



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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PLIMOTH PLANTATION 2012 SPECIAL ISSUE NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – The Plimoth Plantation Special Event was a great success with 25 Whitman Club members and 4 area HAMS able to participate on Saturday, November 24 and Sunday, November 25, 2012. In addition there were 20 Whitman Club members who could not make it to Plimoth Plantation but who were able to check in with **WA1NPO** via 2-Meters or HF. That's (25+20=45) and $45/118 = 38\%$ participation.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

This year the Special Event Operators were able to make contact with 343 amateur radio operators (HAMS) in 28 States plus Puerto Rico, 3 Canadian Provinces and 23 Foreign countries over the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Special Event Station at **Plimoth Plantation**

Be it known that
343 Stations from 28 States, 23 Foreign Countries
and 3 Canadian Provinces

made two-way radio contact on
November 24th and 25th, 2012

with the Whitman Amateur Radio Club
operating from Plimoth Plantation

home of Mayflower II
Plymouth, Massachusetts



Thanksgiving
2012



USA

WA1NPO



Bruce Hayden N1AX
QSL MANAGER

THE PARTICIPATION WAS TERRIFIC

There were 25 Whitman Club Member, 4 Area HAMS and 2 non-HAM guests

NI1X	Bruce Hayden	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	AG1B	Richard Metcalf
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	WI1G	John Murphy	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
KA1DON	Don Cahill	N1JCW	Jim Wolf	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri
KB1WLX	Billy Robinson	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	WK1D	Jeff Ayres
K1REL	Bob Loring	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy	KC1JET	Jim Tynan
W1SM	Al Drollett	KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow
KB1OAY	Dan Noyes	KB1OAW	Greg Noyes	W1AY	Brad Wilson
KB1YII	Mike Whyer	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	KB1ODS	John Chase
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie				
	Carl Aveni N1FY	of Brockton		Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF	of Raynham
	Joe Amorelli SWL	of Plymouth		Fred Sanford KA1CQD	of Plymouth
	Larry Kenney SWL	of Holbrook		John Miller N1UMJ	of Taunton

THE ANTENNA PARTY AND SET UP CREW

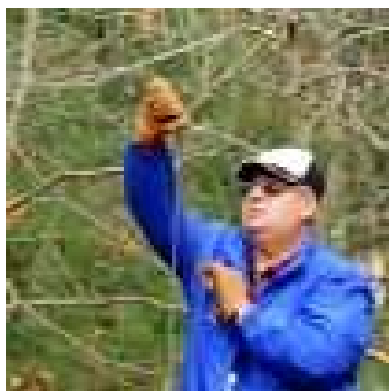


THE FRIDAY MORNING ANTENNA CREW: On Friday, November 23rd - on the day before the Special Event, the antenna crew arrived to install antennas and pre-position equipment at Plimoth Plantation. The temperature was in the 40's.

With **Paul Moss KB1MTW** as the Special Event Coordinator, the antenna party installed the Club's Off-Center-Fed HF Windom antenna and a 2-Meter vertical antenna at the Hornblower House. They installed a 20-Meter dipole and Cushcraft R-5 Vertical at the Administration Building. They installed a Cushcraft R-5 Vertical and 2-Meter vertical antenna at the Registration Building.

Shown Left to Right are **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, **Barry Kennedy N1EZH**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Bob Loring K1REL**, **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ**, **Billy Robinson KB1WLX**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW** kneeling, **Jim Wolf N1JCW**, **John Murphy WI1G**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** kneeling, **Brad Wilson W1AY**, **Joe Casieri KA1JBE**, **Richard Metcalf AG1B**, **Charlie Amico KB1WSZ**, **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Al Drollett Jr. W1SM**, **Don Cahill KA1DON**, and **Jim Tynan KC1JET**. Photo by **Jeff WK1D**.

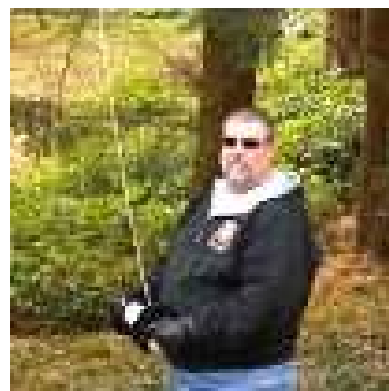
FIRST CAME THE ANTENNA PARTY



Paul Moss KB1MTW



Richard Metcalf AG1B



Don Cahill KA1DON



Hornblower House Antenna Crew



Administration Building
Antenna Crew



Greg Noyes KB1OAW
Dan Noyes KB1OAY



Roy Logan KB1CYV, Jim Tynan KC1JET
Barry Kennedy N1EZH, Jim Wolf N1JCW
& Fred Sanford KA1CQD



Brad Wilson W1AY



Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF

There were 19 volunteers for the antenna party this year.

Photos by Joe KA1JBE, Billy KB1WLX, Bill N1FRE and Jeff WK1D

HORNBLOWER HOUSE 2-METER BASE STATION

WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

The **WARPSN** NET 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 as well. We need your updates for the newsletter.

On Sunday, November 25th **Bruce Hayden NI1X** volunteered to run the WARPSN Net from the Plimoth Plantation at 10 a.m. using the Club's FT-8800 transceiver.

In November we had 4 sessions with an average of 17 area HAMs checking in each week and 19 messages were sent.



Bruce Hayden NI1X
WARPSN Net Control

There were 20 Whitman Club members who could not make it to Plimoth Plantation this year but who were able to log in with **WA1NPO** by 2-Meters or HF. They were:

W1BBJ	Mike Canney	N1OGP	Frank Hayes	N1VI	Karen Trask
K1JRO	John O'Neill	KB1PFL	Jim Madden	K1WGU	Bob Bass
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	KB1OEP	Mike Supple
KB1UTA	Laura Valler	K1AWB	Steve Laroe	N1JBG	Doug Hart
KC1FZ	George Davis	N1POO	Pete Carlson	KB1QMX	Dave Beauvais
KB1YFQ	Wayne Robertson	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser	W1BON	Bump Studley
KB1SRO	Judy Attaya	KB1UHV	Anthony Attaya-Harris		

The area HAMs who made contact with **WA1NPO** while the Whitman Club members were operating from historic Plimoth Plantation were:

KB1VXL	Bill Wormald	of Pembroke	W1VFB	Greg Glynn	of Taunton
K1WMN	Skip Newell	of So. Easton	KA1BBU	Bob Egles	of Holbrook
N1PRK	John Wittey	of Berkley	KB1RNN	Rick Dispirito	of So. Weymouth
KB1RSR	Andy Niles	of Raynham	N1RES	Bob Settle	of Weymouth
KB1VXY	John Iwuc	of Hopkinton	N1FDX	Jay Zappulla	of Middleboro
K1NOK	Bob Marchese	of Scituate	KB1TEE	Rick Emord	of Middleboro
KS1Q	John Barbuto	of Hingham	KA1FSN	Bob Fisher	of Rockland
KB1EVY	John Williams	of Buzzards Bay	K1KOD	Kevin O'Donnell	of Duxbury

Special contacts were made with:

Koos Scheffer GU0GUX of Guernsey Channel islands

Martyn Medcalf G1EFL of Chelmsford, England

Chin 9M2CW of West Malaysia

Ernie Guimares Jr. KA1VY in Naples, Florida



Paul Moss KB1MTW
Martyn Medcalf G1EFL



Chin 9M2CW

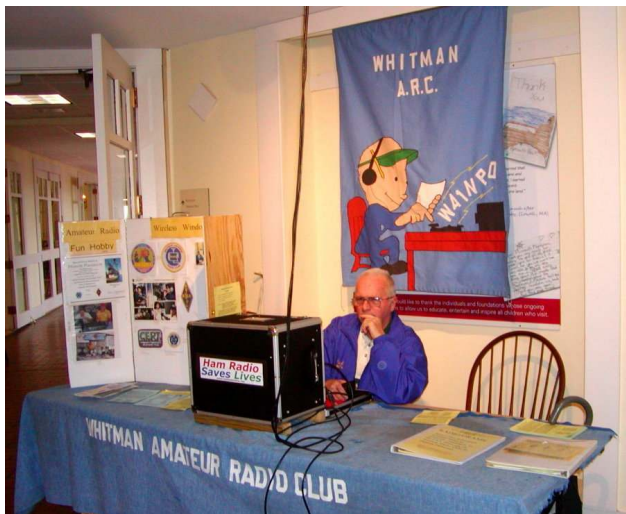


PILGRIM VILLAGE: The Pilgrim Village is a living re-creation of the way people lived in 1627. A place where visitors can hear the real life stories of the men and women from the 1627 era with costumed role players speaking the English dialects of Shakespeare’s day and portraying actual residents of colonial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

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

WAMPANOAG HOME SITE: The Indian homesite is a re-creation of the single family home of Hobbamock - 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.

**RECEPTION CENTER -- 17-METER BASE STATION
AND AMATEUR RADIO EXHIBIT BOOTH**



Paul Moss KB1MTW



Bill Hayden N1FRE & John Miller N1UMJ

Paul Moss KB1MTW set up his Go Kit (Black Box) that contained his Kenwood FT-450 Transceiver and used the Club’s Cushcraft R-7 vertical to put the 17-Meter Base Station On-The-Air at the Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth in the Reception Center. The patrons heard the Special Event Operators making contacts all over the world. **Laurie Hummerstone M0VRT** was heard checking in from Plymouth England but due to technical difficulties we could not get back to him. **Laurie M0VRT** will receive a Special Event Certificate and we will be looking for him and his wife **Pam M3KYD** again next year

Free RADIOGRAM messages were sent from the visitors to Plimoth Plantation to their friends and relatives all across the country. Initially **The Bruce N1IX** relayed all messages to **John Miller N1UMJ** in Taunton who put the messages into the National Traffic System. Return delivery message confirmations were being received by **The Bruce N1IX** (for **WA1NPO**), a few days later from local traffic handlers **Loren Pimentel N1IQI**, **Dave Spalding N1LUM** and **John N1UMJ**. **Pg. 5**

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING -- 20-METER BASE STATION

20-METER BASE STATION: The crew set up the Club's Kenwood FT-450 transceiver and connected it to a 20-Meter dipole. This Base Station was kept on the air continuously for 6 hours each day and made 229 contacts all over the world. The 20-Meter Band was open.

Helping staff the 20-Meter Base Station were Special Event Operators **Jim Wolf N1JCW**, **Joe Casieri KA1JBE**, **Mike Whyer KB1YII**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** and **Bill Robinson KB1WLX**.



Mike Whyer KB1YII



Joe Casieri KA1JBE



Jim Wolf N1JCW

Mike Whyer KB1YII made a 20-Meter contact with **Jim Casamassa WB1IXS** of Wales, Wisconsin who reported that he has made contact with the Plimoth Plantation Special Event Station **WA1NPO** each year since 1981. **Mike KB1YII** also made contact with Whitman Club member **Bob Bass K1WGU**.

Jim Wolf N1JCW made the furthest contact with Saudi Arabia. **Jim N1JCW** also made a contact with Whitman Club members **Paul Burbine N1VTI** and **Carl Davis N1OYH**. **Carl N1OYH** reports: "This contact with **Jim** as **WA1NPO** at Plimoth Plantation was my first contact with my new General class license.

Joe Casieri KA1JBE made a contact with former area HAM **Ernie Guimares Jr. KA1VY** who now lives in Naples, Florida.



Paul Burbine N1VTI



Joe Amorelli SWL
Larry Kenney SWL



Jim Wolf N1JCW
Billy Robinson KB1WLX

Paul Burbine N1VTI made contact with Whitman Club member **John Murphy WI1G**.

Joe Amorelli SWL and **Larry Kenney SWL** are interested in getting their amateur radio license and came down to join us. Both **Larry SWL** and **Joe SWL** are planning to take the Technician class license test at the December testing session in Braintree.

HORNBLOWER HOUSE -- 40-METER BASE STATION

40-METER BASE STATION: The crew set up the Club's ICOM IC-756 Pro with the Club's Off-Center-Fed dipole "Windom" antenna at the Hornblower House.

John Murphy WI1G made contact with Whitman Club members **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ**, **Warren Dickie WA1YKF**, and **Bob Bass K1WGU** along with area HAMs **Jay Zappulla N1FDX**, **John Barbuto KS1Q** and **John Williams KB1VXY**.



John Murphy
WI1G →



Roy Logan KB1CYV



Bob Azanow KA1KIJ



Jeff Ayres WK1D

Roy KB1CYV made HF contact with Whitman Club member **John Murphy WI1G** and area HAM **Bob Fisher KA1FSN** of Pembroke.

Bob Azanow KA1KIJ made a contact with Whitman Club member **Doug Hart N1JBG**.

Jeff Ayres WK1D made contact with area HAMs **John Miller N1UMJ** in Taunton and **Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD** of Duxbury.



Billy Robinson KB1WLX
Jim Tynan KC1JET

Gathered at the Hornblower House are L. to R. **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ** **Don Cahill KA1DON**, **Brad Wilson W1AY**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Billy Robinson KB1WLX**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV** **Jim Tynan KC1JET** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TAKE DOWN CREW



Part of the Sunday afternoon take down crew rendezvoused at the Hornblower House. They were L. to R. **Jeff Ayres KW1D**, **Richard Metcalf** (old **KB1TEH**) new call sign **AG1B**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Al Drollett Jr. W1SM**, **Don Cahill KA1DON** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**

TAKE DOWN CREW: **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, the Special Event coordinator, sends a special thanks to the 16 volunteers who made themselves available for the Sunday afternoon take down crew. They were:

NI1X	Bruce Hayden	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	AG1B	Richard Metcalf
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KA1DON	Don Cahill
N1JCW	Jim Wolf	KB1WLX	Billy Robinson	N1FRE	Bill Hayden
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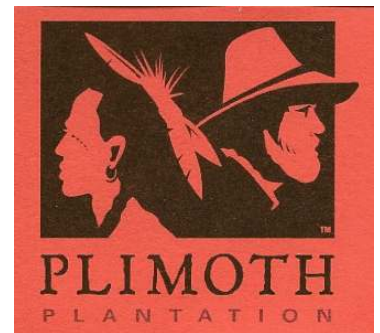
MORE PLIMOTH PLANTATION PICTURES



Jim Wolf N1JCW
Billy Robinson KB1WLX



Plimoth Plantation Turkey



<u>BAND</u>	<u>CONTACTS (2012)</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
2-Meter	68	<u>Base Stations</u>	6	5	4
17-Meter	13	<u>Contacts</u>	316	652	343
20-Meter	229	<u>Participation</u>	35	25	28
40-Meter	31				
80-Meter	2				
Total =	343				

The following press release was submitted to the Whitman – Hanson Express along with a few pictures by Bruce Hayden N1IX and Bill Hayden N1FRE.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - November 26, 2012

LOCAL RADIO OPERATORS PROMOTE SPECIAL EVENT

The Whitman Amateur Radio Club conducted a two-day special event from the Plimoth Plantation over the weekend following Thanksgiving.

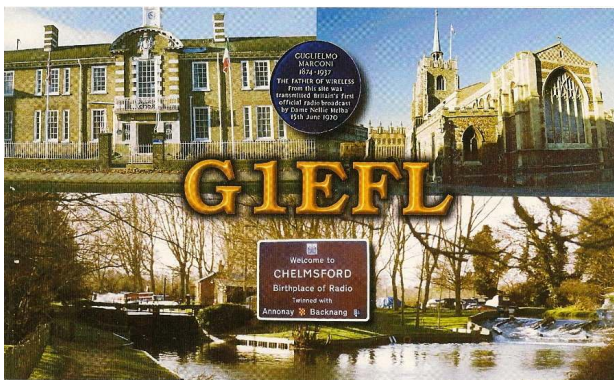
Paul Moss KB1MTW, Vice President of the Whitman Club and event coordinator, reports that 29 area amateur radio operators “HAMs” set up four base stations and portable antennas at the re-creation of the 17th century Pilgrim settlement and Indian homesite and exchanged contacts with 343 other amateur radio operators in 28 states, 23 foreign countries and 3 Canadian provinces.

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 as they explained about the harsh reality of early Pilgrim life.

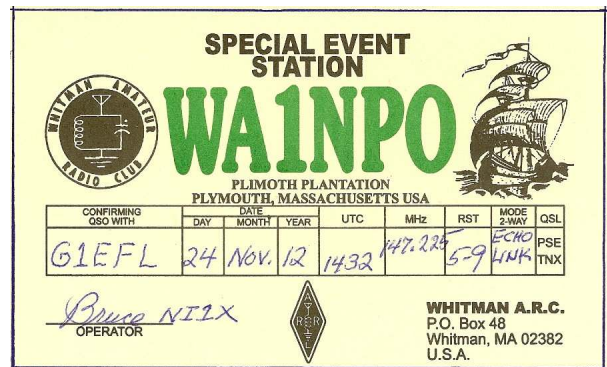
The crew was using voice operation. The radio team made a special scheduled contact linking the HAMs in Plymouth, Massachusetts with **Martyn Medcalf G1EFL** in Chelmsford, England. The crew found amateur radio operators from all over the world eager to make contact with Plimoth Plantation. Each amateur who contacts the Club station **WA1NPO** is entitled to receive a certificate, suitable for framing, which includes a picture of the Mayflower II, docked in Plymouth harbor, and confirms the date and time of the two-way radio contact.

The adults visiting the Plantation were encouraged to send a radiogram message free of charge to friends and relatives via amateur radio. The radio team was able to explain how amateur radio operators practice sending routine messages, via radio to amateur radio operators in the local neighborhood who pick up the phone and deliver the message free of charge. We also explained how these routine messages could quickly change to priority or emergency messages in times of National emergencies.

From: **Bruce D. Hayden N1IX** - Whitman Amateur Radio Club - Newsletter Editor



Incoming QSL Card from G1EFL



Outgoing QSL card from WA1NPO

A special thanks to all who helped make this Special Event a great success. 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 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus

Club REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67

Club IRLP Node 8691

Club EchoLink WA1NPO-R Whitman MA USA -- Club EchoLink Node 484193

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