

Whitman Amateur Radio Club **MOTA** (Meeting On The Air) 147.225Mhz +PL67

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 7pm (approx)

Net Control: **Ross W1EKG**

- **Mike W1MSP** indicated he would like to help Ross w/the clubs training classes.
- **Don KC1CDY** suggests the club hire a professional to plan and run this years Flea Markets.
- **Mark KC1ACF** complimented **Jeff N1ZZN**'s continued repeater operational management and upkeep. Mark also suggested 2 topics be discussed at this MOTA meeting:
  - Security at the Quonset hut
  - Flea Market planning kickoff
- **Bob KA1KIJ** indicated he would like to help Ross w/the clubs training classes.
- **Chris N1CFB** has been helping Mike WA1MAD w/his mobile antenna installation, looking for the root cause of Mike's poor Tx signal quality. Ross suggested checking the swr as a first step.
- **Ross W1EKG** suggested the club (and/or Flea Market leadership to be named) consider the Memorial Day and Labor Day dates again for this years Flea Markets. **Bob KA1KIJ** agreed this would be a good idea. Ross also indicated the K/C hall should be contacted asap and checked for availability on these dates.
- **Don KC1CDY** suggests a 1 Day Technician training class be considered. **Ross W1EKG** noted this must be promoted in the public well to assure a good attendance.
- **Mark KC1ACF** discussed the possible vendors we should line up for the Flea Market. One idea being the vendor focus could be exclusively ham radio including antique radio folks. **Ross W1EKG** agreed but noted the most important thing is selling vendor tables as this is a revenue generating event for the club.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** noted the K/C hall hosts many Flea Markets all year. Jeff commented that 2 days over these weekends for an exclusive ham radio Flea Market might not be a good idea. He noted the Marlboro and Framingham Flea Markets only do a 1 day event. Possibly 1 of the 2 days be dedicated to ham radio, where the other day hosts generic vendors (t-shirt vendor, socks vendor, general public tables, etc..).

- **Mark KC1ACF** volunteers to be the Flea Market event chairman. Thanks Mark!
- **Barry N1EZH** commented the yard signs **Jim W1JT** provided last year was a good idea and seemed to work well. Barry asked what the pricing for a table would be? (\$10, \$20?). (tbt by the Flea Market leadership)
- **Jeff N1ZZN** acknowledged the recent club repeater issues (limited Rx sensitivity it seems). Jeff has a backup set of cans/filters from the MARA club and will try replacing these. He's also suspicious of the quality of the coax jumper between the hardline and the antenna itself.
- **Mike WA1MAD** suggests handouts be made advertizing our Flea Markets and be given out at the upcoming Framingham Flea market on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mark KC1ACF** also discussed ideas to bolster the doors at the Quonset hut and possibly add motion sensing lights/cameras if possible.

**End of MOTA at/approx 8pm, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**