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Whitman Amateur Radio Club
WA1NPO



Field Day
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147.225 Mhz +PL67 IRLP node 8691 EchoLink WA1NPO-R
club phone number: 781-523-5010

group photo by Jeff WK1D

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Marlborough Flea Market
February 17th



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 02/07/18



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

ATTENDANCE: 22 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney	KB1MTW Paul Moss	K1JMA Joe Amorelli
WK1D Jeff Ayres	WD1L John Nelson	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KB1OEQ Ron Stundze	W1OD Steve Cohn	W1JGR John Ruppel
KC1HLX Alan Pillsbury	W1MBH Scott Mitchell	KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall
WI1G John Murphy	WA1MAD Mike Davis	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz
N1BSO John Laiosa	W1AXB Matt Paine	WA1YKF Warren Dickie
KB1CWA David P. Hill	KC1ISU Steve MacKenzie	N1SOM Jeff Tracy
W1GTZ Paul DeLory		

Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm 02/07/18. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the January 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **John WD1L** with a second by **John W1JGR**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the January 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the January 2018 meeting notes as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

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

Elayne provided the Health & Welfare report via Email: she reports are a Get Well card was sent to **Loren N1IQI**.

Net Control for February 2018

- February 11th: **Ross W1EKG**
- February 18th: **Jeff WK1D**
- February 25th: **Paul W1GTX** (note: later replaced by **Jeff WK1D** at time of net)
- March 4th: **Jeff N1SOM**

New Members:

- **Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** presented a new member application in good standing to the club from **Steve MacKenzie KC1ISU**. Motion to accept Steve as a new member made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club Steve!

Old Business:

- A general discussion/recap on the January WinterFest took place with thanks to all who participated in making this event happen! **Joe K1JMA** noted the club table contained less items than last year and noted this years WinterFest committee will be taking in all feedback and suggestions for the next event.
- A general question was asked if anyone participated in the recent Winter Field Day event? **John W1IG** participated in his back yard and **Steve N1STV**, **Mike WA1MAD** and **Chris N1CFB** were at the Wingbusters Field in Halifax.

New Business:

- **Joe K1JMA** noted the order of new club jackets will be ready within the week approx. Joe further indicated starting a new order in the next few weeks for t-shirts, etc. for the spring.
- **Joe K1JMA** noted he still looking for volunteers for event committees. The goal being to have established committees for each club event as early in the year as possible, well before the actual events take place. Please email Joe to join a committee or add your name to the committee list circulating at club meetings.
- **Joe K1JMA** noted about 36% of the club membership have paid their 2018 dues, which are due January 1st. Joe indicated members not paying by the end of February will be removed from the club roster. **Ron KB1OEQ** asked if folks are dropped from the roster, do they need to re-apply? The general thought was the club will continue with a 1 year grace period before this is necessary.
- **Ross W1EKH** provided a training update, indicating approx 12 folks on average are attending the General class currently running. Ross also noted the new date for the VE Exam session is Tuesday March 6th (one week later than originally planned due to VE availability). Good luck to all taking their General test!

- **Ross W1EKG** indicated he had NEARFest tickets available for sale. NEARFest is taking place this spring on May 4th and 5th at the Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield NH.
- **Paul KB1MTW** reminded everyone he's agreed to provide a Ham radio demo at the E.Bridgewater YMCA field for the Boy Scouts summer camp event in May. Paul needs to confirm the actual date for this event. **Mike WA1MAD** asked about the process for having a CORI check done (which would seem to be needed by May for this event). **Joe K1JMA** indicated he will be speaking with **Jack N1BCE** who has experience with both the Boy Scouts organization and the CORI check process. Joe indicated the Outreach committee will need to embrace this, once defined, as well. **Paul KB1MTW** added there is an online youth safety program w/a video and test available also.
- **Joe K1JMA** asked if folks were interested in a new 80Meter net some weeknight? Approx 7 of the 22 attending members were interested. Joe asked this question on the weekly 900Mhz Thursday night net as well. As an fyi, there's an average of 5-7 check-ins on the 900Mhz Thursday night net. The net is at 8pm Thursday nights on the **KC1EFG** 927.6875 repeater in Whitman. Please join is you can.
- **Larry W1VP** noted this is the 40th anniversary of the Blizzard of '78. He recently attended an event by the Blue Hill Observatory and the National Weather Service which reviewed the details of this significant New England storm and reunited several current and retired local tv weather forecasters from that time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **John W1IG**
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Joe K1JMA adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm, 02/07/18

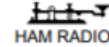
[End Secretary's Report](#)







Algonquin Amateur Radio Club
Marlborough, MA



AMATEUR
RADIO

FLEA MARKET

Saturday, February 17, 2018



**Marlborough 1Lt Charles W.
Whitcomb School**
(formerly Intermediate/Middle School)
25 Union St. or
off Bolton St. (Rt. 85)
Marlborough, Massachusetts

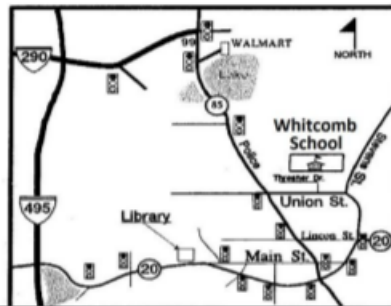
6 ft. Tables (round and rectangular)
Tables are \$15.00 each if purchased by
February 9, 2018 (\$20.00 each accepted
at the door if space is available)
Tables include vendor admission for one
person.

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
General Admission: \$5.00
VEC Exams: 9:00 AM

SETUP TIME: 6:30 AM

Information:
Tim Ikeda – KA1OS
1-508-919-6136 before 9:00 PM
email: fleamarket@n1em.org

Talk In: MMRA 147.27+ (pl 146.2)





(L-R) Jeff N1ZZN, Chris N1CFB and Henry K1WCC



(L-R) Chris N1CFB and John W1IG



Mike W1MAD



Jim NM1F at his tables



(L-R) Warren W4IYKF and Chris N1CFB



K1QAR Ted Robinson with one of his magnetic loop antennas. Knowing Ted, an R390A was probably close by also.



Suggested Reading

by Ross W1EKG and Warren WA1YKF

Both Warren WA1YKF and Ross W1EKG have suggested this website for some very interesting reading of not only historical amateur radio magazines but technical/engineering periodicals, including trade magazines of the time.

The website can be found at : <http://americanradiohistory.com/>

Ross suggests a good one to start with might be: http://americanradiohistory.com/RCA_Ham_Tips.htm

RCA Ham Tips Search in Short Wave Section

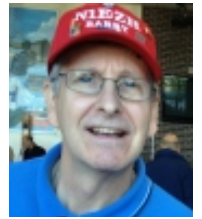
A publication of RCA starting in 1938

RCA Ham Tips began in September of 1938. It was published by the Radio Corporation of America ostensibly to promote the use of RCA tubes by amateur radio operators. Each issue generally provided four to eight pages of advise and news about products and their usage. There were features, such as a contest for the best RCA tube equipped ham rig. A principal vehicle for the distribution of the newsletter was the electronics supply store, and there was space on each issue to stamp the dealer's name.

RCA Ham Tips					
1930s	1938		1939		
	Publication Began In September, 1938 Missing and needed issues listed in gray. (There is some question about the missing issues having actually been published.)		Sep Oct Nov Dec	Jan-Feb Mar-Apr May-Jun Sept Oct Nov	
1940s	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	Jan-Feb Mar-Apr Jun-Jul Vol 3 #4	Jan Feb-Mar Jun-Jul Nov	Jan	3 issues from WW II period missing	
	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949



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, March 7th 2018
Whitman Knights of Columbus

NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING

Wednesday, March 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

CLUB OFFICERS

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