

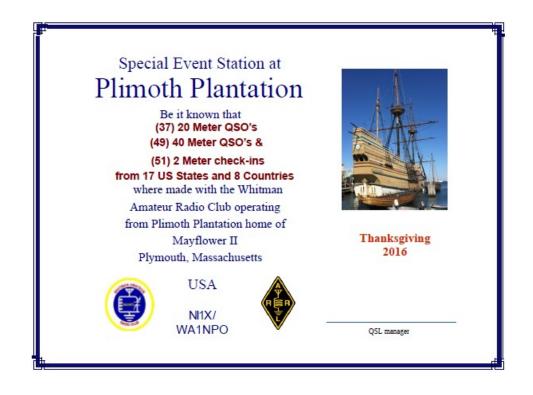
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### Plimoth Plantation Special Event 11/25/16 – 11/27/16



### Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 11/02/16



Paul Moss KB1MTWLary Kenney K1LJKJeff Tracy N1SOMJoe Amorelli K1JMAV.PresidentSecretaryTreasurerPresident

### **ATTENDANCE:** 40 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

K1JMA Joe Amorelli
KB1MTW Paul Moss
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze
KC1FWV John Barbour
WG1L Jim O'Rourke
W1JGR John Rupple
N1STV Steve Cote
KC1FZ George Davis
KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio
W1AY Brad Wilson
N1CFB Chris Babbitt
WD1L John Nelson
KB1MOC Kevin Dykes
WA1TOM Tom Luckman

N1SOM Jeff Tracy
W1AEM Matt Kane
AG1B Richard Metcalf
WK1D Jeff Ayres
KC1JET Jim Tynan
KA1DTA David Rezendes
KC1JRA Gary Silvia
W1JDG John D. Ginsberg
KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall
KD1X Ryan Merck
K1FAB Fred Birtwell
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow
KC1EFF Randy Mills
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann

K1LJK Larry Kenney
KC1FMP Gene Santorell
KC1BZK Christopher Kelly
N1FRE Bill Hayden
KB1MJL Elvin (Al) Marshall
KA1CQD Fred Sanford
N1OYH Carl Davis
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KC1CHU Steve Black
WA1BEE Allen Hiltz
K1WGU Bob Bass
WA1YKF Warren Dickie
SWL Leo Mills







### **Secretary's Report:**

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 11/02/16. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the October 2016 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Bill N21FRE** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry K1LJK** indicated the October meeting notes were published in the October 2016 Spectrum newsletter available on the club website. Motion to accept the October 2016 meeting notes as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Bill N1FRE**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

No update.

### **Net Control for Novermer 2016**

November 6<sup>th</sup> : Ryan KD1X
 November 13<sup>th</sup> : John W1JDG
 November 20<sup>th</sup> : Jeff WK1D
 November 27<sup>th</sup> : Ross WK1D
 December 4<sup>th</sup> : Jeff N1SOM

#### **New Members:**

- Jeff N1SOM and Joe K1JMA presented new member applications in good standing to the club membership:
  - Steve Black KB1CHU
- Motion to accept this new member application made by Jeff WK1D with a second by Ryan KD1X. Motion passed quorum vote.
- Later in the meeting, Jeff N1SOM and Joe K1JMA presented another new member applications in good standing to the club membership:
  - Tom Luckman WA1TOM
- Motion to accept this new member application made by Jeff WK1D with a second by Bill N1FRE. Motion passed quorum vote.
- · Welcome to the Whitman club folks!

#### **Old Business:**

- Joe K1JMA recognized and thanked Mike WA1MAD for his recent efforts in organizing the Tech-Talk segment of the meeting. Joe mentioned he's also been working on brining in speakers for the Tech-Talk segment- most recently w/reps from HRO in Salem NH for some future visits.
- Paul KB1MTW and Jeff N1SOM reviewed equipment sales at the fall NEAR-Fest and some equipment remaining w/the club that didn't sell. Paul mentioned a specific 2M/440 HT (model unknow at meeting time, likely a Kenwood/Yaesu/Icom). It will be auctioned at the December meeting. Anyone wishing to bid before then, please contact Paul. A request was made by John W1JDG a picture of the HT be distributed if possible.
- Paul KB1MTW further commented on the need for an organized clean-up effort
  of the Whitman clubs equipment and tents/tables at the end of the Near-Fest
  event. This fell unfairly on one individual recenty and steps to prevents this will
  be put in place. Paul indicated a volunteer clean-up crew of 4 to 5 people will be
  organized prior to future NEAR-Fest events.
- Paul KB1MTW also informed the club members that 2 Whitman club members won both door prizes this year (an Elecraft KX2). The winners were Billy K1UFO and Jeff N1ZZN. Congratualations guys!!
- Jeff N1SOM updated everyone on the Rockland Athletic club logo shirt project. Jeff indicated he looked at a sample of a silk screen rather than embroidery for the logo itself and was not impressed. Jeff requested and is waiting for a quote for the printed method similar to the K1USN shirts. Jeff noted this will be an additional cost as Rockland Athletic sub-contracts this work out. Jeff is still trying to get a few samples for us to view. Joe K1JMA indicated we might be ready for a member shirt sign-up by the December meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Joe K1JMA privided an update on organizing the <u>Plimoth Plantation</u> special event over the Thanksgiving weekend.
  - Joe is still persuing the Plantation management in an effort to acquire permission to setup and operate HF and VHF stations at two locations (our usual: the Visitor Center and Admin Building). Joe has an upcoming conf call to confirm the details. The Plantation management has been occupied with the Mayflower II 2 year overhall project now starting. In 2020, Plymouth will be celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pigrims arrival. **Paul KB1MTW** suggests getting as much advanced info on this to help with future scheduling.
  - Once the event operation is confirmed, the club members will be notified by email. Joe also wishes to put an operator sign-up roster in place, similar to the Marshfield fair roster. The roster will be posted on the website.
  - A general discussion took place on the station setup and antenna details.
     Assuming the event is confirmed, station and antenna setup will take place

- on Friday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am in the lower bus parking lot. Equipment loading at Pine St starts at 8:30am for any/all who would like to volunteer there as well.
- Volunteers for take down on Sunday afternoon Nov 27<sup>th</sup> will also be needed.
- Paul recomended attempting to reach contacts in Plymouth England.
- Ross W1EKG provided an update on the recent discussion on the MOTA (Meeting On The Air) net regarding an outreach program to introduce Ham radio and it's array of technology to younger folks in the area. Ross provided a basic introduction to the goals of this effort and some potential ways to start this program. Ron K1KJR for example has volunteered to reach out to the Hanover public shools and possibly the votech school in the area as well. Ross will be looking into a Whitman/Hanson career event (similar to a job fair). Additionally, **Tom WA1TOM** spoke about his involvement with the U.S Navy Sea Cadet Corps (http://www.seacadets.org/) associated with the USS Robert F Kennedy and Matt W1AEM suggested attending the upcoming sportsmans weekend show Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the E.Bridgewater Standish Sportsmans' Association (http://www.standishsportsman.com/). Both Tom and Matt provided brief descriptions of their suggestions. A number of other suggestions were made during the MOTA net as well. Ross pointed out - a leader/coordinator for the outreach program is needed in order to get this effort kicked off and running. A general discussion took place on other ideas for the outreach program, including a possible involvement with the Boy/Girl scout organizations. To get involved in this program, please contact Ross. The decision to buy a table at the sportsman show in Feb will be decided upon at the December meeting.
- Joe K1JMA proposed a club holiday dinner be held at a local restaurant. A show of hands indicated about 60-70% of the membership would be interested.
   Paul KB1MTW suggested Jamie's on Rt.18 as they have a private room that holds approx 40 people. Joe will investigate and have more details at the Dec meeting.
- Chris N1CFB provided an update on the Winterfest 2017 HamFest. Chris advised the ARRL has sanctioned the event. The ARRL logo can now be used on all flyers given out and additional 'promotional material' is available. Jeff WK1D suggested the 'promotional meterial' could also be used w/the outreach program proposed by Ross WK1D. Jeff N1ZZN asked about the table prices and if this includes admission as well? Chris confirmed- yes it does include admission. Club members volunteering at the HamFest also will not have to pay for admission. It was thought a volunteer schedule should be setup as we do with the Marshfield Fair.
- Jeff N1ZZN asked if any progress has been made regarding the confirmation of club membership and ARRL membership. Larry K1LJK answered that no progress has been made yet but will be taken care of asap.

- Jeff N1ZZN provided an update on the repeater: Garry AB1CQ still needs to have his 900Mhz antenna moved up to the Ridder CC repeater site from the Taunton area. At that point, the climber will be called and the 2Meter repeater antenna can be taken down and the 900Mhz antenna and repeater will be installed. Kevin KB1MOC provided an additional update regarding installation of the 2Meter repeater antenna at the new site. The timing of this will have to coincide with other tower/climber activity, which could be as late as next spring. Jeff N1ZZN further commented the Pembroke 900Mhz repeater is still moving up to the Abington/Brockton area.
- Kurt KC1EUJ mentioned he and Mike WA1MAD attended a recent 900Mhz dinner meeting at the Blue Bird cafe in Plymouth. Jeff N1ZZN advised these dinner meetings take place every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month between 5-7pm typically.
- Paul KB1MTW reminded everyone Juergen DL1NBR from Germany often checks into the repeater via EchoLink- fyi for the new members. Bill N1FRE commented Juergen is a Whitman club life member.
- **Jim WG1L** informed everyone of a new website for learning Morse Code he came across: LCWO.net (Learn CQ Online). Jim suggests using the website with a friend so both learn together and can practice over air with each other.
- Paul KB1MTW distributed JOTA patches to all club members who participated in the event.

Following the new business portion of the meeting, a 20amp Radio Shack power supply donated by **Ryan KD1X** was auctioned off. **Jeff WK1D** won the auction and donated \$20 to the Whitman Club. Thanks Jeff and thanks Ryan.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John W1JDG** with a second by **John KC1FWV**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm, 11/02/16

**End Secretary's Report** 







Photos by Jeff WK1D































Photo by Jeff N1SOM

**Mark KC1ACF** came over to my house last Saturday (11/12/16) and helped me install a 2 meter beam. Now all the antenna projects that my father had in the pipeline when he passed are now completed thanks to my ham radio friends.

73 Jeff N1SOM



I belong to a group called **Commonwealth React**, we are all hams and we do public service events (road races, etc.) > we are looking for more volunteers and I know some WARC members have done some public service events in the past...

**Commonwealth REACT** is not a radio club. They are a communications public service organization. Commonwealth REACT maintains a communications command post trailer equipped with portable repeaters that is used to provide interoperable communications between its own members and event organizers, police, EMS and the fire service. In addition to providing support communications, they also provide hand held radios to event organizers and volunteers. **Commonwealth REACT** is also able to provide EMT's, Paramedics and first aid / CPR certified staff for public service events.

In addition to supporting their own public service events, **Commonwealth REACT** also provides advanced communications capabilities to community CERT and EMA organizations in support of their own events. There are no membership dues. The only requirement is an amateur radio license (they will even provide loaner radio equipment to their members)

For more information, visit their website at <a href="http://www.commreact.org/">http://www.commreact.org/</a> or via E-Mail at <a href="mailto:info@commreact.org">info@commreact.org/</a>

Thanks
Jeff N1SOM



Jim WG1L found this very interesting website detailing a Nuclear bunker near London

### www.gb0snb.com

### from this website:

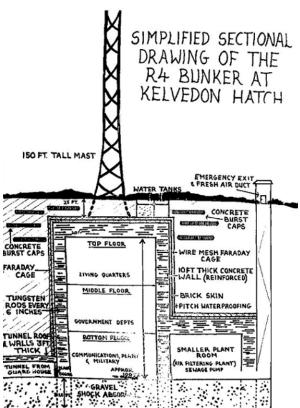
Visit the site for more info

About the Bunker

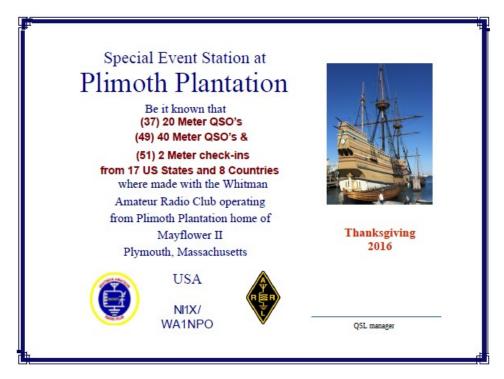
GB0SNB is one of a few permanent special event callsigns allocated in the UK.

The Kelvedon Hatch Secret Nuclear Bunker is located in the Borough of Brentwood, 32 kilometres north-east of London, in the English county of Essex. The bunker is a large underground cold-war bunker, operated by the UK government from 1952 until 1993.





The Whitman Amateur Radio Club once again ran a special event with 4 stations at the Plimoth Plantation over the Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to all who participated in the event, from station and antenna setup and take down, to operating while at the Plantation or by making contact with the stations at the Plantation. The following special QSL certificate shows the total contacts made during the weekend.



### DX and EchoLink contacts made during the special event:

QSO: 14259 PH	2016-11-27	1413 NI1X	55	MIONWA	59	Joe	Belfast N.Ireland
QSO: 14263 PH	2016-11-27	1521 NI1X	57	DK1RU	59	Olaf	Stuttgart Germany
QSO: 14258 PH	2016-11-27	1742 NI1X	57	IK4GRO	55	Lauro	Italy
QSO: 14258 PH	2016-11-27	1747 NI1X	55	IW2DUG	59	Ernesto	Milano Italy
QSO: 14258 PH	2016-11-27	1800 NI1X	59	3DA0TM	59	Andy	Mbabane Swaziland
QSO: 14258 PH	2016-11-27	1858 NI1X	59	EA3AKP	59	Joan	Catalonia Spain
QSO: 7260 PH	2016-11-26 <sup>-</sup>	1624 NI1X	55	VE3FDK	55	John	Ontario Canada
QSO: 7260 PH	2016-11-26 <sup>-</sup>	1726 NI1X	55	VE3BQ	55	Terry	Ontario Canada
QSO: 7264 PH	2016-11-27 ·	1714 NI1X	55	VE3JMY	55	Murry	Ontario Canada
QSO: 147.225 P	H/Echolink 2	2016-11-27	14:20	9M2CW		Chen	W. Malaysia
QSO: 147.225 P	H/Echolink 2	2016-11-27	19:08	M0VRT		Lawry	Plymouth England



not pictured John KB1ODS

Photo by Richard AG1B

## The setup crew Friday Nov 25<sup>th</sup>



## Assembling the setup crew

Photo's by Larry K1LJK









Antenna setup and Coax routing at the Visitors center (above,below)





**John KB10DS** joins the crew and runs Coax to the R5 vertical











The R5 in position above the Visitors Center

Setting up the 2Meter Vertical at the Visitor Center







Richard AG1B, John WI1G and Pete P1POO securing the R5 mast at the Vistor Center

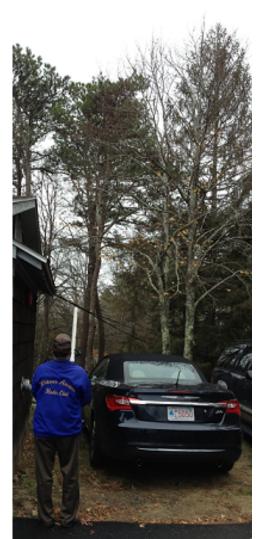


hill to the Admin building

With the Visitor Center installation

completed, the crew moved up the

**Paul KB1MTW** launching a line for the Windom antenna at the Admin building



Paul KB1MTW targetting the top of the tallest tree



Inside the Admin building, the crew assembles the clubs FT-450 and FT-8800 radios. Mark KC1ACF (l) and John WI1G (r) Paul KB1MTW (below)







(l-r) Bob KA1KIJ, Pete N1POO, Mike WA1MAD, Paul KB1MTW



Mike WA1MAD checking the FT-450 and calling for a radio check





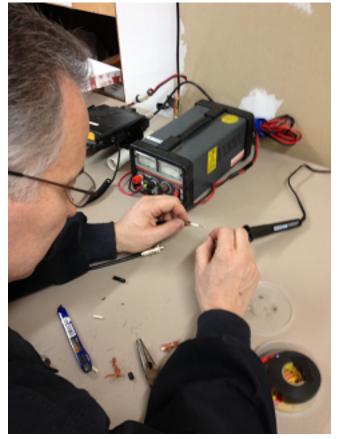
Saturday we start operating! Joe K1JMA taking 2Meter check-ins and **Mark KC1ACF** working 40 meters





Sunday brought <u>RF burns</u> to the operators. Gloves didn't help much. We assured the station ground was still intact from Saturday but we had to reduce power to continue using the FT-450. We finally used a pencil to key the mic held in place below the 450 (above). Below/Right **Joe K1JMA** changes the PL259 on the Windom Coax







NIIX now used as our club call for this special event



Mike WA1MAD (l) and Matt W1AEM (r) working 40 meters



Larry K1LJK (l) and Steve N1STV (r) working 40 meters





Steve N1STV (l) and Gary KC1JRA (r) working 40 meters



**Steve N1STV** trying a thick rubber glove against the RF..



RF Burn!





Lunch!!



Yes, we used electronic logging this time!!



we had a few little casualties....



The Visitor Center featured the "MooFlower II"





Contact made from <u>Plimoth Plantation</u> to <u>Plymouth England</u>! **Larry K1LJK** speaking with **Lawry M0VRT** located in Plymoth England. **John WD1L** monitoring the international QSO. Photo by **Richard AG1B** 



**Richard AG1B** (l) and **John WD1L** (r) working the take down and clean up effort at the Admin building.

The take down effort on Sunday 11/27 was handled by:

Paul KB1MTW Bob KA1KIJ John W1JDG John WD1L Richard AG1B Larry K1LJK

### Plimoth Plantation Special Event

## 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary !! by Mike WA1MAD

QSO logged by Mike WA1MAD:

QSO: 14260 PH 2016-11-26 1650 NI1X 59 WB9IXS 59 Jim Wisconsin

From: "Jim Casamassa WB9IXS"

Hi Mike.

It was great to be able to connect with the Plimoth Plantation special event station. I can't believe that it has been an annual event for me for <u>35</u> <u>years</u>. I don't have a certificate for every year it would be too much to hang on the wall. There are however 3 of them hanging up there that span from 1981 to 2012. I have attached a copy of the first one I received back in 1981.

Thanks again, 73
Jim









Note: new addition: The NorthEast Cracker Barrel net, daily 7pm on 3921 Khz



### HAM RADIO LOCAL AREA NETS

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: <a href="https://niex.ncb.nlm.nie.gov/nie.go

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

NE Cracker Barrel Net, 7:00 PM Daily (Matt - W1AEM, NCO on Sun), 3.921.00 MHz LSB

Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Assoc. 10 Meter Net, 7:00 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 82.5

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/







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 or visit our website at: www.wa1npo.com and follow the link for the Sunday Public Serice Net



#### **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, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 Whitman Knights of Columbus

**NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING** 

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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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