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Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 02/03/16



Paul Moss KB1MTW Larry Kenney K1LJK Jeff Tracy N1SOM John Murphy WI1G V.President Secretary Treasurer President Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 28 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss K1LJK Larry Kenney AG1B Richard Metcalf W1MBH Scott Mitchell KA1CQD Fred Sanford **W1JT Jim Tovet KB10EQ Ron Stundze** KC1ERI Dan McDonough W1JGR John Rupple KA1KIJ Bob Azanow

N1SOM Jeff Tracy N1EZH Barry Kennedy **KB1CYV** Roy Logan WK1D Jeff Ayres **N10YH Carl Davis** WG1L Jim O'Rourke **N1IQI Loren Pimintel WA1YKF Warren Dickie** **WI1G John Murphy KA1DTA David Revendes** WD1L John Nelson W1OD Steve Cohn **KB1IKH Elayne Tovet KB1MJL Elvin Marshall** K1JMA Joe Amorelli **KB1MOC Kevin Dykes WA1TOM Tom Luckman**

Secretary's Report:

President **John Murphy WI1G** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 02/03/16. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegence was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the January 2016 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Motion to accept the January 2016 secretary's notes as published on the clubs website made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Elayne KB1IKH**:

Thinking of you card to: Charlie Amico W1CBR

Sympathy card to: Chris Babbitt N1CFB

Floral arrangement for: Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO

Jim WG1L asked if QST/ARRL has been notified of Judy's SK status? It's not known at the time of the meeting if this has happened. **Paul KB1MTW** asked Jim to investigate this and if necessary inform the ARRL.

Note: The day after this meeting **Jim WG1L** notified the ARRL of this and they confirmed her SK status would be listing in a future issue of QST. Thanks Jim.

Further, **Paul KB1MTW** thanked everyone who attended the recent wake for **Judy KB1SRO**.

Net Control for February 2016

February 7th : Larry K1LJK
 February 14th : Mike KB10EP
 February 21st : Bob KA1KIJ
 February 28th : Jeff WK1D

New Members:

- John WI1G and Jeff N1SOM presented 3 new membership applications is good standing to the club members:
 - Matt W1AEM, Allen KC1EFJ and Kurt KC1EUJ
- Motion to accept these new members made by Jeff WK1D with a second by John WD1L. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club gentlemen!!

Old Business:

- **Jim W1JT** announced to everyone his \$150 contribution to the Whitman Club. This was based on a percentage of sales during his recent book sale as Whitman club members helped promote the sale through social media. Thanks very much Jim for the contribution and to all who helped w/the promotion!
- Ross W1EKG updated everyone on the new General class now being held Tuesday evenings, 7pm at the Whitman police station. Ross indicated a friend and fellow ham Fred WA1IMD is assisting w/the teaching the class. Ross reports about 12 students are attending. The class is expected to run another 6 weeks w/a VE testing session at the end. A question was asked regarding the possibility of an Extra level class? Ross indicated he knows of several folks waiting for another Technician level class so this will be next. At this time there are no plans for an Extra class but Ross will consider this.
- Jim W1JT reports he received a txt msg from Jeff N1ZZN indicating he's not able to attend the meeting but wished to pass along this repeater update: The club should no longer be receiving internet service from Verizon and only a \$3.99 monthy charge from FreedomPop for the repeaters internet service. Jeff N1SOM further confirmed this and added that Verizon advised we have an \$11 credit.

New Business:

- Barry N1EZH reminded us of the W1BSA event taking place aboard the USS Massachusetts 09:00-16:00 April 23rd. Barry indicated this has been a very successful event in past years. Barry provided flyers for the event for anyone interested in participating. Rick KB1TEE is organizing the event again this year. If interested, you can email Rick at KB1TEE@Verizon.net or Barry at N1EZH@comcast.net. Rick is looking for additional stations (total of 7 are possible) and/or operators.
- Jim W1JT asked the club membership who was attending the Dayton
 Hamvention this year? A short discussion regarding the Dayton convention took
 place.
- Mike WA1MAD addressed the club membership in order to recognize Ross W1EKG for all work he has been doing for the club. Mike offered several ideas for a recognition award: \$\$ and/or using Ross's voice for the club repeaters auditory station ID for example. A quick general discussion took place including an idea by Mark KC1ACF mentioned by Mike: the club purchase Ross a 10m verticle antenna. John WI1G thanked Mike for the suggestions. Elayne KB1IKH mentioned Ross should be listed as our Training Coordinator in the newsletter. Larry K1LJK will make this change ASAP. Ross W1EKG suggested the best recognition gift would be help teaching the training classes, allowing him to cut down his total hours in the classroom. Ross explained this is straight forward

and fun. **Fred WA1IMD** is helping in the classroom but addition help would be great to have.

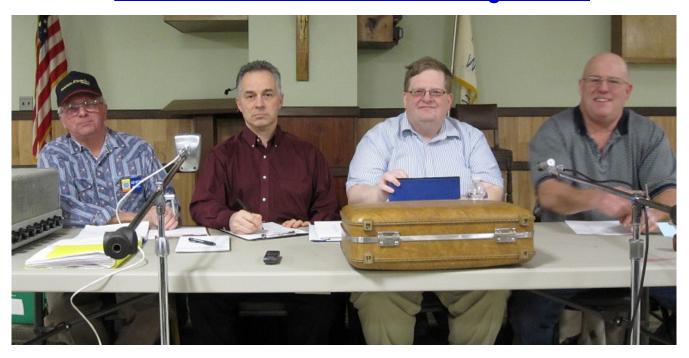
- Paul KB1MTW updated everyone on Charlie W1CBR's recent health issues.
 Elayne KB1IKH will send Charlie a card on behalf of the club.
- Jeff WK1D updated everyone on the status of a new Massachusetts bill 2110 (passed in the state senate, now being reviewed by the house of reps) intended to eliminate non hands-free cell phone use while operating a vehicle, but would essentially also make typical mobile amateur radio operation illegal. Jeff suggests we should review the bill online and contact their state representative to urge proper exceptions be made for mobile radio operation. Bob KA1KIJ injected other states which have this law in place have added the proper exceptions for mobile radio use. Jeff has contacted the ARRL and our local NE Director Tom Frenaye K1KI for assistance. A general discussion took place. (Bill contents can be found at: https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/Senate/S2110)
- Jim WG1L brought in some trivia cartoons and an ARRL catalog w/a new 20m/40m transceiver kit. Jim also passed along a tip to use plastic ties typically found on larger loafs of bread to label different shack equipment.
- Paul KB1MTW updated everyone on Al Craddock's health and also his new QTH at Oakpoint in Middleborough. Al would like an HF antenna installed, pending Oakpoint management approval. When ready, Paul will need some volunteers to help w/this effort. Paul also indicated 4-5 other hams live at Oakpoint and the possibility may exist to assemble a club station there as well. Jim W1JT asked how antenna friendly they are. A general discussion on this subject then took place. A verticle antenna rather than a wire antenna in the trees will better meet w/Oakpoint approval. Paul mentioned this must be lawn mower proof of course.
- Dan McDonough KC1ERI (guest) from Hanson introduced himself to the membership. Dan is part of a CERT team, has his technician license and is curently using a UV-82 Baofeng HT and a mobile mag mount. The club membership welcomed Dan to the meeting. Welcome Dan!
- Paul KB1MTW spoke about the Pine St. location and in the spring, the potential
 for installing an antenna tower and station assembly. Paul further commented on
 the tower and antenna sections also being stored by Mark KC1ACF and Pete
 N1POO which can be sold to members. Paul also reminded the newer club
 members that the club has coax, ladder-line, rope, pl259's, etc for sale to club
 members.
- **Billy K1UFO** reminded everyone of the February 13th Marlborough ham radio flee market, from 9am-1pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Barry N1EZH** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

John WI1G adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm, 02/03/16

End Secretary's Report

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 03/02/16



Paul Moss KB1MTW Joe Amorelli K1JMA Jeff Tracy N1SOM John Murphy WI1G V.President Stand In Secretary Treasurer President Photo by Jeff WK1D

ATTENDANCE: 36 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

KB1MTW Paul Moss WI1G John Murphy WD1L John Nelson N1EZN Barry Kennedy **KC1FZ George Davis** KA1DTA David Rezendes KC1JET Jim Tynan W1GQN Jim Havens **KB1PFL Jim Madden** W1MBH Scott Mitchell KC1ACG Fred Birtwell WA1MAD Mike Davis W1AKN Jack Buckley

K1JMA Joe Amorelli **KB1IKH Elayne Tovet** WK1D Jeff Ayres AG1B Richard Metcalf N10YH Carl Davis WG1L Jim O'Rourke **KC1ACF Mark Vess** KC1DWY John Ginsberg KC1EFJ Allen Hiltz K1UFO Billy Robinson **KB10EP Mike Supple** N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann

N1SOM Jeff Tracy **W1JT Jim Tovet** K1WGU Bob Bass **KB10EQ Ron Stundze KB1MJL Elvin (Al) Marshall** W1JGR John Rupple **KA1KIJ Bob Azanow** KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwell W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser **N1COP Bob Woodbury** N1IQI Loren Pimentel

Secretary's Report: (prepared by stand in secretary **Joe K1JMA**)

President **John Murphy WI1G** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 03/02/16. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegence was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the February 2016 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Standing in for club secretary **Larry K1LJK** was **Joe K1JMA**. Motion to postone voting to accept the February 2016 meeting notes until the next (April) meeting made by **Joe K1JMA** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorun vote.

Health & Welfare report by Elayne KB1IKH:

Get Well card sent to: Larry K1LJK

Net Control for March 2016

March 6th : Richard AG1B
 March 13th : Jeff WK1D
 March 20th : Ross W1EKG
 March 27th : Jeff WK1D

New Business:

- Paul KB1MTW brought up Field Day: He suggested that there needs to be follow up with the "Y" to reserve the space for the field day event on June 25th June 26th. John WI1G asked for a volunteer and Mark KC1ACF volunteered.
 - John WI1G also brought up there should be a Field Day committee with a chair person. Mark KC1ACF stepped up and volunteered to be the field day chairman.
 - Mark KC1ACF will bring a generator for Field Day
 - Mark KC1ACF will be distributing a sign-up sheet for three stations to be operated at Field day. The goal is to ensure the stations are in operation as much as possible throughout the event.
 - Mark KC1ACF will be reaching out to ensure we have cooks for the Field Day event

- Mike WA1MAD was in contact w/Larry K1LJK via EchoLink over the Whitman repeater during the meeting. Larry was heard over the PA system and club members wished him well. Larry K1LJK was very appreciative. Thanks very much for setting this up Mike!
- Mark KC1ACF informed the club that the request for proposals for the Plymouth County Tower site has not had any responses. He also explained there was some discussion that the site may require a structure study and this may need to be approved prior to any usage of the Plymouth county Tower site. There were no specific details on this only that it was mentioned at the meeting he attended.
- Paul KB1MTW mentioned that he had met with the daughter of Silent Key Mike W1MSP. She has Mike's radio equipment. Various pieces may become available for sale. Paul will update us when there are more details.
- Paul KB1MTW also mentioned that there may be some equipment available in the future from Silent Key Michael Canney W1BBJ
- Ross W1EKG mentioned that Freddy WA1IMD has been assisting on his current class and that is progressing well. Ross said there may be 8-9 new Generals soon.
- Ross W1EKG mention there was going to be an Antique radio show on 03/06 at the Westford Regency Inn.
- Joe K1JMA made a motion to reimburse Ross W1EKG for the expense he has had for training materials, namely books required for teaching his classes. The motion was seconded by Mike WA1MAD and passed quorum vote.
- Ross W1EKG reminded the club that Near Fest is on April 28th and 29th. He also reminded the club of the gracious gift that was made to WARC to cover ½ the cost of our new Fusion repeater. Ross suggested that a letter of thanks be sent for the contribution to Mr. Mike
- The Genesis club President Bob N1COP and Vice President Jack W1AKN
 were present and introduced themselves as such to WARC. They went on to
 thank Jeff N1ZZN for assisting on the tuning of the Plymouth GARS repeater
 which is now performing much better.
- Paul KB1MTW also reminded club members on the availability of some tower equipment and if interested to speak up.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

John WI1G adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm, 03/02/16

<u>End Secretary's Report</u> (Thanks to **Joe K1JMA** for stepping in to perform secretary duties during this meeting).

FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) QRP contest Feb 6th

February offered an interesting Ham Radio contest. On February 6th, the annual FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off) Winter QRP outdoor contest took place. The event ran from 9 am to 7 pm EST on/near HF QRP calling freqs (WARC bands excluded) using CW or SSB, 5W max.

Mike WA1MAD participated with **K1USN** club members under cold and somewhat icy conditions under foot at the **K1USN** station.







Mike WA1MAD and Pi K1RV setup for QRP operation. Mike used his FT450 Go-Kit while Pi used his Elecraft KX3.

Marlborough Flea Market Feb 13th

A number of Whitman club members traveled out to Marlborough for the February 13th Flea Market. We ran into some familiar faces while there:



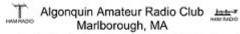
Emily SWL and Jim Ford NM1F

(right) Fred KC1ACG and Billy K1UFO



Fred KC1ACG showing us his door prize (left) Chris N1CFB (right)

(right) **Mike WA1MAD** enjoying the hunt for more stuff!



AMATEUR FLEA MARKET

Saturday, February 13, 2016



Mariborough 1Lt Charles W. Whitcomb School (ferwerly Intermediate/Middle School) 25 Union St. or off Bolton St. (Rt. 85) Mariborough, Massachusotts

6 ft. Tables (round and rectangular)
Tables are \$15.00 each if purchased by
February 5, 2016 (\$20.00 each accepted
at the deer if space is available)
Tables include vendor admission for one
person.

SETUP TIME: 6:30 AM

Information: Tim Bodn – KATOS 1.508.919.6136 before 9:00 PM email: fleamarket@nlem.org

Talk In: MMRA 147,27+ (pl 146.2)



Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

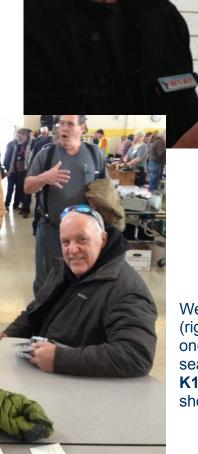






John WI1G taking a closer look at a potential boat anchor purchase.

Brad W1AY (left) caught up to us at the flea market. Shown here w/**John W11G** (right)



We also ran into **Jim KC1JET** (right). He joined us for a while at one of the empty tables. Also seated **Chris N1CFB**, **Billy K1UFO** and **Mike WA1MAD** (not shown)



We also met up with **Jeremy KB1REQ** (right), shown here with **John WI1G** (left)



Billy K1UFO, Chris N1CFB and Mike WA1MAD showing us their flea market purchases!

Billy picked up a Kenwood TS-50, Chris an Icom IC-746 and Mike a Swan SWR-1a meter and an MFJ 207 antenna analyzer.

WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CRAFT FAIR FLEA MARKET

MEMORIAL DAY

WEEKEND

SUNDAY & MONDAY

May 29 th & 30th 2016

Whitman K of C - Rt. 18 Whitman <> Abington Line

8:00 am > 3:00 pm rain or shineFor Details and Special Price

PHONE 781-523-5010 web page - www.wa1npo.org

Karen N1VI provided a picture from a recent first Saturday of the month, multiple hospital communications net. She noted this typically involves 4-5 different repeaters followed by a hospital to hospital simplex check.



Paul KB1MTW and Jeff N1SOM during the Saturday hospital net.

Recently **Paul KB1MTW** provided a link to the monthly ARRL ARES (**A**mateur **R**adio **E**mergency **S**ervice) E-Letter. Since then a few more E-Letters have been published on the ARRL website for 2016. This may be interesting reading for club members. Links are below.



http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=2016-01-20 http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=2016-02-17 http://www.arrl.org/ares-el?issue=2016-03-16

2016 Amateur Radio event dates

- Marlborough Flea Market: 9am-1pm Sat Feb 13th
 - http://www.qsl.net/n1em/
- Framingham Flea Market: 9am Sun April 10th
 - http://www.w1fy.org/flea.aspx
- W1BSA USS Massachusetts operations, Sat April 23, 0900-1600
- NEAR-Fest: Fri & Sat April 29th & 30th
 - http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/
- Dayton Hamvention: Fri-Sun May 20th-22nd http://hamvention.org/
- WARC Memorial Day Flea Market Sun & Mon, May 29th & 30th.
- ARRL Field Day: Sat & Sun June 25th & 26th
 - http://www.arrl.org/field-day (2016 update pending)
- MIT Sunday Flea Markets & CranLand breakfast Fly-ins:
 - http://w1mx.mit.edu/flea-at-mit
 - http://www.eaa279.org/index.htm (2016 update pending)
 - April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th,
 - Aug 21st, Sept 18th, Oct 16th.
- Marshfield Fair: Fri Aug 19th- Sun 28th
 - (station setup Thur Aug 18th, station breakdown Mon Aug 29th)
 - http://www.marshfieldfair.org/
- ARRL New England/Boxboro Convention. NEW DATE: Fri-Sun September 9th-11th (same location: Holiday Inn)
 - http://www.boxboro.org/2016/index.html
- WARC Labor Day Flea Market Sun & Mon Sept 4th & 5th.
- NEAR-Fest: Fri & Sat October 14th & 15th
 - http://www.near-fest.com:8084/nearfest/
- Plimoth Plantation Special Event Fri-Sun Oct 25th, 26th, 27th.

If you know of a Ham Radio Local Area Net that is not listed here, a typo on the information, or a Net listed which is no longer active, please contact **Barry N1EZH** at: N1EZH@comcast.net, so this list can be updated. All Frequencies are in MHz and 6 Meters (50.0 MHz and up.), are FM Mode unless otherwise noted. Thanks!

Sunday:

WA1NPO – WARPSN Net, 8:30 AM, Whitman ARC Rptr, 147.225 +, PL 67.0 6 Mtr AM Net, 5:00 PM, 50.400.0 AM, Scituate

Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:30 PM, 28.375.0 USB
Cape & Island Traffic Net, Every Night at 7:30 PM, Falmouth N1YHS Rptr, 147.375 + PL 110.9
Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.

Eastern MA 2 Mtr Traffic Net, Every Night at 8:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 PL 88.5 Norfolk County Radio Association Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0

Monday:

Cape and Islands Weather Net, 6:00 AM, Mon – Sat, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 – PL 88.5 Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0 Norfolk County Emergency Preparedness Net, 8:00 PM, Walpole Rptr, 146.895 – PL 123.0 Falmouth ARA Net, 7:30 PM, Falmouth K1RK Rptr, 146.655 – PL 88.5 Boston ARC Rag Chew Net, 9:00 PM, Boston W1BOS Rptr, 145.230 – PL 88.5

Tuesday:

Massasoit ARA Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0 (*Except 3rd Tue!*)
Genesis ARC 2 Mtr Rag-Chew Net, 7:30 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 – PL 82.5
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Norwood Amateur Radio Club Net, 8:00 PM, Norwood Rptr, 147.210 + PL 100.0

220 MHz Day! Try to find a 220 Repeater near you and give a call out!

Wednesday:

Taunton ACG, KC1TAC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 8:30 PM, 145.770
Whitman ARC 10 Meter Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 28.333.0 USB (Except 1st Wed!)
Blackstone Valley ARC, 2 Mtr Simplex Net, 7:00 PM, 146.565
Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0
Cape and Islands ARES Net, 8:00 PM, Dennis K1PBO Rptr, 146.955 - PL 88.5
Waltham Wranglers Swap Net. 9:00 PM, Waltham W1MHL Rptr, 146.64 - PL 136.5

Thursday:

Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0

Genesis ARC CW Training Net, 7:00 PM, Plymouth N1ZIZ Rptr, 146.685 - PL 82.5

10 Mtr General Class Rag-Chew Net, 8:00 PM, 29.470.0 FM

Sturdy Mem. Hosp. ARC ARES Practice Net, 8:30 PM, K1SMH Rptr, 147.195 + PL 127.3

900 MHz Day! Try to find a 900 Repeater near you and give a call out!

Friday:

Fairhaven Weather Net, 8:00 PM, SEMARA Rptr, 147.000 + PL 67.0

Saturday:

South Shore Skywarn Net, 8:00 PM, Bridgewater W1MV Rptr, 147.180 + PL 67.0

VKEMCOMM Echolink Conference node: 270177/IRLP 9508 (due to *WX-TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 outage) Refer to: http://www.voipwx.net/

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.



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, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. Whitman Knights of Columbus

NEXT OTA/Repeater MEETING

Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m on the Whitman 147.225 repeater

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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