

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11/5/14



**Paul Moss KB1MTW**    **Larry Kenney K1LJK**    **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**    **Jim Tovet W1JT**  
Vice President                      Secretary                      Treasurer                      President

*Photo by Jeff WK1D*

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**ATTENDANCE:** 49 members were present including 4 elected officers and 1 guest

KB1MTW Paul Moss	K1LJK Larry Kenney	N1SOM Jeff Tracy
W1JT Jim Tovet	KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1EZH Barry S. Kennedy	W1MSP Mike Petrou
KB1CYV Roy Logan	WK1D Jeff Ayres	KC1ALO Don Wettergreen
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	KB1IKH Elayne Tovet	KB1SRO Judy Attaya-Harris
N1PRK John B Wittey	N1VTI Paul Burbine	N1FRE Bill Hayden
WG1L Jim O'Rourke	KC1FZ George Davis	KA1PJX Donald Keene
N1OYH Carl Davis	K1WGU Bob Bass	N1POO Pete Carlson
KC1CNP Bill Goodwin	N1JCW Jim Wolf	KA1JBE Joe Casieri
KB1OAW Gregory Noyes	KB1OEP Mike Supple	KB1VWZ Noah Goldstein
N1SON Bill Tracy W1EKG	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann	Ross Hochstrasser
KC1JET Jim Tynan	W1JGR John Ruppel	KA1DTA David Rezendes
W1GRC Gary Cumiskey	KB1SVY John Duprey	KB1PFL Jim Madden
KB1TBC John Murphy	W1IG John Murphy	KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
KC1ACF Mark Vess	WA1MAD Mike Davis	N1CFB Chris Babbett
W1AKN Jack Buckley	KC1BEA Karen Hart	W1ACO William Hart
W1AY Brad Wilson	KC1ACG Frederick A. Birtwell	

## **Secretary's Report:**

President **Jim Tovet W1JT** called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm, 11/5/14. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the roll call commenced.

Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the October treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Bill N1FRE**, with a second from **Barry NEZH**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Last months October Secretary's report was published in the club newsletter and made available on the club web site. Motion to accept the report as published in the newsletter made by **Jeff WK1D**, with a second from **Barry N1EZH**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

This month, Get Well cards were sent to:

- **Stan Rydell KB1VGN**
- **Bill Hart W1ACO**



*Photo by **Jeff WK1D***

## **New club member applications:**

**Jim W1JT** announced 2 new member applications have been received. **Jeff N1SOM** presented the membership applications to the club and confirmed dues have been received from both applicants:

- **John Murphy KB1TBC** of Randolph
- **Mike Davis WA1MAD** of Scituate

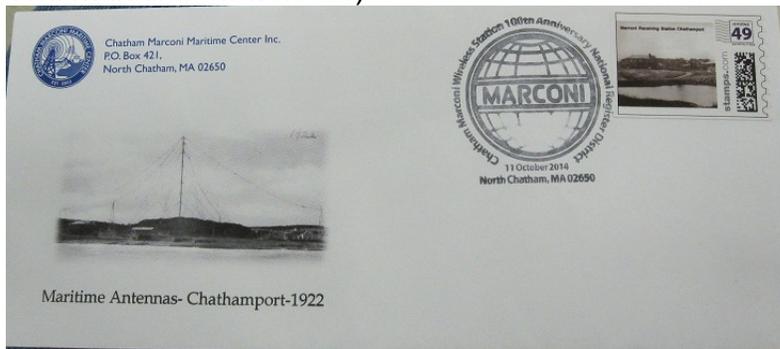
Motion to accept as new members made by **Mark KC1ACF** with a second by **Mike W1MSP**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club John and Mike! **Jeff N1SOM** noted the dues paid by our 2 new members will be applied to their 2015 club membership dues as this is now close to the end of this year.

## NET CONROLS for November:

- **November 9<sup>th</sup> :** Jeff WK1D
- **November 16<sup>th</sup>:** Jeff N1SOM
- **November 23<sup>rd</sup> :** Roy KB1CYV
- **November 30<sup>th</sup> :** Mark KC1ACF

## Recent member activities:

- **Judy KB1SRO** addressed the meeting attendees in regard to her recent visit to the Chatham Marconi Center celebrating “Marconi's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Post Office for a Day”. The North Chatham Post Master canceled letters and postcards w/a historic Marconi stamp. Judy showed several souvenir postcards and envelopes with the historic stamp. (for more pictures, see the November Whitman club newsletter)



*Photo by Jeff WK1D*

- **Judy KB1SRO** also presented Genesis Amateur Radio Club QSL certificates for those who either attended or checked in with the Genesis club at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Plymouth Airshow.

## Training Update:

- **Bill W1ACO** will reach out to **Charlie W1CBR** regarding future training classes to be scheduled.
- **Paul KB1MTW** suggests at least 2 additional volunteers are needed for assistance w/training classes in order to more easily share the work load amongst a 4 person team. Paul reminded us of the VA Hospital training opportunity as well as a new potential opportunity coming soon.
- **Jim W1JT** asks for volunteers to help support the training effort. **Jack W1AKN** volunteered to help. Jack will reach out to **Bill W1ACO** and **Charlie W1CBR**
- **Paul KB1MTW** introduced a guest at the meeting: **Noah KB1VWZ** who attends Bridgewater State University. Noah reports he's asked, on occasion about ham radio by some fellow students. Paul indicated this could be a training opportunity for the Whitman club

### Plimouth Plantation Special Event November 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>:

- **Jim W1JT** kicked off a general discussion concerning the clubs involvement in this years Plimouth Plantation Special Event operation. Jim informed us he and **Bill N1FRE** have been working on this project for the last few weeks.
- **Bill N1FRE** reports he had finally reached a Plimouth Plantation contact after several non returned phone calls and was surprised at the unenthusiastic response to our request to operate there on Thanksgiving weekend (a first in 25 years for Plimouth Plantation special event operations).
- **Jim W1JT** reports he is pursuing this effort of securing our use of the Plimouth Plantation facilities for our Thanksgiving weekend Special Event operations with the current marketing department representatives. It was felt membership in the Plimouth Plantation could be established to strengthen the relationship with the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. **Garry W1GRC** asked what the yearly membership cost is. Jim understands it to be \$99/year for a single membership.
- A general discussion took place w/various suggestions from club members to mitigate the situation. A motion to purchase a \$99 membership at the Plimouth Plantation made by **John KB1SVY** with a second by **Mike KB1OEP**. Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** will establish a membership asap and continue to pursue use of the plantation for our Thanksgiving special event asap. **Jim W1JT** will make a general announcement via email to all club members once the matter is settled (hopefully in our favor).
- **Bill N1FRE** suggests we continue the practice to providing a thank you letter, copy of the Whitman club newsletter featuring our special event stations at the plantation and any newspaper articles featuring this event this year, assuming the event does take place.

### Old Business:

- **Paul KB1MTW** thanked everyone who helped out w/the recent JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) event held at Camp Norse in Kingston. Paul reports 1HF station and 3 2-Meter stations were on the air. Paul also estimates 200-250 scouts utilized the stations during the event. Paul indicated **Dob Burke KB1LXH** maintained the station logs and would have the details if anyone was interested. **Barry N1EZH** estimates he spoke to 87 scouts himself.
- **Paul N1VTU** reports in a similar fashion to JOTA, he recently was in contact w/a grammar school in Washington DC using a club call on 20-Meters. 5 Students made contact w/Paul. A general discussion took place on recent and past amateur radio activities by high school & grammar school children.
- **Ross W1EKG** reviewed a recent Sunday visit to the Wing Busters model r/c airfield w/several other Whitman club members. Ross suggests this might be a good location for to run the Sunday morning public service net control from on occasion. He also noted that they do serve breakfast from time to time at the field. The field is open year round (pending weather conditions). **Bill W1ACO** described his experience w/the Wing Busters club and at one time in the past, they occupied an adjacent booth w/us at the Marshfield Fair.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reviewed the recent activities at NEARFest in Deerfield NH. Paul reported the weather was ok/not great and only a moderate crowd of folks were there on Saturday. **Ross W1EKG** reminded us the NEARFest weekend was also a holiday

weekend which may have contributed to the lighter than average Saturday crowd. Ross also reports there will no admission charge to attend next springs NEARFest (vehicles will still be charged to park to within the gates however).

- **Jeff N1ZZN** inquired about the recent plan to clean out the Quonset hut/club house. This didn't happen last month and **Paul KB1MTW** explained that due to some other scheduled events at the same time (JOTA for example), this wasn't possible. A general discussion took place on clean out procedures and possible disposal of scrap metals. It was decided that Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am a club house cleaned out will take place. **Jim W1JT** confirmed he will be at the club house at 9am to open the club house and start the clean out. **Jeff N1ZZN** asked about a dumpster being left on-site for the weekend. **Paul KB1MTW** confirmed he will arrange for a dumpster to be delivered on November 14<sup>th</sup>. **Mark KC1ACF** offered storage space at his QTH for any excess items. All club members are encouraged to meet at the club house for the clean out.

### **New Business:**

- **Mark KC1ACF** presented **Jim W1JT** with a gold lettered issue of Roberts Rules of Order.
- **Ross W1EKG** reminded us he brought a Kenwood TS520S for sale, asking \$300/bo.
- **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned that at last months meeting, recent silent key Bill Patterson's ham radio equipment was being donated to the Whitman club. Paul listed the equipment to the club members:
  - Hammarlund Receiver Model HQ-110C
  - Heathkit SB-401
  - Heathkit SB-303
  - Heathkit VHF-1 Seneca
  - BC612 (possible military receiver)
    - Note, post meeting it was decided this equipment will be auctioned off at our December club meeting.
- **Mark KC1ACF** has a nephew who is becoming an amateur radio operator and is looking for a used transceiver (rx only is fine if tx is not working at this point). Please contact Mark if you have something like this for sale.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reminded us that last month **Bob Pratt** was interested in having his tower removed and donated to the Whitman club. **Joe KA1JBE** contacted Bob and reports it's an 80 foot tower w/a rotor which has been up in place for about 25 years. Bob indicated anytime we want to take it is fine. He indicated this could wait until the spring as well. **Bill N1FRE** also reports he knows of a 40 foot tower also available.
- **Bill N1FRE** reminded us of the recent ham radio article in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Brockton Enterprise featuring **Mark KC1ACF**.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reports **Pete N1POO** has been in touch w/recent silent key **Bob Johnson's** window and has removed 12 sections of Rohn tower and several antennas. Pete is storing this at his house. **Jim W1JT** suggests we might want to sell these if we don't envision using these.
- **Jim W1JT** mentioned he is selling (best offer) patio furniture and the money will be donated to the Whitman club. Contact Jim if interested.
- **Jim KC1JET** reported 2 new amateur radio operators passed their technician license test on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the conclusion of the training class held at the Morton Hospital in Taunton.
- **N1VTI** reminds us this time of year the **W1SSH South Shore Hospital** amateur radio

club typically asks for help w/their Santa project. Paul reports there's some question as to this operation taking place this year- as such, there's currently no request for help or for donations.

- **Jim W1JT** reminds us the FARA-Fest is coming up this Saturday.
- **Roy KB1CTV** reported the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Brockton Enterprise contained an article featuring **Paul KB1MTW** and his SKYWARN involvement. Roy asked if Paul could highlight SKYWARN to the club. Paul indicated SKYWARN is reorganizing due to the retirement of **Carl N1FY**. Paul also explained the National Weather Service will have new meteorological data available in the spring. Paul indicated the winter season training schedule will be released soon. **Jeff N1ZZN** reminded everyone SKYWARN is activated on the MARA 147.180 repeater during weather emergencies. **Judy KB1SRO** reports this also takes place on the Genesis 146.685 repeater.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John W11G** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**.

Motion passed quorum vote. **Jim W1JT** adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm 11/5/14.

End Secretary Report