



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc. November 2013

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This is **John KB1SVY**

HAVING FUN:

Foxhunts:

Roy KB1CYV and **Ron KB1OEQ** ran a foxhunt on Saturday, October 26, 2013, and **Richard AG1B** ran one on Saturday, November 16, 2013.



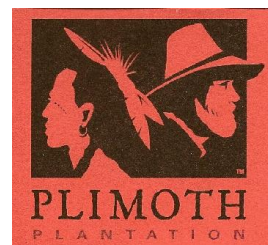
John Duprey KB1SVY

NEARFEST: was held October 11th & 12th at the Deerfield Fairgrounds.

PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO:

On Sunday October 13, 2013 **Charlie W1CBR** and **Jeff WK1D** set up a 2 meter station and an HF station at the **Middleboro Fire Department**.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION SPECIAL EVENT: Our next Club activity is the Plimoth Plantation Special Event. The antenna party will be on Friday, Nov. 29th at 10 a.m. with operations on Saturday, Nov. 30th and Sunday, Dec. 1st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take down on Sunday will start at 3 p.m. The Whitman Club has been coordinating this Special Event for over 30 years. Your support is needed to help keep this tradition alive.



SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF November 6, 2013 de W1CBR

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Club President, **John Duprey KB1SVY** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman, MA.



Paul Moss
KB1MTW
Vice. Pres

Charlie Amico
W1CBR
Secretary

Jeff Tracy
N1SOM
Treasurer

John Duprey
KB1SVY
President

ATTENDANCE: 37 members and 5 guests were present, including four elected Officers and 3 Directors. A quorum was present.

N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	K1WGU	Bob Bass	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KA1CQD	Fred Sanford	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	K1AWB	Steve Laroe	N1VI	Karen Trask
WK1D	Jeff Ayres	N1SON	Bill Tracy	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock
N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	K1LJK	Larry Kenney	W1AXB	Matt Paine
W1JT	Jim Tovet	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	KC1ACF	Mark Vess
KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	KB1SVY	John Duprey	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
AG1B	Richard Metcalf	KC1ALO	Don	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey
K1UFO	Billy Robinson		Wettergreen	N1OGP	Frank Hayes
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	N1CFB	Chris Babbitt	Guest	Jean Hayden-Knight
N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1OEP	Mike Supple		
W1CBR	Charlie Amico	W1AY	Brad Wilson	Guest	Allan Knight
KB1ZJW	Bill Hart	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	Guest	Edith Proffetty
KA1DON	Don Cahill	KC1JET	Jim Tynan	Guest	Jon Mark
W1EKG	Ross	N1VTI	Paul Burbine		Robinson
	Hochstrasser	KB1OAW	Greg Noyes	Guest	Michael Dubee
KB1ACG	Fred Birtwell	W1MSP	Mike Petrou		

Just a reminder: Please be sure to sign the Meeting Log sheet, as that is the only way to be listed as attending the meeting. In the past a member or two have not been listed as attending. A double check of the log sheet showed they were not listed on it.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Before the start of the meeting, **John KB1SVY** turned the meeting over to **Mr. Toomey** of the **K of C**, who spoke about their charity that they have supported for many years, and mentioned that tickets were available for us to purchase. We thanked **Mr. Toomey** for the support from the **K of C** of WARC activities.

The WARC received two Thank You notes: one from the **Dollars for Scholars** winner and one from the Principal of the Whitman /Hanson Regional High School for our support.

We received a letter of thanks from the East Bridgewater YMCA for our donation of \$200.00.

There were two applications for membership: **Mark Sullivan N1ISS** and **Donald Wettergreen KC1ALO**, a motion was made to accept the new members. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jeff N1SOM read the treasurer's report for September. A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A motion was made and seconded that the October secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

A Dish Garden was sent to **Jean Hayden-Knight** (**Bruce's N1X's** sister).
Sympathy cards were sent to **Edith Proffetty** and **Bill N1FRE** for **Bruce N1X SK**.
Get well cards were sent to **Karen N1VI** and **Jim KC1JET**.

Bruce N1X's sister **Jean Hayden-Knight** asked to address the club. She thanked everyone for the support that was given to **Bruce N1X**, and she expanded upon the love **Bruce** had for the club. It was a very touching moment for everyone.

Bill N1FRE spoke about **Bruce's** love and commitment for the club, all the activities we took part in, and his love for the Fox Hunts. He thanked everyone for the cards and calls. He spoke about the history of the club and some of the things the **Bruce N1X** and **Bill N1FRE** did together.

OLD BUSINESS:

With the illness of **The Bruce N1X**, **John KB1SVY** asked for someone to step forward for the upcoming **Plimoth Plantation** project. **Bill N1FRE** said he would do it, and **Charlie W1CBR** said he will help **Bill** with the project details. **Bill** will send a letter to the director of the **Plimoth Plantation**. The club has been there over 20 years. **Bill N1FRE** passed around a clipboard for people to sign up to help with set-up and to be operators for the weekend. It will be great if someone can spend an hour or two. Sunday will be take down at 3 PM. In case of poor weather take down may be early.

The Technician Training Course will take place at **Cranland Airport** on Dec. 3rd, at 6:30 PM. The **Norwood Club** will be doing the testing at the end of the course. We did not have enough time to do a press release this time but we got the word out through different clubs.

HAVING FUN:

Roy KB1CYV and **Richard AG1B** ran a fox hunt.

Still problems with the repeater and **Jeff N1ZZN** has a fix, it involves the purchase of a new antenna. (Tram) for \$130 and should fix the problem. The climber will cost around \$300.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim W1JT suggested that a **Simplex Net** be conducted after one of the Sunday nets in order to be better prepared for emergencies, such as the repeater being inoperative. Participants are to make a list of who they can hear and submit it to **Charlie W1CBR**, who will develop a master list. The **Simplex Net** will take place on Nov 25th with **Mike KB1OEP** as **Net Control**. Discussion on where to send the net report.

A different **Simplex Net** will be held Wednesday night November 13 on 10 Meters, at 28.333MHz at 8:00 PM.

NEXT V-E EXAM -- SATURDAY, December 14th, 2013 -- IN BRAINTREE

V-E Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree at 8:30AM. Contact **Bill Needham, K1WN**, at 781-843-4400 or via email at k1wn@aol.com Walk-ins are no longer permitted. They will be hosting V-E exams at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson Building located at 85 Quincy Ave. in Braintree. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to **Bill** - k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation.

**** Pre-registration to take an exam is required by contacting k1wn@aol.com or calling [781-843-4400](tel:781-843-4400)****

BTW, we still meet for breakfast at Jamie's in Braintree every Saturday @ 7 AM before heading over to spend the morning at the K1USN Club station. Talk-in on 146.535 simplex and 145.39 (67 Hz tone).

The **K1USN** Radio Room is open for visitors from 8:30 - Noon every Saturday. We have **three HF stations** and a VHF/UHF station as well as our vintage Navy station available for demonstration and operation.

Billy K1UFO ran another raffle of a radio that he provided. **Jim KC1JET** donated a hat to go along with the radio.

Plimoth Plantation more items: **Paul N1VTI** will bring his **Go Kit**. The club will provide three HF stations and **Jeff N1ZZN** will provide some equipment. Spud guns to aid in getting ropes over trees will be provided.

Went over some lists of activities. Most of the December activities will not take place unless we are asked. The **Taunton Area Communications Group** will reach out, **Barry N1EZH** will check. It may not happen.

John Murphy WI1G will be the new trustee for the club sign, waiting on his signature.

Paul N1VTI made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved.

NET CONTROLS:

Nov 10 - Jeff WK1D

Nov 17 - Jeff N1SOM

Nov 25 - Mike KB1OEP - A Simplex net will be conducted, using the output frequency of the WA1NPO repeater.

Dec 1 - Roy KB1CYV - From Plimoth Plantation

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the K of C in Whitman

The New England Area Radio Festival - NEARFEST XIV, October 11th/12th 2013

By Larry Kenney K1LJK

The 2nd NEARFEST event of 2013 took place on Friday October 11th and Saturday October 12th at the Deerfield Fairgrounds in Deerfield NH. Friday the sun was shining and temps rose well into the higher 60's. It was a beautiful day. Saturday was overcast w/a hint of mist in the air – more typical of past NEARFESTS. Many Whitman Amateur Radio Club members attended either one or both days:

W1IG John Murphy

W1GRC Gary Cumiskey

WA1YKF Warren Dickie

K1UFO Bill Robinson

KA1JBE Joe Casieri

N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann

KA1KIJ Bob Azanow

KC1ACG Fred Birtwell

KB1MTW Paul Moss

W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser

N1VTI Paul Burbine

N1JCW Jim Wolf

K1LJK Larry Kenney

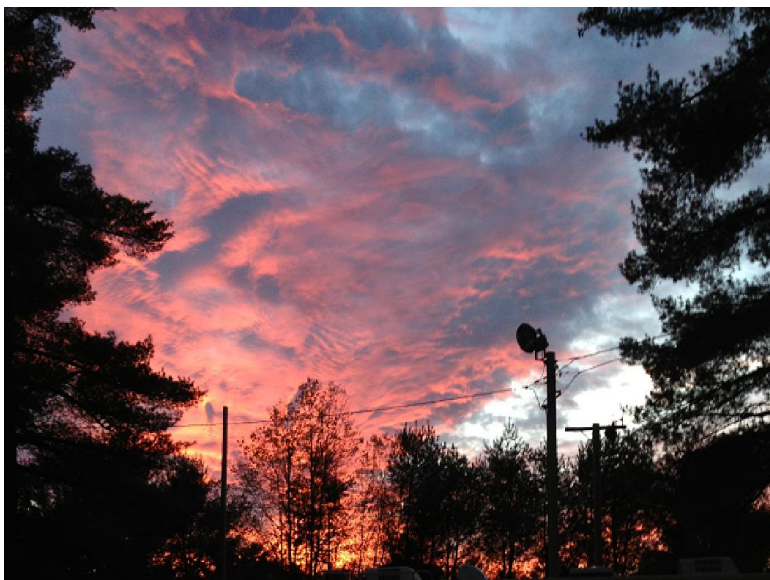
N1CFB Chris Babbitt



Friday: the clubs WA1NPO table manned at the moment by **John W1IG**. **Billy K1UFO** providing some harmonica tunage.



Friday: **Billy K1UFO** trying out a recent purchase. A 6 string rig w/a tx range of about 80-1300 hz



Jim N1JCW

Chris N1CFB

Friday night comes and folks close up shop for the day. **Jim N1JCW** breaks out the grill and a pile of food! **Chris N1CFB** lends a helping tong. After dinner Chris was spotted doing some final cramming for his Extra test Saturday morning – which he **PASSED!** Congrats Chris!



Camp JCW: well fed for sure.

Jim N1JCW Mark KC1ACF Chris N1CFB Fred KC1ACG



Friday night- let the jams begin.
Center: Billy K1UFO. Far right Fred KC1ACG

A HAMS EYE VIEW OF THE NEARFEST FESTIVITIES

Written and photographed by **Mark Vess KC1ACF**

The **NearFest** Amateur Radio Meet at the Deerfield Fairgrounds was my first and proved to be everything I had heard about. The vendors, the attendants and the event staff provided an amazing event for all who attended. Tables went on in rows and rows of great offerings for every budget. The weather cooperated, providing a rain-free weekend for all. My first impression was what a perfect setting for this meet! There were lots of good roads and camping spots throughout the fairgrounds and lots of great food to enjoy.

I brought a fifth-wheel camper full of dozens of bins of goodies to sell. **Jim Wolf N1JCW** was nice enough to take me along in his perfectly comfortable camper trailer. He provided food for us and proved to be a worthy chef cooking up piles of veggies, burgers and sausage throughout the weekend. As expected, he set up his radio station in the parking lot while we waited for the gates to open the next day. We slung his antenna over 2 trees, securing it after several attempts. He almost pulled the tree down trying to get his dipole out of the trees in the morning! The following day he set up in the trees on the grounds, and continued making contacts the entire weekend. Jim won one of the door prizes, a pair of baluns for two different frequencies. Many of our ham friends and members of the **Whitman Amateur Radio Club** attended the meet making this a great time for all. **Ross W1EKG**, set up across from us with an excellent selection of vintage radios for sale. **Billy K1UFO**, set up next to us in his camper. **Jim KB1PFL** and **Chris N1CFB** stayed next to **Jim N1JCW's** camper. **John W1IG**, **Fred KC1ACG**, **Joe KA1JBE** and many more hams stopped by all weekend as we enjoyed the event. I apologize to the hams that I know I have missed.

Tables of great radio stuff lined the roads waiting for buyers. Everybody came back to the camp with armloads of items for their radios or with radios themselves. **Jim N1JCW**, was selling dozens of fiberglass antenna poles and cleaned up, selling most of his wares. **Mark KC1ACF**, enjoyed a brisk pace of selling the bins full of all things electrical, radio, vintage camera, scientific and mechanical. We returned with but a fraction of what we brought. The "church Ladies" were out in force in the Church food booth dishing up the best food there! I enjoyed my lunch there and we all went over for a great breakfast Saturday morning that could not be beat. See you next year at **NEARFEST!**



Billy K1UFO relaxes next to his newly purchased guitar. **Billy** provided several memorable moments at night playing his guitar, playing the harp, and singing for all of us. Videos are in my possession! **Chris N1CFB** strikes up a pose complete with "lemon face" after receiving his **Extra ticket**. Congratulations **Chris!**



Hey, hey, the gangs all here! **Larry K1LJK, Jim N1JCW, Fred KC1ACG, Chris N1CFB**, all hang out at the camper while **Jim** and **Chris** cook up a storm!



“CQ, CQ, CQ”, **Jim N1JCW** called, reaching out through the ether from his go kit. **John WL1G**, and **Jim KB1PFL** each found the boat anchor of their dreams. **Ross W1EKG**’s wagon got a thorough workout that weekend!



Mark KC1ACF, rushes to greet a customer and make a sale. **Mark**’s eclectic collection of all things technical was as much of a source of entertainment for all who stopped by as it was profitable for **Mark**. **Mark** says: “These buckets of stuff are mostly parts of planned projects. I would be 100 years old before I got around to most of them! I sold five bins of vintage radio magazines to short wave station owner **Alan Weiner**! Thanks **Alan!!**”



Here is **Ross W1EKG**, losing his head as the daughter of a **NearFest** staff person takes aim. **Ross** is shown here being a “babe magnet” for all ages. Love the dress and hair.



Another group of happy **NearFesters** at **Ross W1EKG's** table. **Fred KC1ACG, Billy K1UFO, Ross W1EKG, Adam**, Call unknown and another ham gather for a group portrait.

Adam received his general ticket that weekend. Can you tell he was pleased? **Jeff N1ZZN and Jed N1JBC** sell their wares at their table.



John WI1G, mans the **Whitman Amateur Radio Club Booth**. I should have purchased the radio on the left but I ran out of money! (Most of us ran out of money!)

MIDDLEBORO FIRE DEPT KIDS DAY OCTOBER 13, 2013

By **Charlie Amico W1CBR**

On Sunday October 13, 2013 both **Jeff Ayres WK1D** and I set up a 2 meter station and a HF station along with some equipment that would be of interest to children as well as adults. We are grateful for the invitation from **Bill NR1FD and Rick KB1TEE** to set up our booth, and for their assistance in the setup and operation of the booth.



Jeff N1ZZN

Jeff WK1D

Charlie W1CBR

Bill NR1FD



Bill NR1FD & crew helping with the setup

Without the outstanding help I had from **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, as well as several other folks from the club, we would never had been able to pull this off as well as we did. **Jeff WK1D** and **Barry N1EZH** took several pictures of the event throughout the afternoon. The following HAMS played a big role in the event and deserve to be mentioned and thanked:

Paul KB1MTW
Bill N1FRE

Jeff N1ZZN
Barry N1EZH

Bill NR1FD
Rick KB1TEE

We had approximately 250 to 300 people pass through our display with many positive comments about what we were offering to the kids. I would like to thank **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** who came out and assisted **Jeff WK1D** and I with our booth. In addition, **Paul Moss KB1MTW** who was unable to attend the event, helped me with getting the equipment ready for the event. Besides those mentioned several others came forward in various ways to help make the event such a success and Jeff and I thank them for all their work.



Charlie W1CBR Barry N1EZH Jeff WK1D

The **Middleboro Fire Department**. provided a canopy and table along with power to operate the radios. They also provided an HF rig along with an antenna to operate. Many thanks go to **Bill NR1FD** and **Rick KB1TEE** of the Middleboro Fire Department. The kids were thrilled listening to the HF and 2 meter set-ups and the fact that they could talk to others around the world. This opened the door to talk with the adults about the upcoming training we will be offering for the technician license. It appears that we have at least two people who have said they would like to attend the training. I have kept in contact with them, and am encouraging them to take advantage of the free training! Overall for the **WARC** the day was at complete success.

The overall attendance for the event was down this year. It seems to be due in part to the US Government shut-down and that the event was held on the holiday weekend. Last year the event was held the week before the holiday weekend. Despite the lower attendance the **WARC** did very well, even when compared to last year when we had many more visit our booth.

We made six contacts on the radio:

Paul KB1MTW

Jim KB1PFL

Bill KB1ZJW

Barry N1EZH

Bill N1FRE

The following visitors stopped by:

Dave Sanford WA1SCI

Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Diane Kennedy N1JCK

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

Rick KB1TEE

Bill NR1FD

Again: **Thank You All** for your help and support. This helps our club to continue to teach the public about what we can and do as ham radio operators, whether a blizzard or a hometown marathon, Ham radio operators are always there to help when asked.



Bill NR1FD conducting a fire extinguisher demonstration

FOXHUNT Saturday, October 26, 2013

Roy KB1CYV and **Ron KB1OEQ** volunteered to be the fox, and were hiding behind a vacant office building in West Bridgewater on Rte 106 near the River Bend golf course.

First in with a time of 19 minutes was **Richard AG1B**. As "**The Bruce**" **NI1X** always said "Trust your equipment!", which is exactly what **Richard** did.



Richard AG1B Ron KB1OEQ Roy KB1CYV Mary Lou SWL John KB1ODS

In second place were **Jeff N1ZZN** and **Gary W1GRC** in 31 minutes, who had stopped to take a reading at the front of the building just as the fox was about to transmit.



Gary W1GRC Jeff N1ZZN



Third place went to **Joe W1JOE**, a fox hunter from way back who happened to be in the area with his two children, and tuned in to the fox frequency at the 1:29 mark.

Very close to the fox, but unable to stay to the end was **Bob KA1KIJ**.

Making the above possible were **John KB1ODS** and **Mary Lou SWL** who arrived in 2 hours after being close and then following a reading off the back of his antenna. Sounds like me, John.

N1ZZN REPEATER ANTENNA REPLACEMENT

A new antenna for the **N1ZZN REPEATER**, at **224.060MHz** was installed Sunday, November 10, 2013.

Attention all local hams who have 220 radios! With many thanks to expert climber **Dave N1GXV**, the new **Telewave ANT220D3** antenna for my 224.060 repeater in Norwell was installed yesterday. The performance so far is outstanding!

N1LHP was able to get in mobile from a spot in Londonderry, NH, and also reliably while driving on 495 in the Chelmsford/Lowell area.

AI W1SM is able to reliably get in with his HT from Carver

Gary W1GRC is able to get in with an HT from Bridgewater

Jed N1JBC actually was able to hear the repeater slightly with an HT in Coventry, RI

Gary W1GRC was able to get in, in a hot spot with a HT in Sandwich.

Please fire up those 220 radios and give it a try if you haven't already. The frequency is 224.060 (minus 1.6 MHz offset) PL 103.5 encode and decode.

The next step is going to be replacing the temporary Alinco DR-235 TX radio (since the Hi Pro failed last year) with a new commercial Tait radio. I will be placing the order for that this week.

Thanks to those of you who have donated to buy the antenna and overall support the repeater. This includes **Jeff WK1D, Bob N1LCY, Bob KA1BBU, Steve KC1HO, Gary W1GRC, Karl NS1N, Dave WB1EVP**, and of course **Dave N1GXV**. I do apologize if I missed anyone that has donated in years past, and someday if we put together a website for the local repeaters, you will certainly be acknowledged there.

73,
Jeff N1ZZN

ANTENNA TAKEDOWN NOV 14, at NI1X SK De Richard AG1B

There was a tower take down party at the house of **Bruce Hayden NI1X SK** on November 14, 2013. The take down crew included **Paul KB1MTW, Charlie W1CBR, and Richard AG1B**.

The crew used a block and tackle supplied by **Bill N1FRE** to lower the fifty foot steel tower carrying a HF beam, rotor, and VHF antenna. **Richard AG1B** climbed the tower to reach and cut the bracket to the house.

Paul KB1MTW wielded the cut off grinder on the rusty section bolts. The tower sections and antennas were disassembled and will be included in the equipment donation to the club from the Estate of Bruce NI1X SK.



Richard AG1B Paul KB1MTW Charlie W1CBR





JOTA 2013



By Don Burke KB1LXH,

The 53th **Jamboree on the Air** October 19, 2013 Annawon Council; Camp Norse BSA
Kingston, MA

"CQ JOTA CQ JOTA CQ JOTA this is KC1TAC Calling CQ JOTA"

The Jamboree on the Air, or **JOTA**, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venture Crews around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. The **World Scout Bureau** reported that the 2012 JOTA had nearly 700,000 Scout participants from more than 13,500 amateur radio stations!

Our JOTA event took place at Camp Norse in Kingston MA, on October 19th, during Annawon Council's Covered Wagon Derby. 265 Cub Scouts made contact throughout South Eastern Massachusetts and across the country during the 56th Jamboree on the Air.



Our antenna party began with erecting 3-2 Meter stations and a Windom Off-center fed di-pole for HF communications. The staff consisted of 8 Hams, 9 Scouts and 3 adult volunteers. The Scout volunteers were from Troop 40, Taunton.



Don KB1LXH addressing some of the Cub Scouts before they came in to get on the air.

Each Cub Pack began their trip through our JOTA station by meeting organizer **Don Burke KB1LXH** an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 40. **Don** explained how they were taking part in the largest Scouting event worldwide. He gave them examples of how Amateur Radio is used to provide emergency communication for local, state and federal government. How we are an all-volunteer group with the **Amateur Radio Emergency Services** and assist our communities when called. **Don** made reference to the **National Weather Service's Skywarn** program and how we Hams are the trained eyes and ears for **NWS**. And how **NWS** in Taunton has its own **Ham Station WX1BOX**.

"How many of you Scouts like to collect patches?" **Don** asked.

He compared Hams collecting QSL card to their Scout patch collection. He would use his **NA1SS** QSL card from the **International Space Station**, explaining how important Amateur Radio is to space agencies like NASA. How since the early stages of the **NASA** program they have used Amateur radio to pass info from craft to earth and back again. "Who likes to play hide-n-seek?" **KB1LXH** asked. "And where do you play?"

"In my back yard or house" the Cub said. "We Hams play hide-n-seek too; we call it Fox Hunting". **Don** went on to explain how big our playing field is compared to the Scouts; all of Bristol County, or Plymouth County? Don used a homebrewed **Tape-Measure-Beam** antenna as a prop to explain how we play.

Finally Don made use of **Paul Moss KB1MTW's** (Troop 22 in Whitman) modified "Spud Gun".

He explained how we can safely put antennas in the air, without leaving the ground. The Spud gun is also homebrewed and then much to delight of the Scouts Paul and Don would make it talk!

The Cubs then left **Don** to go inside and make contact with the several stations waiting:



Paul Moss KB1MTW, John Williams KB1EVY, Bill Wormald KB1VXL, Fred Sanford KA1CQD, Jeff Ayres WK1D, Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO and Greg Glynn W1VFB acted as Control Operators and helped each scout Get-On-The-Air.

Our greeters and log bookers; **SWL Scouts Riley Burke, Martin Caron, Austin Sardinha, Noah Burke, Joey Leite, Daniel Carlson, Andrew Pereira, Nicholas Patenaude and Jeff Carlson** wrote down all the Cub Scouts info needed; name, rank, age, pack number and town. By doing this,

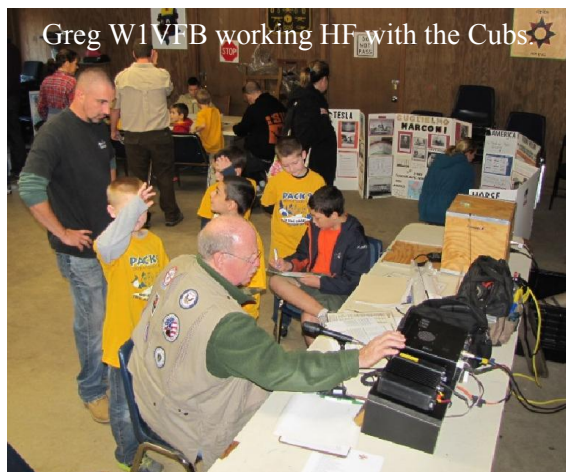
we have complete logs of who is making contact from our station and it helps with the "Mike-Fright" scout that gets choked up. **SWL's Bob Winslow Scoutmaster, Joe Leite Asst. Scoutmaster and Nancy DeSilvia** also assisted with the Scouts.

Thank You to the Local Hams heard: **Joe KA1GDQ, Bill N1FRE, Barry N1EZH, Roy KB1CYV, Bill K1UFO, Richey KB1EAJ, John W1EXP, Gary W1GRC, Ron KA1ALN** and all the stations that made contact with **KC1TAC** during **JOTA** that we didn't quite get your call sign written down correctly.

We also made contact with stations in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and Iowa **Don KB1LXH** would like to thank the Trustees and Clubs for allowing the use of their repeaters, **Whitman ARC, Massasoit ARA and Genesis Radio Society** continue to support our efforts during JOTA. Thank You very much!

The Scouts we show Amateur Radio to TODAY; will become our best contacts TOMORROW!

73's YIS **Don Burke KB1LXH**, Secretary TACGroup, ASM Troop 40 Taunton, MA



Greg W1VFB working HF with the Cubs



Paul Moss KB1MTW from Whitman ARC getting more Cubs on the air

FOXHUNT Saturday, November 16, 2013

A Fox Hunt was held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 in the town of Middleboro. **Richard Metcalf AG1B** was the "Fox" hiding in plain view in the parking lot of the Nichols Middle School near a town water tank. This high location resulted in a good signal for the fox hunters. First in was smiling **John Chase KB1ODS** in the time of 41 minutes. Next in was Middleboro resident **Bart Devine KB1TED** at 42 minutes. **Bart KB1TED** reported that he heard the fox hunt announcement on the repeater shortly before the start and joined in the hunt. **Bart KB1TED** stated he would bring his son and fellow scouts to another fox hunt. The team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** came in at one hour and 25 minutes. **Mike Petrou W1MSP** was in the hunt until the end.

"Sly" the fox has been donated to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club by **Jean Hayden-Knight**, sister of **Bruce Hayden NI1X-SK**.



L to R back:

Richard AG1B

Ron KB1OEQ

Bart KB1TED

Roy KB1CYV

Front:

John KB1ODS

Sly the Fox

WA1NPO ANTENNA PARTY Saturday, November 16, 2013

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, **Gary W1GRC**, **Bill N1FRE**, **Jim KC1JET**, **Walter W1WCF** and **Jeff WK1D** met at the **WA1NPO** repeater site with the climber to replace the malfunctioning Stationmaster antenna with a temporary Tram dual band antenna



Jeff WK1D

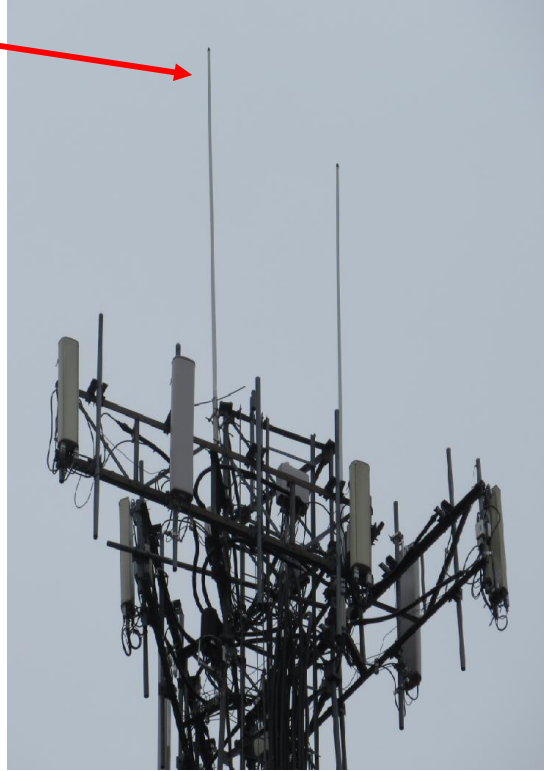
Walter W1WCF

Gary W1GRC

Bill N1FRE

Jim KC1JET

The temporary antenna will be used over the winter while repairs are made to the old Stationmaster antenna.



It's a long way up!

The temporary Tram antenna is in place and the Stationmaster antenna is on the way down.



The antenna replacement resolved the "crunchies" problem that we were having with the repeater.

UPCOMING EVENT

REMEMBRANCE OF PEARL HARBOR, December 7th 2013

By Rick Emord KB1TEE

This year I will be on board the USS Wisconsin, operating for the remembrance of Pearl Harbor on December 7th 2013. I will be operating from the Admirals bridge com center on the 03 deck level. This will be the first time for me from this location. Last year we were in the wardroom on the 01 deck. We will be on the air from 1000-1600. The call sign is N4WIS. Last year there were two stations working: one on 15 meters, and I was on 20 meters

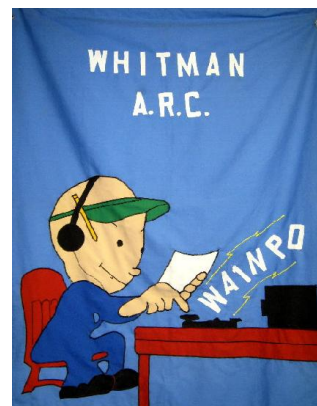


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WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

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.

As part of our training, we encourage everyone to practice sending routine RADIOGRAM messages. Make up a National Traffic System (NTS) traffic message and send it to a friend. We also encourage everyone to try your hand at Net Control. Contact **Bill N1FRE** for a Net Control handout.



Sending an update

NET CONTROLS:

Nov 10 - Jeff WK1D

Nov 17 - Jeff N1SOM

Nov 25 - Mike KB1OEP - A Simplex net will be conducted, using the output frequency of the WA1NPO repeater.

Dec 1 - Roy KB1CYV - From Plimoth Plantation

What would you do without your cell phone?

What if the internet was out of service?

What if the telephone and power lines were down?



Radio Amateurs provide volunteer, cost free, communication support in these instances and more!

Chatting with friends around town or around the world, passing health and safety traffic during disasters or developing technology at the work bench..... Hobby or avocation, this IS "Ham Radio"!

The Federal Communications Commission has removed the Code Requirement for licensing in the Amateur Service to bring more people into this essential hobby.

Classes will be held at Cranland Airport 777 Monponsett ST Hanson MA.

Class will run through Dec. 17th every Tuesday and Thursday also starting at 6:30PM. Classes will not be held on Thanksgiving night. There is no cost for the classes other than the book and Testing, The book is the Gordon West Tech Training book which is available locally or on line. Testing is \$15.00 and payable the night of testing on Dec 17th. Classes will start Dec 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM

To Enroll or for further information please contact Charlie Amico at 774-203-6905 or email at sfccamico@gmail.com .



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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, Dec. 4th 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

Club EchoLink Node 484193

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