

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 09/02/15



Paul Moss KB1MTW **Larry Kenney K1LJK** **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** **John Murphy W1IG**
V.President Secretary Treasurer President

Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 38 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze
WD1L John Nelson
N1FRE Bill Hayden
KB1IUU Bill Spear
KC1DWY John D. Ginsberg
K1WGU Bob Bass
KC1CNP Bill Goodwin
SWL Leo Mills
NM1F Jim Ford
K1JRO John O'Neil
WG1L Jim O'Rourke
K1LJK Larry Kenney
WA1MAD Mike Davis

N1SOM Jeff Tracy
N1EZH Barry Kennedy
WK1D Jeff Ayres
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
W1JGR John Ruppel
N1OYH Carl Davis
N1CFB Chris Babbitt
KC1ACG Fred Birtwell
KC1EFM Jonathan Mills
WA1MWF Larry LeBlanc
KB1PFL Jim Madden
KB1MJL Al Marshall

K1JMA Joe Amorelli
KB1CYV Roy Logan
W1OD Steve Cohn
KB1IKH Elayne Tovey
KC1FZ George Davis
K1UFO Billy Robinson
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
KC1EFF Randy Mills
KC1EFJ Allen Hiltz
KB1WNX Steve Lyons
N1ZZN Jeff Jehmann
SWL Scott Mitchell



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Secretary's Report:

President **John Murphy WI1G** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, 09/02/15. A quorum was present.

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

Motion to accept the August 2015 Secretary report as published on the Whitman club website made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Treasurer, **Jeff N1SOM** read the August 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:

Loren Pimentel N1IQI



NET CONROL for September 2015:

- **September 6th** : **Bill N1FRE**
- **September 13th** : **Jeff WK1D**
- **September 20th** : **Larry K1LJK**
- **September 27th** : **Bill N1FRE**
- **October 4th** : **Jeff N1SOM**

Old Business:

- **Bill N1FRE** provided a summation on the Marshfield fair event and noted we are invited back again next year per conversations w/the fair management folks. **Jeff N1ZZN** made a motion to purchase a stamp for use w/the kids 'Passport' program w/a ham radio theme (antenna tower for example), with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorem vote. A general discussion regarding the fair continued including comments about publishing of booth photo's containing children should require parental permission of some sort. Also discussed was who is looking after the QSL cards for the fair (**Jeff N1SOM** confirmed he will be providing certificates as in the past). **Paul KB1MTW** brought up the idea of moving to computer logs rather than paper logs next year. **John WD1L** also offered to spot the club station(s) on the DX packet cluster. **Chris N1CFB** suggested we get names/addresses from parents w/kids and send them a QSL card. **Elayne KB1IKH** mentioned she spoke w/24 kids on the air

during the event. In general **Paul KB1MTW** and **John W1IG** thanked everyone who participated in the event.

- **Bill N1FRE** provided a Marshfield Fair booth log:

Jeff Ayers WK1D	Allen Hiltz KC1EFJ	Mark Vess KC1ACF
Jeff Tracy N1SOM	John Murphy W1IG	Wayne Robertson KB1YFQ
Mike Supple KB1OEP	Billy Robinson K1UFO	Fred Birtwell KC1ACG
Steve Lyons KB1WNX	Al Marshall KB1MJL	Pete Carlson N1POO
Alice Carlson KB1OAU	Paul Moss KB1MTW	John Ginsberg KC1DWY
Jim Madden KB1PFL	Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN	John Nelson WD1L
Al McPhee KC1EFI	Roy Logan KB1CYV	John Chase KB1ODS
Chris Babbitt N1CFB	Bob Bass K1WGU	Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG
Mike Davis WA1MAD	Jim Havens W1GQN	Bob Azanow KA1KIJ
- **Bill N1FRE** also provided a list of folks helping w/the Marshfield Fair station setup on Thursday 8/20/15:

Billy Robinson K1UFO	Roy Logan KB1CYV	John Ginsberg KC1DWY
Richard Metcalf AG1B	Garry Cumiskey AB1CQ	Al Drollett W1SM
Jim O'Rourke WG1L	Pete Carlson N1POO	John Nelson WD1L
Bob Larkin KC1BBU	KC1ACF Mark Vess	Fred Birtwell KC1ACG
Allen Hiltz KC1EFJ	Paul Moss KB1MTW	Loren Pimentel N1IQI

New Business:

- **Paul KB1MTW** informed the membership the old portable canopy used at the fair finally fell apart and was disposed of. A general discussion took place on purchasing a replacement. The general thought was to purchase an 'Easy Up' brand due to it's quality and ease of setup/use. Several members offered to investigate purchasing options (**Jeff WK1D**, **Billy K1UFO**, **Bill N1FRE**). The group determined a 12' x 12' size would be ideal but no smaller than 10' x 10' and we will need it for NEAR-FEST on October 16th & 17th. Motion to allocate \$200 (max) for purchase of a new canopy made by **Bill N1FRE** with a second by **Jeff N1ZZN**. Motion passed quorum vote.
- **Paul KB1MTW** commented he recently visited **John Coombs WQ1L** and his wife Pat and they are doing ok. Paul noted John has kindly donated a large amount of beam antenna parts. Anyone needed beam antenna parts, please see Paul.
- **Jeff N1ZZN** provided an update regarding use of the Hanson tower as a future club repeater site. He along with **Mark KC1ACF**, **Kevin KB1MOC**, **Fred KC1ACG** and **Billy K1UFO** attended a recent selectmen meeting. Jeff indicated they were very positive on the idea and would be seeking additional approvals from other town departments (legal, etc..). Jeff also indicated the repeater is working fine at it's current temporary location. **John K1JRO** announced our new Yaesu Fusion repeater has just arrived and will transfer it to **Jeff N1ZZN** after the meeting.
- **Chris N1CFB** provided an update on the upcoming fall Flea Market scheduled for Saturday/Sunday September 26th and 27th, 8am-3pm at the K/C hall. Chris provided orange flyers w/the details. Chris also has some smaller flyers. Vendor cost is \$20 Sat/

\$15 Sunday as before. **Jeff N1ZZN** indicated he sent emails out to the local public service/cable tv contact and to the Whitman/Hanson express newspaper w/the Flea Market details. Chris indicated several vendors have signed up already with more calling in on the clubs v-mail phone number. Chris also indicated the yard signs are at the club house and he'll be changing the dates on these asap. Chris will connect w/**Paul KB1MTW** to get the signs.

- **John O'Neill K1JRO** provided an update on the upcoming Run To The Rock road race in Plymouth on September 12th from 9am-12Noon approx. More volunteers are needed for race communications support. Email John at SSHARC@ gmail.com to help out. Please provide your t-shirt size as well. Volunteers meet at the McDonalds at the Rt3 Exit 5 rest stop that morning at 7-7:30am to coordinate w/John and pickup their t-shirt.
- **Paul KB1MTW** commented on the upcoming NEAR-FEST event on October 16th and 17th in Deerfield NH. Paul proposed folks could sell their equipment on consignment on the clubs table with approx 10% staying w/the club. Paul suggested folks could bring this equipment to be sold to next months meeting. **Chris N1CFB** confirmed he'll be at NEAR-FEST early to help with the club area setup.
- **Joe K1JMA** updated everyone on the plans to establish our special event operations during Thanksgiving weekend at Plimouth Plantation. Communications w/their management will be started asap. Joe requests club authorization to spend club funds if necessary and also copies of last years event logs showing international contacts specifically. A general discussion took place, including questions on where within the Plantation will we be setting up (Admin building, visitors center, Hornblower house?). **Paul KB1MTW** suggests asking for access to the balcony above the visitors center entrance for antenna placement of the clubs R5 and 2meter beam. Paul also reminded everyone that last year, the Plantation management suggested we run the event on the weekend before the Thanksgiving weekend. **Jim W1JT** suggests we consider alternate Plymouth locations as a backup just in case. **John K1JRO** suggests the Boys/Girls club might be an option as it's at a high elevation. Various other Plymouth locations were discussed, including waterfront/dockside near the Mayflower- although crowds and weather concerns were raised. **Jeff N1ZZN** confirmed he submitted the event details to QRZ magazine with the event call sign **NI1X**.
- **Steve W1OD** mentioned he happen to meet former club member **Paul Sowsy W1GRN**. **Steve** reports Paul is doing fine and send best wished to the club and it's members.
- **Paul KB1MTW** opened a general discussion about installation of a 60' fold-over tower and 3-band, 5-element beam in excellent condition at the Pine St. club house (**AI Craddocks** recently deinstalled beam. (See pictures below, after the secretary notes). It was noted an adapter plate would be needed for the existing base at Pine St. (**John WD1L** indicated he can be of help with this. **Billy K1UFO** offered to help as well along with **Bill N1FRE**). The tower is most likely a Rohn 25. Paul noted **Pete Carlson N1POO** is storing **Bob Johnsons** Rohn 25 tower as well (comprised of 12 10' sections). It was suggested we check tower prices at the upcoming NEAR-FEST to help price this one for sale in the spring. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggested we organize a tower

take-down event at **Bill N1FRE's** QTH. (3 20' crank up sections, w/2" schedule 40 at the top along w/a StationMaster antenna). Bill expressed safety concerns when taking this down. Members volunteering for antenna/tower work include **Billy K1UFO**, **Mark KC1ACF**, **Paul KB1MTW**, **John W1G** and **Steve W1OD**. Also mentioned was **Bob Pratts** tower which also needs to be taken down..

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Joe K1JMA**, with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

John W1G adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm, 09/02/15

End Secretary's Report

August 15th Beam Team (**Billy K1UFO** and **Paul KB1MTW**) takedown of Al Craddocks beam antenna:
*Photo's by **Billy K1UFO***





