

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 02/01/17

ATTENDANCE: 44 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss	N1SOM Jeff Tracy	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1POO Pete Carlson
W1OD Steve Cohn	WK1D Jeff Ayres	WD1L John Nelson
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	KB1MJL Al Marshall	WG1L Jim O'Rourke
W1JGR John Ruppel	KC1FZ George Davis	WA1MWF Larry LeBlanc
W1AY Brad Wilson	W1AEM Matt Kane	KB1CHU Steve Black
KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall	W1JDG John Ginsberg	W1MBH Scott Mitchell
N1LQK Dave Kaplan	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz	WI1G John Murphy
KC1ACF Mark Vess	K1CDL Dave Collins	W1GTX Paul DeLory
KB1SVY John Duprey	SWL Michelle Duprey	W1AZU Heather Massey
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow	W1VU Bob Egles	WA1YKF Warren Dickie
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	K1FAB Fred Birtwell	N1CFB Chris Babbitt
WA1MAD Mike Davis	KC1FWV John Barbour	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KC1BEN Carol Martin	N1STV Steve Cote	K1UFO Billy Robinson
KC1JET Jim Tynan	W1VP Larry Kenney	

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:02pm 02/01/17.
A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the January 2017 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **John WI1G**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the January 2017 meeting notes were published in the January 2017 Spectrum newsletter available on the club website. Motion to accept the January 2017 meeting notes as published made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Pete N1POO**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

No update

Jeff N1ZZN and **Jim KC1JET** requested a get well card be sent to **Dave KA1DTA**.
Larry W1VP will send a card on behalf of the club.

Net Control for February 2017

- February 5th : **Mike WA1MAD**
- February 12th : **John W1JDG**
- February 19th : **Jeff N1SOM**
- February 26th : **Jeff WK1D**

Old Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** thanked **Chris N1CFB** for organizing the very successful HamFest/WinterFest flea market in January. Joe also thanks all the volunteers who gave their time and made the effort to make this a successful event. Joe noted 64 hot dogs were distributed at the flea market btw! Joe believes even more hot dogs could have been distributed (noted for next year! **Larry W1VP** mentioned the hot dogs & buns were donated to the event by **Joe K1JMA**).
- **Mike WA1MAD** asked if a head count was kept of the attendance was kept. A short discussion took place and it was noted this was not recorded. It was also noted ticket sales would not reflect this as extra tickets were sold during the event as these were used for the door prizes.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned (for the new members benefit) that Whitman club blue jackets are available for purchase through **Jeff N1SOM**. Name and call sign embroidery is included.
- **Joe K1JMA** reminded us that he'll be working with **Jeff N1SOM** to complete the investigation into club T-Shirts and Polo shirts and make this available to club members in the near future. A general poll of the membership showed approx 80% were interested in T-Shirts and/or Polo shirts.

New Business:

- **Mark KC1ACF** provided an update on Field Day 2017 preparations:
 - Mark mentioned the large tent in place last year will be available again and will be used for greeting visitors and the GOTA (Get On The Air) station(s)
 - **John W1JDG** has agreed to monitor safety & security at the event. Other volunteers are welcome and needed for equipment transportation and setup/takedown, etc. Please see Mark.
 - **Paul KB1MTW** suggested we use the club banners at the tent.
 - Mark mentioned he's meeting with the YMCA this week to confirm our use of the field. Mark had discussed this years use of the field with the YMCA management after last years Field Day.

- A general discussion took place on the stations and bands in use for the Field Day event (“4A vs 5A” for example and the 20,40 & 80 meter bands will be in use)
 - **Mark KC1ACF** is going to try to have the local press (reporters) visit our Field Day on Saturday (3 newspapers contacted).
 - **Paul KB1MTW** discussed the available folding signs for use as street signs in front of the YMCA to invite people to the event. Paul also asked if additional small street signs along rt. 106 could be setup to alert folks of the event prior to driving by the YMCA. **Steve W1OD** suggested a few signs at the YMCA be put up a week before the event to alert folks of this well ahead of time. Mark KC1ACF to confirm permission for signs setup at the YMCA.
 - **Ross W1EKG** reminded us of a past suggestion to install some type of antenna with the street signs to get folks attention. John W1JDG informed us we will purchase a Yagi/TV antenna for this purpose.
 - **Steve W1OD** mentioned **Karen N1VI** won’t be available to help w/the cooking task this year. Volunteers are need to help Steve prepare lunch on Saturday. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Steve.
 - **Steve W1OD** will also inform the ARRL of our intention to run a VE Session at this years field day.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned while at Plimoth Plantation recently he mentioned/reminded their management of our intention to return again this fall- and also to keep our club in mind for any other events that take place during the year.
 - **Joe K1JMA** reminded us that volunteers will be needed to assist with the August Marshfield Fair event and to please keep this in mind as we get into the spring and summer months. **Paul KB1MTW** started a general discussion on our ability to present a waterfall display at our events- which would be a great attraction for the public. **Steve W1OD** mentioned a ‘MyPanAdapter’ product he’s now using w/this FT950. PC/monitors would be needed for this (Paul confirmed we have these available). Paul suggests someone could investigate this on behalf of the club for our Field day and Marshfield Fair events.
 - **Joe K1JMA** mentioned **Dave N1LQK** has an FM-SCA (Subsidiary Communications Authorization) receiver capable of receiving a sub-carrier from commercial FM stations. Dave needs the radio programmed (or if crystal controlled, changed) to receive the sub-carrier from 95.9 WATD which is broadcasting TIC, the radio reading service for the blind (**Talking Information Center (TIC)** is a non-profit reading service that broadcasts newspapers, magazines, books, and consumer info 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to visually impaired and print impaired listeners). If anyone know how to do this, please see Dave.

- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned the club has a donated radio (Leixen VV-898 10w 2m/440 radio and mag-mount antenna) for auction. The radio went to **John KB1SVY** for a \$45 club donation.
- **Kurt KV1EUJ** has heard of a Lewiston ME Hamfest on March 31st and April 1st while on the Crackerbarrel net (3921Khz). Kurt mentioned several members were interested in going.
- **Ross W1EKG** provided a training update. The current general class is going well. Ross also mentioned a possible new class for recently licensed hams who need some basic training on how to properly operate a station. Ross is hoping to pull more volunteers into helping with the training effort also. Ross mentioned with more volunteers, some additional hands-on instruction sessions could be held (like the type **Bill N1FRE** once did..building antennas, etc..). If interested in volunteering, please contact Ross.
- **Ross W1EKG** mentioned the Outreach program he had recently proposed and the possibility of attending the sportsman's club show in East Bridgewater coming up soon. The discussion continued with other Outreach event opportunities mentioned. A coordinator is needed to champion this effort however.
- **Mike WA1MAD** mentioned he's not had any more volunteers for Tech-Talk sessions. **Joe K1JMA** mentioned he's been working on future HRO visits in the spring and summer. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggested checking other club newsletters for folks giving presentations and contacting them for our Tech-Talk sessions. He mentioned the Waltham club may have had someone recently present on remote station operation for example. **Paul KB1MTW** asked how many folks could benefit from a training session on how to properly solder and assemble a PL259 connector? A general discussion took place.
- **Mike WA1MAD** has been in touch w/Jack Foley who is involved with the South Shore Model Railway Club and Museum in Hingham regarding their model train show on March 11th and 12th. Jack will allow us to have a table at this event and also to operate from there during the event. A general discussion took place on this subject. **Mike WA1MAD** will contact Jack regarding this.
- **Joe K1JMA** asked the membership if anyone would be interested in Fox Hunting? Joe will bring this subject up again in future meetings as we get into the spring and summer months. **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned building and using tape measure beams- possibly a class should be held on this. **Ron KB1OEQ** offered his workshop area for a class. **Larry W1VP** mentioned bringing a tape measure beam to the model railway show in March might be a good idea. **Richard AG1B** commented the Whitman PD training room would be fine for a tape measure beam class.

- **Mark KC1ACF** mentioned he'll be giving a presentation at the MARA (Massasoit Amateur Radio Association) club meeting on Tuesday Feb 21st regarding the origins of radio with a spark-gap transmitter demo. Mark can also give this presentation at a future Whitman club meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John W11G** with a second by **Steve W1OD**.
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at **7:57** pm, 02/01/17

End Secretary's Report

