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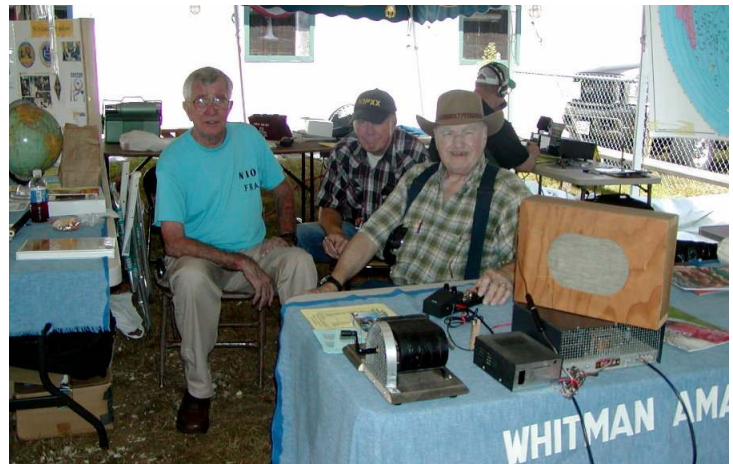
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MARSHFIELD FAIR -- August 24 thru 28, 2009 -- SPECIAL ISSUE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is Paul N1VTI – The Marshfield Fair Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and Special Event Station was a great success with 31 Whitman Club members and 1 area HAM volunteering to participate. In addition there were 12 Whitman Club members and over two dozen area HAMs who could not participate, but who were able to log in with **NN1MF** via HF or 2-Meters.



Paul KB1MTW with the new Display Board



Frank N1OGP, Ron N1PXX and John WQ1L with John KB1PHN in the back at the radio

Shift change at the Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and Special Event Station



Paul N1VTI, Al WA1ZKK, Paul KB1MTW, Steve K1AWB, Jeremy KB1REQ & Bruce NI1X

The 142nd Marshfield Fair is run by the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society and includes thrill rides, games and concession stands by Fiesta Shows and 4-H shows with their farm animals, crafts, quilts, woodworking, blacksmith shop, flowers and vegetables.



749 Lb
pumpkin

Birds of
prey

FIRST CAME THE ANTENNA PARTY

There was an antenna party held on the Thursday before the Marshfield Fair opened. The antenna crew installed the club's Cushcraft R-5 Vertical and the club's 40-Meter dipole wire antenna. This would give us 10 - 12 - 15 - 17 - 20 and 40-Meters HF. The crew also installed the club's 2-Meter / 440 MHz / 6-Meter Diamond vertical antenna along with the Go-Kit Special 2-Meter wire dipole. It was hot with the threat of Hurricane Bill off the coast.



THE ANTENNA CREW: Shown just after the antennas were installed on the Thursday before the Marshfield Fair started are, standing, left to right: **Al Drollett W1SM, Steve Laroe K1AWB, Ron Stundze KB1OEQ and Jim Tynan KC1JET.** Seated left to right are **John Coombs WQ1L, Roy Logan KB1CYV, Bill Hayden N1FRE, Jim O'Rourke WG1L, Paul Moss KB1MTW and Bruce Hayden NI1X.**

THE PARTICIPATION WAS TERRIFIC

The participation was terrific with 31 Whitman club members and 1 area HAM helping to set up and volunteering to staff the Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and Special Event Station at the Marshfield Fair. The volunteers were covering two shifts a day - Monday through Friday.

N1FRE	Bill Hayden	K1AWB	Steve Laroe	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
WQ1L	John Coombs	N1OGP	Frank Hayes	N1POO	Pete Carlson
WA1ZKK	Al Craddock	N1PXX	Ron Smith	KB1PHN	John Murphy
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KB1REQ	Jeremy Breef-Pilz	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy
NI1X	Bruce Hayden	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser	K1REL	Bob Loring
W1GQN	Jim Havens	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	K1MRH	Barbara Rice
KB1MTW	Paul Moss	K1KOD	Kevin O'Donnell (Guest)	KB1OAU	Alice Carlson

Jim O'Rourke **WG1L**, Al Drollett **W1SM**, Jim Tynan **KC1JET** and Ron Stundze **KB1OEQ** participated with the Antenna Party. A special thanks to the weekend volunteers who were shut out due to the weather (Hurricane Danny). The 3 shifts per weekend day were scheduled but had to be cancelled. The following were on the original schedule and had to be notified not to come in. They were Mike Supple **KB1OEP**, ED Meehan **N1NTZ**, Greg Noyes **KB1OAW** and Dan Noyes **KB1OAY**. Jim Madden **KB1PFL** and John Chase **KB1ODS** came in Friday night to help with the takedown crew when they got word we were closing down Friday night. It rained all day Saturday. Al Molin **N1JXS** stopped by the Fair on Thursday to check it out.

THE KIDS WERE TAUGHT TO SEND THEIR NAME IN MORSE CODE



Jim Havens W1GQN & Pete Carlson N1POO helping kids send their name in Morse code



Tyler Crager SWL of Whitman with Pete Carlson N1POO



**Bob Loring K1REL
Barbara Rice K1MRH
Roy Logan KB1CYV**

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**Jim Madden KB1PFL
John Chase KB1ODS**

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NN1MF -- THE 2-METER BASE STATION -- ON THE AIR



Paul Moss KB1MTW



Pete Carlson N1POO



Steve Laroe K1AWB
Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ



Al Craddock WA1ZKK



Barbara Rice
K1MRH **Bob Loring**
K1REL

The Whitman club members who were not able to participate at the Marshfield Fair but able to check in via 2-Meters were:

Dave Beauvais KB1QMX
Jim Tovet KA1EU1
Joan Smith KB1NAX
Mark Loring KC1ML

Jack Buckley W1AKN
Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL
John O'Neill KB1QEM
Tom Wilson KB1TOM

Elayne Tovet KB1IKH
Ed Meehan N1NTZ
John Ruppel W1JGR
Don Cahill N2DEC

Ernie Guimares KA1VY checked in from Santa Fe, New Mexico via EchoLink and talked with **Jeff N1SOM**. **Ernie KA1VY** reports that he is at 7000 feet and set up a 40-Meter QRP rig and 20-Meter PSK 31 QRP station. He also has 2-Meter capability and can get into the linked REPEATER system in the State.

Also checking in via EchoLink were our friends **Mike Marinucci N1FRV** of Hernado, Florida, **Koos Scheffer GU0GUX** of Guernsey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom and **Martyn Medcalf G1EFL** of Chelmsford, England.



Ernie Guimares KA1VY
In Santa Fe, New Mexico

NN1MF -- THE HF BASE STATION -- ON THE AIR

The Crew made 45 contacts with 17 States, 10 Foreign Countries and one Canadian Province. **Al Craddock WA1ZKK** made the most HF contacts along with **Pete Carlson N1POO**, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**, **Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI**, **Jim Havens W1GQN** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. After **Paul N1VTI** made a contact with **Chris 9Y4D** in Trinidad, **The Bruce NI1X** was heard calling **Chris 9Y4D** as **NI1X** to make his one contact a day. Great fun.



Bruce Hayden NI1X
making a contact as NN1MF/NI1X

Making Contact

With Chris

9Y4D

In Trinidad



Paul Burbine N1VTI
making a contact as NN1MF/N1VTI



Al Craddock
WA1ZKK



Jeremy Breef-Pilz
KB1REQ



Steve Laroe
K1AWB

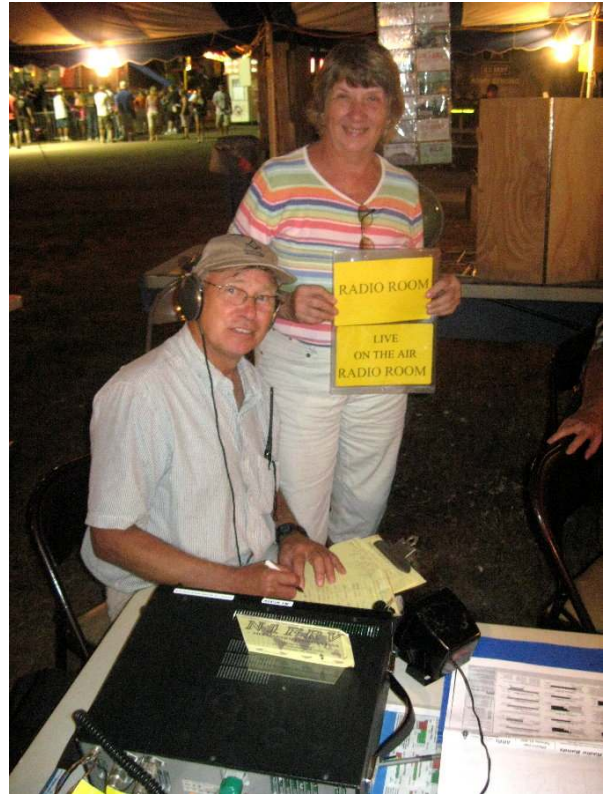
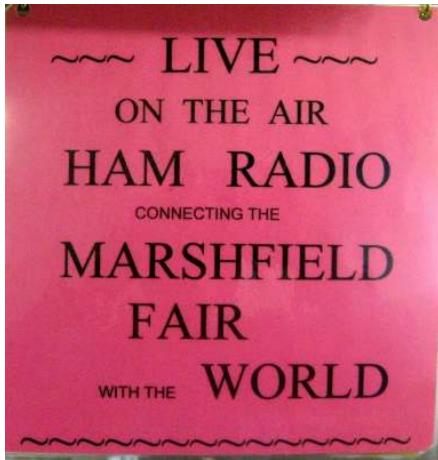
Making contact with **NN1MF** on HF were club members **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC**, **Al Craddock WA1ZKK** and **Jim Madden KB1PFL** along with area HAM **Jim Wolf N1JCW**.

The crew made contact with Spain, Russia, Italy, Trinidad, Finland, Slovenia, Serbia, France, Hungary and England. They also made contacts in the United States with HAMS as far south as Florida and as far west as California and one contact was made with a HAM in the Canadian Province of Manitoba. It was the 20-Meter band that opened up this year. There was no background noise on the HF radio this year - possibly due to the new location and a different electrical supply ?? . Earphones were required because of the audio noise from the nearby thrill rides.

NN1MF -- MORSE CODE IS ALIVE AND WELL

Thanks to **Pete Carlson N1POO** contacts were made using Morse code. **Jim Havens W1GQN** and **The Bruce N1X** also gave a listen but the code speed was a little to fast.

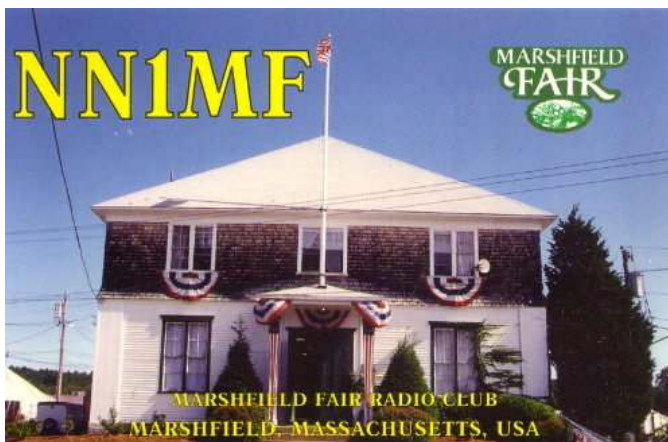
Alice KB1OAU was standing out in the road asking the kids to stop in and learn how to send their name in Morse code.



Pete Carlson N1POO on CW
Alice Carlson KB1OAU

Also stopping by the Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth were area HAMS **Gene Harriman N1EH** and **Samantha Harriman N1MJP** of Plymouth, **Dave Hill N1GXV** of Pembroke and **Elaine Thompson W1EHT** of Pembroke.

OUTGOING QSL CARD



Anyone who contacted NN1MF is entitled to receive a Marshfield Fair Special Event QSL card.

INCOMING QSL CARD



Al Craddock WA1ZKK made contact with W9IMS – The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Special Event Station.



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MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of each month

The next meeting will be held at the
Whitman Public Library, which is
located at 100 Webster Street
in Whitman, Mass.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 6:30 p.m.
Whitman Public Library

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