



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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PLIMOTH PLANTATION -- SPECIAL ISSUE NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – The Plimoth Plantation Special Event was a great success with 28 Whitman Club members and 7 area HAMS participating. The Radio Team made 652 contacts with 44 States and Puerto Rico, 22 Foreign Countries and 6 Canadian Provinces. That's twice as many contacts as last year.

Contact was made with **Laurie Hummerstone M0VRT** and his wife **Pam M3KYD**, again this year, linking Plymouth, Massachusetts with Plymouth, England.

Jim Casamassa WB9IXS of Wales, Wisconsin was our 5th contact on 20-Meters and reported that he has made contact with the Plimoth Plantation Special Event Station each year since 1981.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

Special Event Station at **Plimoth Plantation**

Be it known that
652 Stations from 44 States, 22 Foreign Countries
and 6 Canadian Provinces

made two-way radio contact on
November 26th and 27th, 2011

with the Whitman Amateur Radio Club
operating from Plimoth Plantation
home of Mayflower II
Plymouth, Massachusetts



Thanksgiving
2011



USA

WA1NPO



Bruce Hayden N1EX
QSL MANAGER

FIRST CAME THE ANTENNA PARTY

On Friday, Nov. 25th – the day before the Special Event - 15 Whitman Club members assembled at the Plimoth Plantation to install antennas. An off-center-fed Windom HF antenna was installed between two tall trees at the Hornblower House along with **Paul's KB1MTW** 2-Meter J-Pole in a PVC pipe that was suspended from a tree branch. A Cushcraft R-5 was installed at the Visitor Center along with a 2-Meter vertical. A Cushcraft R-5 was installed at the Administration Building along with a 40-Meter dipole.



THE FRIDAY MORNING ANTENNA PARTY

The antenna crew assembled in the lower bus parking lot at 10 a.m. Seen Left to Right are: **Al Drollett W1SM**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **John Murphy KB1PHN**, **Jim Tynan KC1JET**, **Al Craddock WA1ZKK**, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**, **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH**, **Karen Trask KB1UBX**, **Stan Rydell KB1VGN**, **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. Not present when the picture was taken were **Jim Tovet W1JT** and **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC**.



John Murphy KB1PHN was operating the modified spud gun launcher at the Hornblower House

The Spud Gun launcher is designed to operate on compressed air supplied by a bicycle pump and the trigger is an electrically operated lawn sprinkler water valve. Contact **Paul Moss KB1MTW** for details



Gary Cumiskey W1GRC
John Murphy KB1PHN
Jim Tovet W1JT

John Murphy KB1PHN
Roy Logan KB1CYV

THE PARTICIPATION WAS TERRIFIC

The 28 Whitman Club members participating were:

WA1ZKK	Al Craddock	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	NI1X	Bruce Hayden
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	N1FRE	Bill Hayden
KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	KB1UTA	Laura Valler	KB1RXQ	Dino Casieri
W1JT	Jim Tovet	KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	KB1PHN	John Murphy
KB1SVY	John Duprey	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	KB1UBX	Karen Trask
W1SM	Al Drollett	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze
KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	KC1JET	Jim Tynan	W1AY	Brad Wilson
N1LWK	Ken Desruisseau	KB1WKB	Jeff Ayres	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel
KB1QEM	John O'Neill	N1VTI	Paul Burbine	KB1ODS	John Chase
KB1REQ	Jeremy Breef- Pilz				

The 7 area HAMS participating were:

N1YIA	Dave Polk	of Quincy	N1PRK	John Wittey	of Berkley
N1JCW	Jim Wolf	of Hanson	W1EAV	Chris Washburn	of Marion
KB1TEE	Rick Emord	of Middleboro	KB1SRO	Judy Attaya-Harris	of Plymouth
KB1UHV	Anthony Attaya-Harris	of Plymouth			

LINKING PLYMOUTH, MASS. WITH PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND

Laurie M0VRT and **Pam M3KYD Hummerstone** live in Plymouth, England and have been helping the Whitman Club members link up Plymouth, Mass. with Plymouth, England for several years. They sent the following update:

"Hi **Bruce NI1X** ,

Greetings from Plymouth, England and well done to all your members who participated in the Special Event Station this year!

A special welcome to the hobby to **Dave N1YIA** who was Net Control for **WA1NPO** when we called in..

I thought it was just about the right time to look out for you, but sadly I couldn't hear the Station on 10-Meterslot of QRM on your frequency.



**Laurie M0VRT & Pam M3KYD
Hummerstone in Plymouth, England**

The Plymouth Radio Club has just had it's annual Radio Rally, about 300 attending, but **Pam M3KYD** and myself were not on duty this year. Just supporting. By the way, our Club is one of the oldest in England, and I have done a history in the past. Possibly - I could dig something out if it is of any interest on your end?

I have been involved in Amateur Radio since 1947 and served in the Royal Air Force in Coastal Command servicing American Sonobouy equipment in Short Sunderland Flying Boats.

Pam M3KYD is a more recent member of the Club, having gained her foundation license in 2002. We both have 82 turns on the coil, so leave the younger members to do their bit, if you can persuade them to work Hi!

Our very best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year. "

WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

The Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service Net (WARPSN) meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on the Whitman REPEATER 147.225 MHz. PL 67. Come join in and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMS and short wave listeners (SWL) as well. We need your updates for the newsletter.

On Sunday, November 27th the WARPSN Net was run from the Plimoth Plantation at 10 a.m. with **Chris Washburn W1EAV** as Net Control and **Roy Logan KB1CYV** was logging.



Chris Washburn W1EAV – Net Control
Roy Logan KB1CYV - Logging

In November we had 4 sessions with an average of 18 area HAMS checking in each week and 12 messages were sent.

Whitman Club members who were not able to participate at Plimoth Plantation but who were able to check in via 2-Meter or HF were:

N1PXX	Ron Smith	KB1NAX	Joan Smith	N1AMX	Tony Carlozzi
K1WN	Bill Needham	KC1FZ	George Davis	W1BON	Bump Studley
W1JGR	John Ruppel	N1OGP	Frank Hayes	KA1PJX	Don Keene
N1NTZ	Ed Meehan	KB1QMX	Dave Beauvais	N1SON	Bill Tracy
WQ1L	Jim O'Rourke	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy	N1JBG	Doug Hart
W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser				

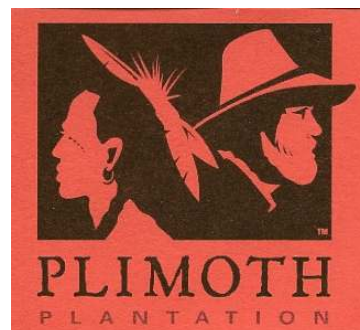
Barry Kennedy N1EZH reports: "I was not able to make it to Plimoth Plantation as the weather was great that weekend and I had work to do around the house. I was able to get my new Dipole up and on the air and made my first HF contact with **WA1NPO** - the Plimoth Plantation Special Event, along with a couple of contacts via the Whitman 147.225 MHz REPEATER.

Some of the area HAMS who were able to check in with **WA1NPO** were:

Jack Buckley W1AKN	of Middleboro	Dave Crooker KB1KSE	of Pembroke
Jack Kenealy K1BFJ	of Plymouth	Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD	of Duxbury
Lou Stone KB1VIY	of Halifax	Larry Lygren W1DBX	of Acushnet
Bill Spear KB1IUU	of Whitman	John Barbuto K1BBM	of Hingham
Byron Piette K1YQC	of Somerset	Rick Emord KB1TEE	of Middleboro
Bob Egles KA1BBU	of Holbrook	Joe Reynolds III KA1GDQ	of Buzzards Bay

Checking in via EchoLink were:

Martyn Medcalf G1EFL of Chelmsford, England
Koos Scheffer GU0GUX of Guernsey Channel Islands, England
Harvey Elfman K1JTV of Del Ray Beach, Florida
Laurie Hummerstone M0VRT of Plymouth, England
Pam Hummerstone M3KYD of Plymouth, England



PLIMOTH PLANTATION -- 1627 PILGRIM VILLAGE AND INDIAN HOME SITE



PILGRIM VILLAGE

The Pilgrim Village is a living re-creation of the way people lived in 1627. A place where visitors can hear the real life stories of the men and women from the 1627 era with costumed role players speaking the English dialects of Shakespeare's day and portraying actual residents of colonial Plymouth.



The HAM operators spread the word of Plimoth Plantation over the airways, explaining about the living museum and how they found the visitors, especially the children, amazed by the actors, dressed as Pilgrims and trained to speak in the language of the time. When the actors speak with the visitors, they do not acknowledge the existence of any of our modern technical wonders such as radios, electricity, computers, TVs - as they explained about the harsh reality of early Pilgrim life.

The Mayflower II – a full scale reproduction of the ship that crossed the Atlantic in 1620 - is only a few miles away.

The week before the Special Event there was a report of a fire at Plimoth Plantation. Embers set the thatched roof on one of the Village houses on fire.

WAMPANOAG HOME SITE

The Indian home site is a recreation of the single family home of Hobbamock. Hobbamock was a councilman to the sachem (leader) Ousamequin, also known as Massasoit. In the 1620s, Massasoit asked Hobbamock to act as liaison between his people and the Plymouth colonists.



Hobbamock and his family of at least 10 people lived in close proximity to the English who were tending gardens, cooking over open fires and demonstrating ancient skills and lifestyles. One of the fascinating ongoing displays is the making of the dugout canoes, which were made from pine logs by burning the middle and then scraping out the charred wood. All the historical interpreters are descendents of the Wampanoag nation, Indians who lived in the area before the Pilgrims arrived.

VISITOR CENTER 17-METER BASE STATION

Paul Moss KB1MTW and Bill Hayden N1FRE had volunteered to coordinate the set up at the Visitor Center and arrived at 9 a.m. to set up an Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and 17-Meter Special Event Station.

17- METER BASE STATION: The crew had set up the Club's Cushcraft R-5 vertical antenna and Paul Moss KB1MTW set up his Kenwood TS-450 transceiver as a 17-Meter Base Station. Paul KB1MTW had his Go Kit (radios in a box) that included his 2-Meter transceiver.



Jim Tovet W1JT



John Duprey KB1SVY
Paul Moss KB1MTW

Bill Hayden N1FRE explained how a radiogram was generated by an enthused patron at the Visitor Center and handed off to Jim Tovet W1JT for delivery to a friend or relative in Florida, starting via packet and going into the National Traffic System. These routine messages can shift to emergency or priority messages in times of national emergencies.

Jim Tovet W1JT introduced a visitor to Paul Moss KB1MTW when he was at the Visitor's Center Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth. That gentleman was Lester Childs KA1IKX from Harwich, MA. He works for Barnstable County as a radio tech and wanted to be included in the visitor log.

<u>BAND</u>	<u>CONTACTS</u>
2-Meter	44
10-Meters	243
17-Meters	30
20-Meters	250
40-Meters	80
80-Meter	2
900 MHz	3
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Total =	652 contacts
Last year	316 contacts

This year, along with the United States, contact was made with 22 foreign countries, 6 Canadian Provinces and Puerto Rico.

LA2ARA
CQ Zone 14 • ITU Zone 18 • Loc: JO29GX
Norway • EU-055 Ombo Island

To Radio: **WA1NPO**

QSL via:

Gunvald Rørheim
4167 Ombo
Norway

DATE	UTC	Freq	Mode	RST
27.11.11	18:00	14.260	SSB	59

☒ Please QSL ☐ Thanks QSL **73. Gunvald** www.on5ur.be **ON5UR**

20-Meter contact with Gunvald LA2ARA
from Ombo Island in Norway

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 20-METER AND 40-METER BASE STATIONS

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN and Al Craddock WA1ZKK had volunteered to coordinate the setup at the Administration building and arrived at 9 a.m. to operate the 20-Meter and 40-Meter Base stations

40-METER BASE STATION: The crew had set up the Club's ICOM IC-706 with a 40-Meter dipole as the 40-Meter Base Station **Jeff N1ZZN** set up the Club laptop computer for computer logging. The 40-Meter Base Station logged in 79 contacts.



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN



Al Craddock WA1ZKK



Jim Tovet W1JT



Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ

John Duprey KB1SVY

Chris Washburn W1EAV

Paul Burbine N1VTI

20-METER BASE STATION: The crew set up the Club's Cushcraft R-5 vertical antenna with the Club's Kenwood FT-450 transceiver as a 20-meter Base Station.



Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ



Paul Burbine N1VTI

This 20-Meter Base Station logged in 250 contacts.

THE HORNBLOWER HOUSE 10-METER BASE STATION

Bruce Hayden NI1X and **Roy Logan KB1CYV** had volunteered to coordinate the setup at the Hornblower House and arrived at 9 a.m. After testing 80-Meters, they settled on 10-Meter operation along with the 2-Meter Base Station.

10-METER BASE STATION: The crew had set up the Club's of-center-fed dipole - long wire HF Windom antenna between trees.

On Saturday morning the crew was struggling to make 10-Meter contacts.



Dave Polk N1YIA



Roy Logan KB1CYV & John Murphy KB1PHN

On Saturday afternoon **Joe Casieri KA1JBE** brought his laptop computer and operated his 10-Meter Remote Base in East Bridgewater from the Plimoth Plantation. 10-Meters opened up and **Joe KA1JBE** made 137 contacts and was making one contact every minute. **Joe KA1JBE** made a special contact with past member **Peter Jordan K1PJ** who checked in from Naples, Florida.



Joe Casieri KA1JBE
Laura Valler KB1UTA logging
with John KB1PHN, Roy KB1CYV &
Dave N1YIA In the background



Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV on 2-Meters
Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO logging
Bruce Hayden NI1X Logging
Jim Wolf N1JCW on 10-Meters

On Sunday the 10-Meter Base Station was operational and **Jim Wolf N1JCW** made 92 contacts. 10-Meters was open and **Jim N1JCW** was making one contact every 2 minutes. The 10-Meter Base Station made a total of 243 contacts.

THE HORNBLOWER HOUSE 2-METER BASE STATION

SOME OF THE CREW AT THE HORNBLOWER HOUSE



Roy Logan KB1CYV

Jeff Ayres KB1WKB

Joe Casieri KA1JBE

Dino Casieri KB1RXQ

Ken Desruisseau N1LWK

Jim Tovet W1JT

Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Bruce Hayden N1IX

Loren Pimentel N1IQI

2-METER BASE STATION: The crew set up the Club's Yaesu FT-8800 2-Meter transceiver and suspended **Paul's KB1MTW** home made 2-Meter J-Pole antenna from a tree branch



Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV

Ken Desruisseau N1LWK

Jeff Ayres KB1WKB



John Wittey
N1PRK



Bruce Hayden N1IX

The **Bruce N1IX** is shown talking with **Harvey K1JTV** in Del Ray Beach, Florida via 2-Meter / EchoLink

Anthony KB1UHV is shown talking with **Frank N1OGP** in Whitman while **Ken N1LWK** is congratulating **Jeff KB1WKB** on passing his Technician and General Class license the weekend before Thanksgiving. .

OUR YOUNGEST CONTACT

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO made contact with Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD and his 18 month old grandson Solomon SWL.

With Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD as Control Operator, Solomon SWL heard Judy's KB1SRO voice and said hi. Our youngest contact..



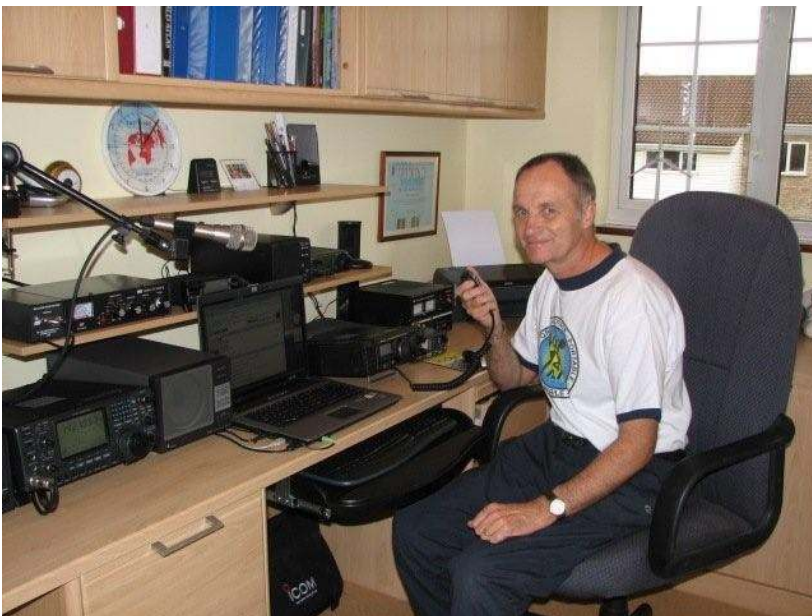
Kevin
K1KOD

Solomon
SWL



Judy Attaya-Harris
KB1SRO

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL



Martyn Medcalf G1EFL in Chelmsford, England



Jim Tovet W1JT
Elayne Tovet KB1IKH

Elayne KB1IKH is shown talking with Martyn G1EFL in England. Martyn G1EFL has a weekly schedule with Paul Moss KB1MTW and Paul KB1MTW had an opportunity to visit with Martyn G1EFL while Paul KB1MTW was in Europe with the Whitman Scouts this year. This is truly promoting international good will through amateur radio.

TAKE DOWN CREW

At the December meeting Paul Moss KB1MTW thanked the Club members for the extra help during the take down on Sunday afternoon. Shown gathering up the Windom long wire antenna is Jim Tovet W1JT and Ken Desruisseau N1LWK.

Jim Tovet W1JT →

Ken Desruisseau N1LWK →



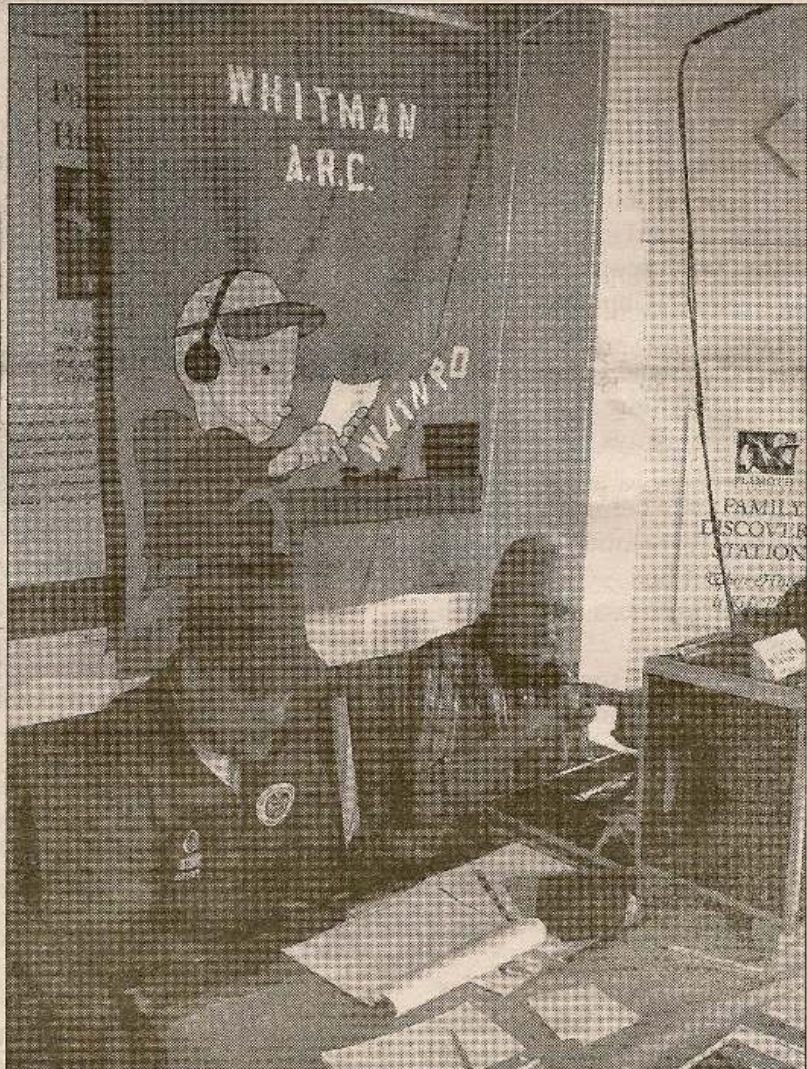
**The following article appeared on pg. 4 of the
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Whitman-Hanson Express – Your Hometown Newspaper!

Thursday, December 15, 2011

➤ The Whitman Amateur Radio Club conducted a two-day special event from the Plimoth Plantation over the weekend following Thanksgiving. John Duprey KB1SVY, president of the Whitman Club, reports that 35 area amateur radio operators "HAMS" set up five base stations and portable antennas at the re-creation of the 17th century Pilgrim settlement and Indian homesite and exchanged contacts with 652 other amateur radio operators in 44 states, 22 foreign countries and six Canadian provinces including Ham operators Laurie Hummerstone and his wife Pam in Plymouth, England. The adults visiting the Plantation were encouraged to send a radiogram message free of charge to friends and relatives via amateur radio.



MAKING CONNECTIONS: President of the Whitman Area Radio Club John Duprey KB1SVY and Vice President Paul Moss KB1MTW made connections with HAM operators around the world while set up at Plimoth Plantation.

A special thanks to all who helped make this Special Event a great success. Once again, through this Plimoth Plantation Special Issue newsletter and the local press release, we are able to promote amateur radio, the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and the Plimoth Plantation to area HAMS and the public. This is a win-win situation for both the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and the Plimoth Plantation. Look for us again next year.



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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 Knights of Columbus, which is
located at 1195 Bedford Street
(Rt. 18) in Whitman, Mass.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 4th at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus

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