

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 08/05/15



Larry Kenney K1LJK
Secretary

Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Treasurer

John Murphy W1IG
President

Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 37 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

K1LJK Larry Kenney

N1SOM Jeff Tracy

W1JT Jim Tove

N1FRE Bill Hayden

WK1D Jeff Ayres

K1WGU Bob Bass

KC1BHK Jonmark Robinson

N1LQK David Kaplan

KC1FZ George Davis

N1CFB Chris Babbett

KB1MOC Kevin Dykes

SWL Randy Mills

W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser

N1EZH Barry Kennedy

KC1BBU Bob Larkin

KB1IKH Elayne Tove

KB1CYV Roy Logan

WA1MAD Mike Davis

SWL Allen Hiltz

KC1CNP Bill Goodwin

KB1WNX Steven Lyons

N1OYH Carl Davis

KA1KIJ Bob Azanow

W1JGR John Ruppel

SWL Leo Mills

WD1L John Nelson

W1OD Steve Cohn

KB1OEQ Ron Stundze

AG1B Richard Metcalf

SWL Scott Mitchell

N1ISS Mark Sullivan

K1UFO Billy Robinson

KC1ACG Fred Birtwell

KB1MJL Elvin (AI) Marshall

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann

K1JMA Joe Amorelli

SWL Jon Mills

Secretary's Report:

President **John Murphy WI1G** called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, 08/05/15. A quorum was present.

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

Motion to accept the July 2015 Secretary report as published on the Whitman club website made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the July 2015 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Get Well card to: **Charlie Amico W1CBR**

Sympathy card to: **George Davis KC1FZ**

Note: please notify **Elayne KB1IKH** if you know of a health & welfare situation please.



NET CONROL for July 2015:

- **August 9th** : **Chris N1CFB**
- **August 16th** : **Ross W1EKG @ CranLand**
- **August 23rd** : **Jeff N1SOM**
- **August 30th** : **Roy KB1CYV**

Old Business:

- **Ross W1EKG** raised the subject of how to involve more club members in the weekly net control operations. Ross asked the membership if additional training is needed? **Bill N1FRE** commented all info to run the weekly Sunday public service net is on our website. **Barry N1EZH** commented that he, **Roy KB1CYV** and a few other members of the MARA club handle net control for both their Tuesday meeting/net and the Saturday SkyWarn net. Bringing in additional volunteers has been difficult.

- **Field Day Stats: N11X** logs were assembled from various sources, tabulated, prepared and sent to the ARRL by **Jeff N1SOM**. (Thanks very much Jeff!). Overall stats are:
 - Total CW QSO's: **104** Total CW Points: **208**
 - Total Phone QSO's: **102** Total Phone Points: **102**
 - Total (CW+Phone) QSO points: **310**
 - Power Multiplier (150 Watts or less): **2**
 - Claimed QSO score (310 x 2) : **620**
 - Bonus Points (100% emergency power, setup in public place): **700**

New Business:

- **Ross W1EKG** reports 6 new hams passed their Technician test last Tuesday night (July 28th) after completing his training class. In attendance at this meeting are **Randy** and son **Jon Mills** (also **Leo Mills** who supported his Dad and big brother through all the classwork and testing) along with **Allen Hiltz**. Congratulations to all the new hams!! **Bill N1FRE** reminded the new hams they receive free club membership. The members also gave **Ross W1EKG** a round of applause for running the recent General and Technician training classes. Thanks very much Ross!!
- **Steve W1OD** informed the membership of the special event plans on Saturday August 8th at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station (aka Southfield). The newly formed **W1NAS** club along with **K1USN** will be on the air (for the first time) from 0900-1500 hrs on 20 and 40 meters (plus 2 Meters) celebrating the historic 1958 flight over the Arctic Circle of the blimp **Snow Goose** launched from the South Weymouth Naval Air Station while the nuclear submarine **Nautilus** traveled under the polar ice cap. The Tri-Town ARC in Groton CT will also be operating on the air as special event station **N1S** from the **Nautilus** submarine itself. Please join the **W1NAS** and **K1USN** crew at the Shea Naval Aviation Museum and/or at the Shea Memorial Grove by the A-4B Jet on Saturday to participate in this historic special event.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** reminded us the root cause of the repeater issues appears to be the increased noise floor at the repeater site due to cellular equipment operation also at the site. A temporary relocation of the repeater has recently taken place w/favorable results- although the coverage pattern is not quite omni-directional (less signal to the north towards Weymouth/Randolph for example) as noted from member signal reports. Also noted that this temporary location doesn't support Echo Link or IRLP connections. **Kevin KB1MOC** will attach our repeater to an alternate antenna which may improve the coverage pattern to the north. Jeff also reports **Mark KC1ACF** is submitting a proposal to the town of Hanson for the Whitman club to utilize a former public service tower and site building. **Kevin KB1MOC** commented this is a very high location, great for repeater coverage. Jeff commented the tower itself is in good shape but missing one guy wire. Also the building at the site is overgrown w/brush and needs work or possibly a shed can be added at the base of the tower to hold our repeater equipment. It was noted the club will need to pay for electricity at this site, but can attain WiFi internet from **Mark KC1ACF**'s adjacent QTH. Motion to continue w/the Hanson proposal and formation of potential plans for site use made by **Jeff N1ZZN** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorem vote. A general discussion followed on suggestions for tower climbers.

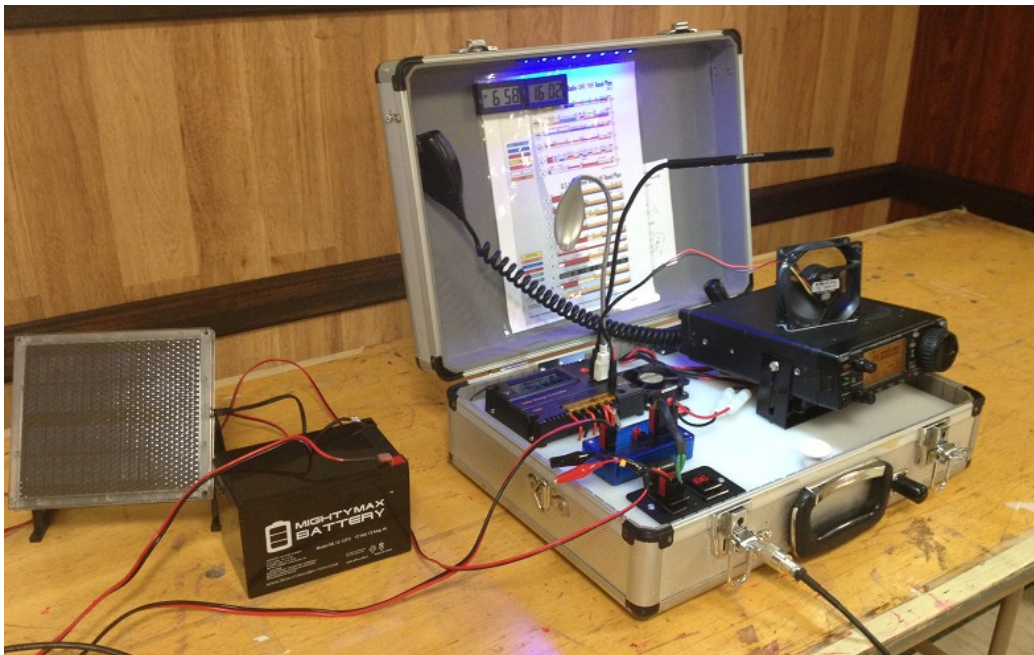
- **Joe K1JMA** asked for a status update on delivery of the new Yaesu Fusion repeater. An update from **John K1JRO** is needed as he ordered the repeater for the Whitman club. **Jeff N1ZZN** did confirm he has the new Arcom controller interface cable for the Fusion repeater.
- **Bill N1FRE** provided the members an update on plans for the clubs involvement at this years Marshfield Fair. Bill also decribed the new 'passport' program kids at the Fair will be participating in which will require someone at our booth to stamp a 'passport' flyer the kids will have with them. Bill also will be handing out tickets (which includes on-site parking) to members volunteering for booth duty during the Fair. A sigh up sheet was available during the meeting for booth duty sign-up with the results updated online on the clubs website.
- **Richard AG1B** updated members that he's cancelled this months Fox Hunt due to low turn out at the last hunt. Richard indicated that he and/or **Roy KB1CYV** are available for anyone who wants to learn about Fox Hunting.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** reminded everyone of the upcoming ARRL convention in Boxborough, Ma. August 21st – 23rd. Details at www.boxboro.org.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Steve W1OD**, with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

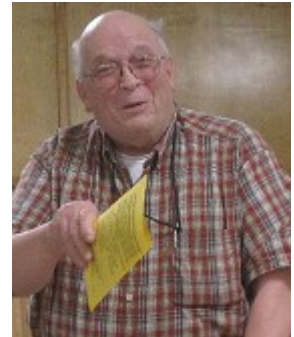
John W1IG adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm, 08/05/15

End Secretary's Report

Following the meeting **Chris N1CFB** displayed his redesigned Go-Kit:



[Special Marshfield Fair summary by **Bill N1FRE** followed by club member photos of the Fair](#)



Friday August 21, the 2015 **NN1MF** Marshfield Fair special event station and ham radio display, sponsored by our Whitman Amateur Radio Club, started their annual event.

HF contacts included countries, Belgium, Chech Republic, Italy, Bosnia, Wales, Russia, to name a few. About a half dozen States were contacted as well as several of our local hams ridding the HF air ways. SanDiago, CA, and Renfrew, PA, were also greeted this year each with a special 'Radiogram' message sent from the fair, thanks to our traffic handler **Loren N1IQI**. At one point, CW could be heard in the background, as the practice Morse Code oscillator was being demonstrated with the help of the ham radio 'secret code' handout.

Signed on to participate at our **NN1MF** station this year were 27 hams from our club, along with several hams at home, to make this year's event a shinning example of "live on the air" real time ham radio for all to hear.

This year we were included in the fair's "Great Family Scavenger Hunt" program. Each child attending the Fair was given a folder with fourteen places spread out over the fair grounds depicted on a simple map. Each place was identified with a name such as "ham radio club", and a question, (what is a two way radio), to be discovered upon visiting the special location. Upon completion of their visit their 'passport' would be stamped.

The fun has just begun. Our brave hams were faced with hundreds of kids and family members now interested in and actually invited to help demonstrate ham radio. That's right, these brave kids were, from age 2 to 82, the highlight of our event this year, each talking on the air, with the help of a control operator. One 4 year old stated "I would like to be a paleontologist to study dinosaur bones, also whale watch". A 9 year old, was asked, what is your favorite school subject? Without hesitation he affirmatively announced, "recess and lunch".

The 82 year old kid was attracted by our loud speaker live broadcast demonstration. This time it was **Elayne KB1IKH**'s voice luring this senior kid to respond over the air. Very entertaining QSO, more fun and entertainment every day. **Elayne KB1IKH** and **Bill N1FRE**, not able to be at the **NN1MF** base station this year, found their participation from their home stations most enjoyable. Elayne introduced the ham radio salutation, '73' to our new little operators. **Jim W1GQN** taught some of the kids to initiate the call with a "CQ from **NN1MF**"

Many other hams also helped make this truly a fun two way ham radio experience by responding from their remote locations to the hundreds of calls from **NN1MF**. Also, let us acknowledge all those in the background performing tasks such as setting up and taking down, maintaining schedules and all the other little things we often take for granted. Altogether, this years teamwork made it all happen. See you all next year. **73 Bill N1FRE**

Fair photos by Whitman club members



The Setup Crew

Photo by Richard AG1B



Photo by Jeff N1SOM

Photo's by Mike KB1OEP:







Photo's by Fred KC1ACG:









Photo's by Chris N1CFB:





Thanks to all who sent in pictures so far. The daily booth logs will be added asap along with any more photo's sent in. Here's an example of the RadioGram **Bill N1FRE** put together for use at the Fair.



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 San Diego CA 92110
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BILL HAYDEN N1FRE

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