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THE NORTHEAST'S PREMIER
AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 9/11/19



Bob Azanow KA1KIJ
Secretary

Randy Mills KC1EFF
Treasurer

Chris Babbitt N1CFB
Vice President

ATTENDANCE: 35 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

KA1KIJ Bob Azanow

N1CFB Chris Babbitt

KC1EFF Randy Mills

KB1OEQ Ron Stundze

KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy

W1VP Larry Kenney

AG1B Richard Metcalf

WK1D Jeff Ayres

W1MBH Scott Mitchell

WG1L Jim O'Rourke

K1WGU Bob Bass

KC1LKB Ernest Bazzinotti

N1OYH Carl Davis

KC1FZ George Davis

KC1LKA Patrick Witherell

N1QE Jack Foley

KB1MTW Paul Moss

WD1L John Nelson

N1SOM Jeff Tracy

KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio

W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser

KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik

N1BSO John Laiosa

WA1MAD Mike Davis

KC1ITF Mark Hirtle

W1JDG John Ginsberg

W1OD Steve Cohn

WI1G John Murphy

W1EDR Eric Dresser

KB1OEP Mike Supple

W1JGR John Ruppel

KG1U Mike Bennett

KC1FZH Marty Nugent

KB1QMX Dave Beauvais

Guest: Mike Torres

Secretary's Report:

Vice President **Chris Babbitt N1CFB** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 09/11/19 with the elected officers at the front table.

A quorum was present.

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

The VP led a moment of silence to honor the victims of 9/11.

The Roll call was completed

Treasurer **Randy KC1EFF** presented the August 2019 treasures report. A motion to accept as read made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Bob KA1KIJ indicated the August 2019 meeting notes were published on the club website. Motion to accept as published made by **Jeff WKID** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**

Richard reported that cards were sent to **John Murphy WI1G** and **Bob Mahoney KB1FBA** wishing them a speedy recovery.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Sept 2019:

- **Sep 15th : Ross W1EKG (at Cranland)**
- **Sep 22nd : Jeff N1SOM**
- **Sep 29th : Bob WA1Q (formerly KA1KIJ)**
- **Oct 6th : Mike KB1OEP**

New Members:

No New Members were added this month.

Committee updates:

- **Training Committee: Ross W1EKG** reported there are 5 students that signed up for the Technician class that will be starting Tuesday Sept 3'd and run for every Tuesday and Thursday for 4 weeks at the Whitman Police station in the training room. There will be a VE test session at the end. This information is being posted on the WA1NPO website as well

The basic Electronics class in September will be starting on the first Monday after Labor Day Sept 9'th. This would tentatively run every Monday night for at least 6 weeks. The instructors would be **Ted KC1JMZ**, **Ross W1EKG** and other volunteers.

The (MOTA) Meeting on the air net is also scheduled for the Wed of Sept. 25'th With the 28.333mhz Rag Chew net to follow at 8:00PM The Next meeting in is scheduled for Sept. 18'th same times.

- **Repeater Committee:** No report but Status Quo
- **Budget Committee:** No Report this month we will discuss in Sept
- **ByLaws Committee:** No Report but we need a few folks to step up to the plate

Old Business

- **Marshfield Fair Committee: Jack N1QE** Thanked everyone who participated in making the Marshfield Fair a success. Filling the shifts was right down to the wire but the club members came through again to make it a success. A big Thank You
- **Bob KA1KIJ** Reminder that we will be voting on the rollback the 2020 dues at the Oct 1'st meeting.

New Business

A discussion on using our 501C3 Status for donations from Dunkin Donuts for the club meeting. Further discussion next month.

Eric W1EDR mentioned he might be able to provide a package for us to help us with our 501C3 status and to help us take full advantage of it.

Paul KB1MTW notified the club that **Roy Logan KB1CYV** has donated his Icom 2800H 2M/440 mobile radio. We will need to send a thank you letter. We discussed also using it for a new Go Kit as well for the club. We will further discuss this in a later meeting.

Ross W1EKG mentioned Pete Carlson N1POO has a 70 foot tower available if we could muster a crew to take it down. Safety is big factor of course.

Paul KB1MTW also mentioned that we have tower sections at the club that members could use.

It was brought up by a club member that we should replenish our supply of club business cards.

Motion to adjourn made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**.

Motion passed a quorum vote. **Chris N1CFB** adjourned the meeting about 7:50 PM, 09/11/19. Next meeting will be 10/01/19 at 7:00PM

End Secretary's Report.



Whitman Club Meeting

September 11th, 2019

Photos by Jeff WK1D

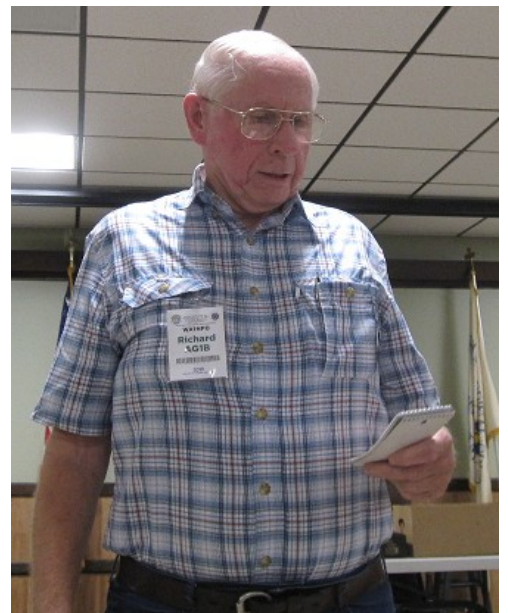
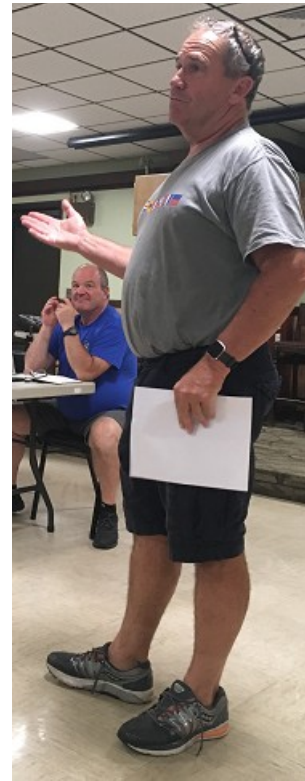


Photo by Larry W1VP



Jack N1QE summarized the recent Marshfield Fair club event for the membership

Photo by Larry W1VP





(l-r) Bob KA1KIJ, Joe K1JMA and Henry K1WCC at the flea market



Jeff NIZZN



Jim NM1F



Pi K1RV meeting up with Gary AB1CQ at the Flea market



(l-r) Mike WAIMAD and John WIIG

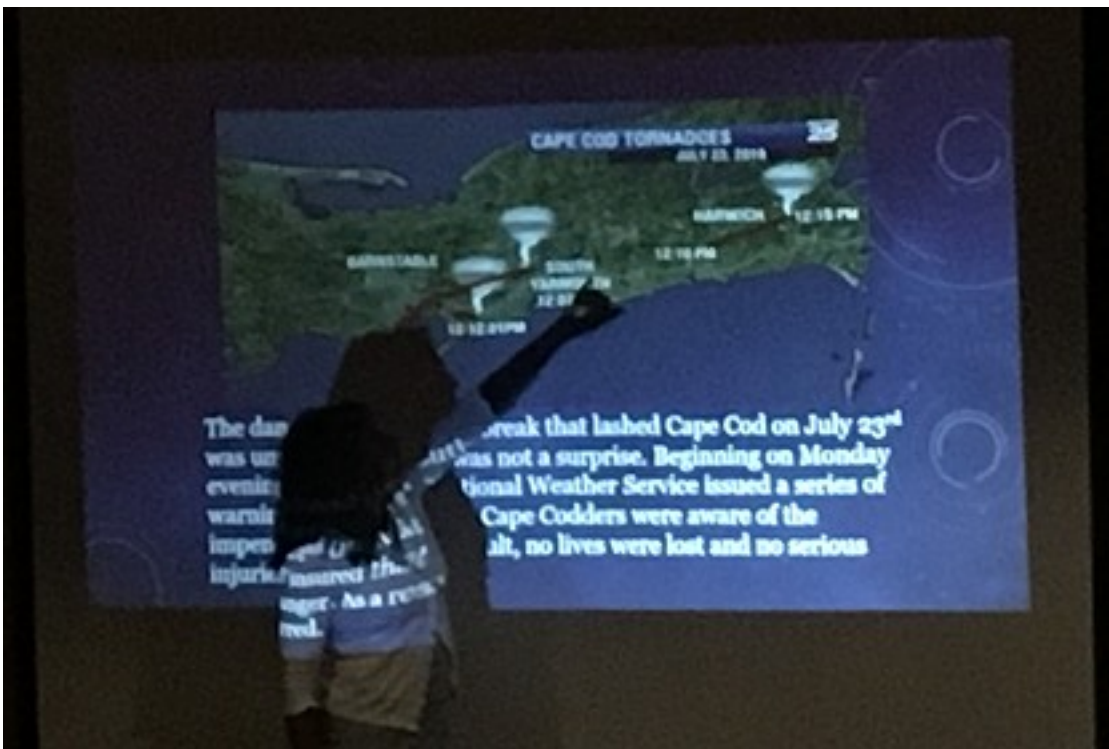


(l-r) John WIIG, Mike WAIMAD, Steve KC1HO and Bob W1VU

Forums:

Importance of SKYWARN Reporting and how it supported the Cape Cod Tornado Assessment *Mish Michaels*

Former "The Weather Channel" television personality Mish Michaels will speak about the importance of SKYWARN reporting and Amateur Radio support and how it helped during the recent Cape Cod tornado event. Ms. Michaels has been working to raise awareness of Amateur Radio and SKYWARN to the public dating back to 2005 when she was a meteorologist for WBZ Channel 4.



The 3 July Cape Cod tornado's were reviewed in detail



A.M. on Steriods

Tim Smith, WA1HLR

Tim ("TimTron") Smith, WA1HLR, discusses A.M. amateur radio and related HF topics. This year he takes on, "A.M. on Steroids, The 500 KW WBCQ Superstation".



(l-r) Bob W1VU and Warren WA1YKF at the TimTron talk



*(L) Warren **WAIYKF** watching the satellite station automatically track 'birds' (satellites) coming within possible communication range*



Saturday night sunset at the satellite station





Don't forget to join us at Cranland Airport in Hanson, the 3rd Sunday of the month for their breakfast fly-in. **Ross W1EKG** often runs the clubs 8:30am Public Service net from there. The October fly-in will be the last one of the year.



From **Rick KB1TEE**:

Subject: EXT: USS Massachusetts launching celebration

Good morning we are coming up on the Celebration of the launching Of the USS Massachusetts BB 59. She was launched on September 23, 1941 from Fore River shipyard.



Rick KB1TEE

A little history of the launching ceremony. Ceremonial ship launching is the process of transferring a vessel to the water. It is a naval tradition in many cultures, dating back thousands of years. It has been observed as a public celebration and a solemn blessing.

Champagne came into popular use as a christening fluid as the 19th century closed. A granddaughter of Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy wet the bow of Maine, the Navy's first steel battleship, with champagne at the New York Navy Yard on November 18, 1890. The effects of national prohibition on alcoholic beverages were reflected to some extent in ship christenings. Cruisers Pensacola and Houston, for example, were christened with water; the submarine V-6 with cider. However, battleship California appropriately received her name with California wine in 1919. Champagne returned in 1922, but only for the launch of light cruiser Trenton.

We will Celebrate the launching of Big Mamie on September 21, 2019 0830-1600 on the air by 1000 please bring a friend and celebrate with us

Thank you
Rick Emord KB1TEE
KB1TEE@gmail.com





(l-r) **Bill NR1FD** and **Bob WA1Q**
(formerly KA1KIJ)



(l-r) **Rick KB1TEE**
and **Allen WA1BEE**



(l-r) Jim N1JCW, Bob WA1Q and Jim N2MJC (visiting from Florida)



Bob WA1Q and Jim N2MJC





Great views from above...

These photos by Mike WAIMAD





The USS Massachusetts had it's own Aerology department. This was the US Navy's organization responsible for providing all meteorological needs world-wide.



A fine time was had celebrating the launching of the USS Massachusetts.

Thanks go to **Rick KB1TEE** for organizing the event and all volunteers who helped during and before the event hanging antennas and running coax.

Operators at the event were:

Rick KB1TEE

Bill NR1FD

Bob WA1Q

Jim N1JCW

Jim N2MJC

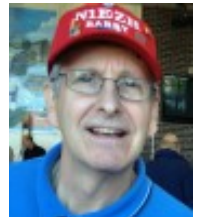
Allen WA1BEE

Mike WA1MAD

Mark KC1ITF

Bob WA1Q

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, 145.30 – 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 October 2nd, 7pm
Whitman Knights of Columbus

NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING

October 23rd, 7:30pm
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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