Net, Every Night at 8:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5
Norfolk County Radio Association Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0
- Monday:** Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Mon – Sat, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norfolk County Emergency Preparedness Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0
Falmouth ARA Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth K1RK Rptr, 146.655 – PL 88.5
Boston ARC Rag Chew Net, 9:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5
- Tuesday:** Massasoit ARA Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0 (Except 3rd Tue!)
Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0
220 MHz Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Wednesday:** Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 8:30 PM, 145.770
Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB (Except 1st Wed!)
Blackstone Valley ARC , 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5
Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL Rptr , 146.64 – PL 136.5
- Thursday:** Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM
Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC ARES Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SMH Rptr, 147.195 + PL 127.3
900 MHz Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!
- Friday:** Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
- Saturday:** South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0
VKEMCOMM Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: <http://www.voipwx.net/>



The **WARPSN** NET meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on the Whitman REPEATER 147.225 MHz (PL 67). Come join in and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMS and short-wave listeners as well. We need your updates for the newsletter.

As part of our training, we encourage everyone to practice sending routine RADIOGRAM messages. Make up a National Traffic System (NTS) traffic message and send it to a friend. We also encourage everyone to try your hand at Net Control. Contact **Bill N1FRE** for a Net Control handout or visit our website at:

www.wa1npo.com and follow the link for the Sunday Public Service Net
(http://www.wa1npo.org/index.html#Sunday_Public_Service_Net_Control)



MEETING SCHEDULE

**Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of each month**

**The next meeting will be held at the
Whitman Knights of Columbus, which is
located at 1195 Bedford Street
(Rt. 18) in Whitman, Mass.**

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, July 5th 2017
Whitman Knights of Columbus**

NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING

**Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m
on the Whitman 147.225 repeater**

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Club IRLP Node 8691

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Club EchoLink Node 484193

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