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Whitman Amateur Radio Club
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club phone number: 781-523-5010

group photo by Jeff WK1D



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HamFest

Third Saturday in January, 9am-1pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
Rte. 18, Whitman, MA
Refreshments • VE Sessions
Raffle Prizes Drawn at Noon

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Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 01/03/18



Paul Moss **Larry Kenney W1VP** **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** **Joe Amorelli K1JMA**
Vice-President Secretary Treasurer President

ATTENDANCE: 32 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney	KB1MTW Paul Moss	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
WK1D Jeff Ayres	KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
WD1L John Nelson	W1JT Jim Tovet	N1IQI Loren Pimentel
W1JGR John Ruppel	KB1MJL Elvin (Al) Marshall	WG1L Jim O'Rourke
AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1POO R. Pete Carlson	W1OD Steve Cohn
K1FAB Fred Birtwell	WA1MAD Mike Davis	W1IG John Murphy
W1AEM Matt Kane	KC1ISO Mike Pilla	W1AZU Heather DeMont
N1CFB Chris Babbitt	N1STV Steve Cote	KC1ITF Mark Hirtle
KA1KIJ Bob Azanow	KC1ISU Steve MacKenzie	K1WGU Bob Bass
KC1PFL Jim Madden	N1SOM Jeff Tracy	N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
W1GTX Paul DeLory	KB1FBA Bob Mahoney	

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 01/03/18. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for all recent silent keys. Following this an attendance roll call took place.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the December 2017 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the December 2017 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the December 2017 meeting notes as published made by **Ross W1EKG** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Jim W1JT presented the report in Elayne's absence. Jim reports:

- A Thinking of You card was sent to **Joan Smith KB1NAX** (Ron's wife)
- A Sympathy card was sent to the family of recent silent key **John Coombs WQ1L**.

Paul KB1MTW commented further on John's condition while in rehab and noted the family is having a closed service at this time. Cards can be sent to John's address as listed in the member roster.

Net Control for January 2018

- January 7th: **Joe K1JMA**
- January 14th: **Bob KA1KIJ**
- January 21st: **John W1JDG**
- January 28th: **Jeff WK1D**
- February 4th: **Jeff N1SOM**

New Members:

- **Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** presented a new member application in good standing to the club from **Bob Mahoney KB1FBA**. Motion to accept Bob as a new member made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jim W1JT**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club Bob!

New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** noted the order of new club jackets will be finalized at this meeting. See Joe if you've not filled out an order form and would like a new club jacket.
- **Joe K1JMA** updated everyone on the recent decision by the 501(c)(3)/non-profit committee to move forward with adopting this status for the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. Joe noted several advantages gained with a 501(c)(3) status:
 - Donations to the club are tax deductible (**Paul KB1MTW** noted an example would be families donating silent key equipment to our club would be issued paperwork allowing them to use the equipment value as a federal tax deduction. **Joe K1JMA** further noted examples where local businesses making donations to our club can also use these as tax deductions (examples: food at our events or supplies to repair the Quonset may be donated to us and used as deductions by those businesses donating to us.)
 - Additional club insurance available at no charge.

The following must be done to move the 501(c)(3) process forward:

1. An application must be filed which requires a one-time \$250 fee. Further, **Jeff N1SOM** will now file yearly federal paperwork in addition to the yearly state paperwork he currently files. This is required to maintain the 501(c)(3) status.

2. Whitman club By-Laws must be amended for the following:

- A dissolution clause must be added which details how the clubs assets are to be distributed to other 501(c)(3) organization(s) in the event the Whitman club ceases to exist. (note: this will be voted on at the February 2018 club meeting pending sufficient attendance of voting members)
- Questions regarding future club membership levels were discussed briefly with **Joe K1JMA** agreeing to research this further.

Several more questions were asked which led to a short discussion. **Jeff N1SOM** confirmed filing yearly 501(c)(3) paperwork will not be a burden on him. **Jeff WK1D** asked if additional tracking of purchases, sales & donations for tax purposes must be tracked? **Jeff N1SOM** confirmed this is necessary.

- **Joe K1JMA** inform everyone that only 22 club members have paid their 2018 club dues (about 16% of the club membership). **Joe** and **Jeff N1SOM** will be sending out an email reminder to pay club dues asap. **Paul KB1MTW** noted without payment of dues, club members are no longer allowed to vote.
- **Ross W1EKG** provided a training update. On December 7th, 6 people passed their technician level VE exam. Congratulation to the new hams. Ross is planning a General training class January 9th.
- **Ross W1EKG** told us Mr. Mike will be attending the upcoming Winterfest Flea Market and will be selling tickets for the spring NEAR-Fest event. Also Ross is hearing of some changes in NEAR-Fest operations:
 - club entry will now be at 8AM rather than the typical 7AM making it easier for the commercial vendors to get setup starting at 7AM.
 - a member from each club is to remain after the event to help with cleanup activities. Ross noted more changes could be coming as well.
- **Mike WA1MAD** informed folks Mr. Mike sent an email indicating an NXDN HT w/Maine and NH frequencies was found at NEAR-Fest. It's at the NEAR-Fest lost and found office.
- **Joe K1JMA** noted the outreach program committee consisting of **Alan KC1HLX** and **Tom WA1TOM** had decided to hold on project development until after the holidays in January 2018. Now that it's January, Joe will try to help expand club member involvement. **Paul KB1MTW** mentioned a future opportunity for the outreach program. He was contacted by the East Bridgewater YMCA to provide a 1 day ham radio demonstration to their summer camp attendees along with the Boy Scouts. This would some weekend day in May 2018 (hopefully not NEAR-Fest or Dayton weekends!). This will be held in the field where we hold our Field Day operations. Paul will provide more details when available.
- **Larry W1VP** and **Steve N1STV** provided details on a potential plan for Whitman

club members to operate at the WingBusters flying field in Halifax during the Winter Field Day event 2pm Saturday January 27 – 2pm Sunday January 28th. Although not a Whitman club event, Steve will investigate field and shelter usage during this weekend for Whitman club members. With Wingbuster club approval and if off-road access is possible, a Whitman club email blast will be sent out advising of its availability.

- **Joe K1JMA** reminded folks of the For Sale section on the club website. The latest equipment list from **Roy KB1CYV** is posted there. **Jeff N1ZZN** asked if Roy is able to put up an antenna at his new QTH. **Richard AG1B** indicated this was not possible.
- **Chris N1CFB** kicked off a general discussion regarding the upcoming Winterfest event. **Steve N1STV** suggested use of an online payment system like Paypass for vendors to pay for tables in advance of the event. Everyone agreed this is a good idea and needs to be investigated.
- **Joe K1JMA** spoke in general about upcoming club events in 2018 and the need to increase club membership involvement.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Paul W1GTX**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at **8:01pm**, 01/03/18

[End Secretary's Report](#)



Whitman club meeting

January 3rd 2018

Photos by Jeff WK1D







WINTERFEST 2018

January 20th, 2018

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L-R Chris NICFB event chairman/organizer and Steve NICFB at the front door selling admission tickets



Steve NICFB counting the tickets...



Jim KB1PLF stopped by



Karen N1VI stopped by and Paul KB1MTW



John WIJDG provided front door security



Bob KA1KIJ



Jeremy KB1REQ and Bob K5TEC from NEIAR New England Amateur Radio, Inc



The KIUSN club from L-R: Marty N1VH, Pi K1RV and 'Q' W1QWT



L: Garry AB1CQ and R: Jim Ford NM1F who had several tables setup for business



L-R Kurt KC1EUI and Steve KB1CHU



Richard AG1B



Ross W1EKG at his table of classic radios



Dave KB1QMX



Henry KIWCC



Lee K1LEE with is impressive set of keys for sale



Karen N1VI and Paul KB1MTW at John WIIGs table



At the Whitman club table L-R Mike WAIMAD and Jeff NISOM



Paul KB1MTW



L-R: John W1JAF, Jeff N1SOM and Chris N1CFB



VE Testing with Mike W1MAD and Steve W1OD (seated)



Early Saturday morning at the K/C hall. Vendors are starting to arrive and setup their tables



Scot NIJSM setting up his table



*The crowd is growing... Folks at **Jim NMIFs** tables*



*Mark **NISS** in front of the **NEIAR** table*



L-R: Pi K1RV and Bob K1WGU



Alex (harmonic) with Heather W1AZU managing the popular food corner!



Jeff WK1D capturing the Winterfest event



Jeff WK1D in action at the K1USN table



*L-R Jeremy **KB1REQ** and Bob **K5TEC** with New England Amateur Radio, Inc. (**NE1AR**), a non-profit corp. promoting education and growth of amateur radio as a STEM activity (science, technology, engineering and math)*



*Folks at the Whitman Amateur Radio Club table, L-R: Joe **K1JMA**, Lou **N1UEC**, Fred **K1FAB**, Mark **KC1ACF**, Alex with Heather **W1AZU** and Chris **N1CFB***

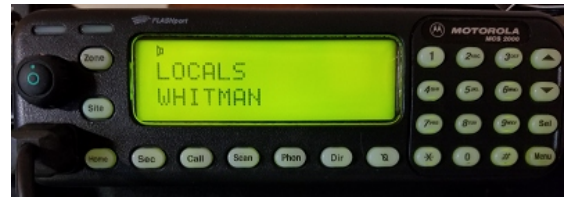


*VE Testing at Winterfest. **Jim WG1L** (back/left) and **Mike WAIMAD** (center) helping folks with registration forms. Front L-R **Jeff WK1D** and **Steve WIOD**. Also volunteering/not pictured VE **Marty N1VH***





Jeff N1ZZN setup a radio programming station behind the club table



Sandy N1FSK setup next to the KIUSN tables



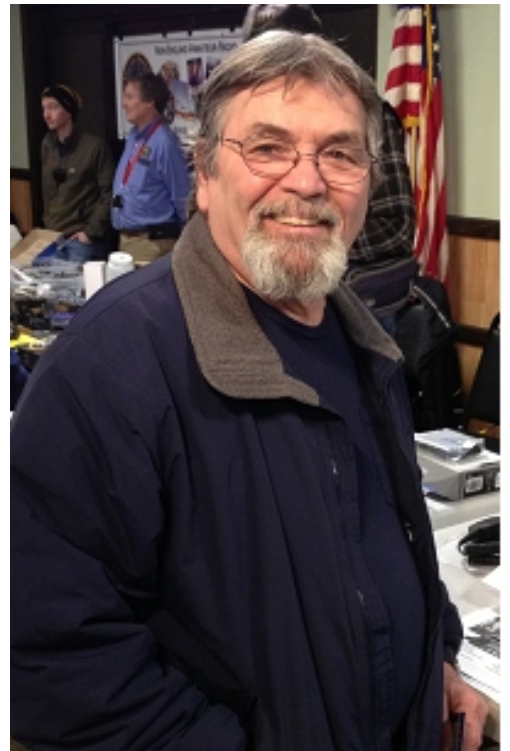
Heather W1AZU proding hot dogs to (L-R) Ross W1EKG and John KB1ODS



Tom WAITOM



Randy KC1EFF and swl/harmonic Leo



Scott WIMBH



L-R: Jo K1JMA and Jeff NISOM



Jeff NISOM announcing the door prize and raffle winning tickets



L-R: Chris NICFB presenting his custom made antenna launcher to the lucky door prize winner John NIJAF



Raffle for Retevis RT5 radios*

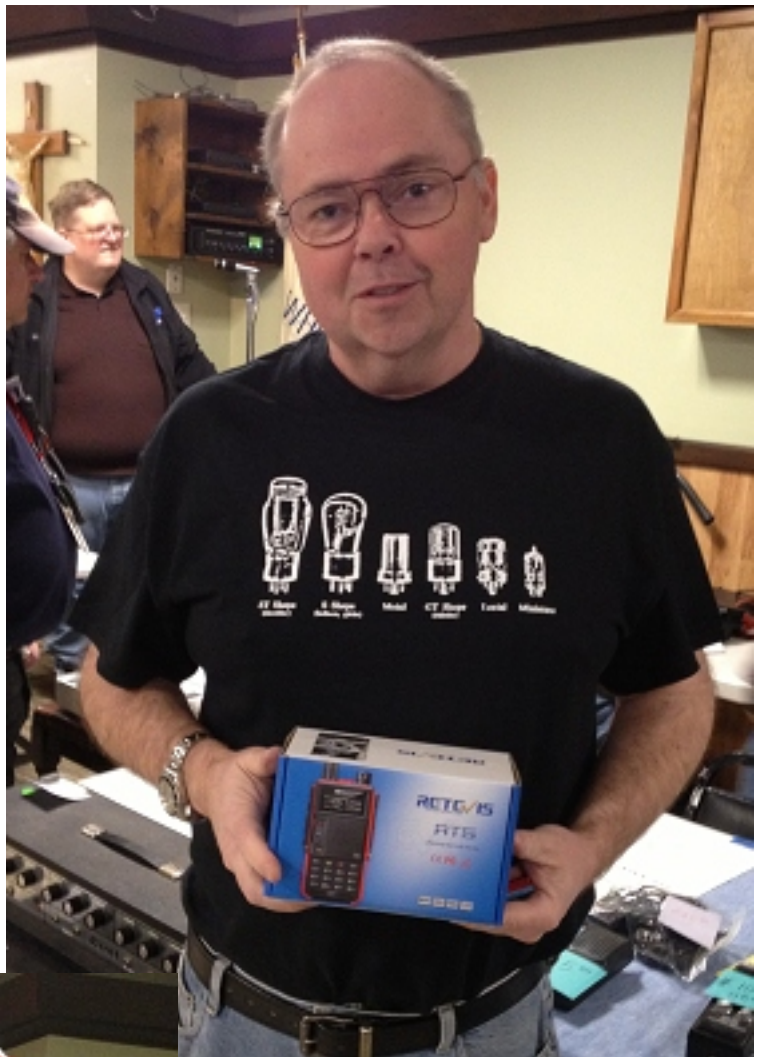
\$1.00 / 1 ticket

\$5.00 / 6 tickets

* Two chances to win with each ticket

* 2 separate Radios to be raffled off

Photo by Joe K1JMA



Grand Prize Raffle winners of
a Retevis RT5 dual-band HT:
Above **John N1JAF** and left
Lou N1UEC holding up the
HT for the camera for **Mark
KB1EKN**

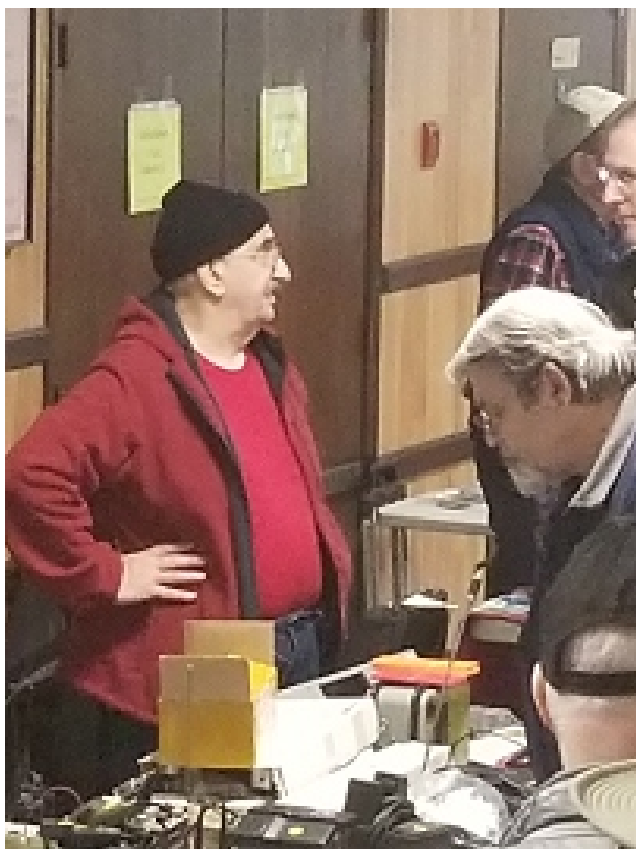
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L: The club table and food corner. Above: John WIIG and Bob KA1KIJ. Lower Left: Mr. Mike selling NEARFest tickets







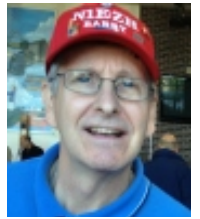
“Thank you everyone for another Great WinterFest! The weather was good, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and a lot of good deals were had....” -Chris N1CFB, WinterFest event coordinator

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this years WinterFest! Your time and efforts made this a great success again this year!

As the signs **Jack N1BCE** created & donated indicate; we'll do it all again next year on the third Saturday in January 2019. As always, let's hope for good weather...again!

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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: 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

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 Service Net
(http://www.wa1npo.org/index.html#Sunday_Public_Service_Net_Control)



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, February 7th 2018
Whitman Knights of Columbus**

NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING

**Wednesday, February 21st 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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