



# SPECTRUM



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**NEAR-Fest XXVI October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2019**



## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 10/2/19



**RandyMills KC1EFF**  
Treasurer

**Bob Azanow KA1KIJ**  
Secretary

**Chris Babbitt N1CFB**  
Vice President

**ATTENDANCE:** 39 members and guests were present including 3 elected officers

<b>WA1Q Bob Azanow</b>	<b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>	<b>KC1EFF Randy Mills</b>
<b>KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy</b>	<b>W1VP Larry Kenney</b>	<b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>
<b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>	<b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>	<b>KC1LKB Ernest Bazzinotti</b>
<b>N1OYH Carl Davis</b>	<b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>	<b>KA1UFO Patrick Witherell</b>
<b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>	<b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>	<b>WD1L John Nelson</b>
<b>N1IQI Loren Pimentel</b>	<b>N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann</b>	<b>W1AEM Matt Kane</b>
<b>N1SOM Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>W6TOM Tom Murphy</b>	<b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>
<b>KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall</b>	<b>K1TAE Marty Nugent</b>	<b>K1JMA Joe Amorelli</b>
<b>KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik</b>	<b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>	<b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>
<b>KC1ITF Mark Hirtle</b>	<b>WA1YKF Warren Dickie</b>	<b>W1JGR John Ruppel</b>
<b>WI1G John Murphy</b>	<b>W1EDR Eric Dresser</b>	<b>KG1U Mike Bennett</b>
<b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>	<b>KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy</b>	<b>KB1PDL Jim Madden</b>
<b>KB1MOC Kevin Dikes</b>	<b>N1DH Dan Heather</b>	<b>KC1KIU Gabriel Newman</b>

### Secretary's Report:

Vice President **Chris Babbitt N1CFB** called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm 10/2/19 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 the Collings Foundation B17 airplane crash in CT.

The Roll call was completed

Treasurer **Randy KC1EFF** presented the Sept 2019 treasures report. A motion to accept as read made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion passed quorum vote.

**Bob KA1KIJ** indicated the September 2019 meeting notes were published on the club website. Motion to accept as published made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

#### Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**

Thankfully no one was sick last month. **Bob KB1FBA** is on the mend.

#### Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Sept 2019:

- Oct 06<sup>th</sup> : **Mike KB1OEP**
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> : **Paul W1GTX**
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> : **Jeff WK1D**
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> : **Richard AG1B**
- Nov 03<sup>rd</sup> : **Chris N1CFB**

#### New Members:

No New Members were added this month.

#### Committee updates:

- **Training Committee:** **Ross W1EKG** reported the Technician class is completed. The VE session was completed as well and there are 3 new Hams. Congratulations and welcome to the hobby. Thank you to **Ross W1EKG** and **Rich WA1RIW** for running the Technician class

The basic Electronics class is going well. Thank you **Ted KC1JMZ** and **Ross W1EKG** for running this class.

**Ross W1EKG** reported that the General Class will start on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. This class will run on Tues. and Thursdays for 6 weeks and will conclude with the VE examination.

The next (MOTA) Meeting on the air net is scheduled for Wed Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> With the weekly 28.333mhz Rag Chew net to follow at 8:00PM. The Next MOTA meeting after this one is scheduled for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> same times.

- **Repeater Committee:** No report but Status Quo
- **Budget Committee:** We asked for members to step up to the plate to be on the committee. Any future adjustments to the dues will be recommended by the Budget committee. Two additional members volunteered to join the committee. They were **Pat KA1UFO** and **Dave KB1QMX**. The budget committee also includes **Paul W1GTX** and **Scott W1MBH**
- **ByLaws Committee:** No Report but we need a few folks to step up to the plate

## Old/New Business

- **Chris N1CFB** Called the group to order to vote to retain the dues at the current schedule which nullifies a previous vote to raise the dues. This vote required one month in advance notification to all club members. Members that could not attend could also send their vote in to the club president. The vote required a 2/3 majority of the quorum. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously 42 to 0 by a quorum vote. This included the votes from 6 members that could not make the meeting provided by the President of the club **Paul W1GTX**.

## New Business

**Plimoth Plantation: Joe K1JMA** asked the group for a count to see how many of the members would be able to help with the event setup and to be available on the Saturday and Sunday as well for operating shifts and take down. We will have a sign-up sheet as well. He also mentioned that only after the Club has committed to the event by having enough volunteers sign up i.e. a commitment by the club, that they wanted to continue this event, he would speak to the folks at the Plantation to confirm our dates there. **The Plantation committee needs the clubs commitment no later than Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>!**

**Joe K1JMA** mentioned at that the meeting, and it was confirmed by several club members, that participation of this event has dwindled over the past 4 years leading up to a requirement for 4-5 member having to remain at the plantation and work the event for 3 days without any relief, (that's 6-8+ hours straight). This left many members frustrated and angry that there was not enough commitment by the club to run the event in future years.

The club will only be conducting the event if the club has the required level of participation i.e. ALL slots are filled on the planned schedule. Only if we are committed i.e. people have scheduled and committed their time to the event by the **deadline of Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>** will we proceed. We will not wait until November to see who will drop in.

The commitments that need to be filled are:

### Setup:

- Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Meet at the lower parking lot at the plantation (Minimum of 6 commitments, Ideally 8+)

### Operation:

- Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Shift 1 8:00 am to 12:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)  
Shift 2 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)
- Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Shift 1 8:00 am to 12:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)  
Shift 2 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)

## Breakdown:

- Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm (Minimum of 4 commitments, Ideally 5)

If you are committing to a shift please do so by sending an email to [WA1NPO@gmail.com](mailto:WA1NPO@gmail.com) and provide your **name**, **cell phone number**, **call sign**, and the **slots(s) you are committing to**. Please, to get your requested slot, submit ALL requested information.

If after October 18<sup>th</sup> the club has enough commitments to conduct the Plantation event, the schedule will be posted.

We will keep folks informed of the status. We will also need a check as well. The event is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend. Setup is on Friday morning Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be operating Saturday the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> **Jeff N1ZZN** mentioned he would take care of contacting ARRL to have our event in QST. It looks like it will not be in the printed version until the Dec Edition. Hopefully we will be in the on-line listing in plenty of time.

**Richard AG1B** Notified the members at the meeting about the annual International Fox Hunting organization will be holding the 2020 event in the Boston area. 2 & 80 Meter bands will be utilized for the event. The dates of the event will be Sat June 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. I found some additional information <http://www.homingin.com/farsnews.html> Here is an excerpt of the information.

*On 30 September, the ARRL ARDF Committee announced that **the 2020 USA ARDF Championships will take place June 9 through 14 in the vicinity of Boston, Massachusetts.** Events will include two days of practice sessions followed by competitions in foxoring and sprint as well as 80m and 2m classic ARDF. There will also be a traditional awards banquet. Meet Director will be Jen Harker W5JEN. Competition winners may earn places on ARDF Team USA, which will travel to Serbia for the ARDF World Championships about three months later. USA's ARDF Championships are open to anyone who can safely navigate the woods with map, compass and direction-finding gear. More information will be posted in this site <http://www.homingin.com/farsnews.html> when available.*

**Nearfest: Paul KB1MTW** notified the group that he will be loading up his pickup with items from the clubhouse to bring up to Nearfest which is held October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> this year. We will have a club table this year and we are looking for folks to commit to at least an hour at the table to help out. We need at least 5 people to help out.

**Paul KB1MTW** also mentioned that Boy Scouts from Camp Norse in Kingston will have their annual JOTA (Jamborie on the Air) on October 19<sup>th</sup> Kids from Whitman, Bridgewater and Plymouth will be participating. If anyone is interested please let Paul know. Paul asked if folks can please monitor the repeater the day of the event they will be calling out looking for contacts and it would be a great way to introduce the scouts to Amateur Radio.

## Winterfest 2020

**Chris N1CFB** confirmed with Larry of the K of C that we are all set to run the even on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. We need committee members and also need to into high gear with getting the word out and publicity. **Jeff N1ZZN** and **Bob WA1Q** stepped up to help out. We discussed using Paypal again for vendors to sign up and pay for their tables.

## Holiday Dinner

**Paul W1GTX** wanted to mention that since Jamies future is uncertain that an alternate restaurant would be better. He provide information from the Meadowbrook in Hanson. This would be a buffet with 2 main dishes and the cost would be tentatively \$25 per person. There will be more information to follow.

Motion to adjourn made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **Paul KB1MTW**.

Motion passed a quorum vote. **Chris N1CFB** adjourned the meeting about 8:05 PM, 10/02/19. Next meeting will be 11/06/19 at 7:00PM

**Note:** As a reminder if your callsign changes please let us know.

**End Secretary's Report.**



Whitman Club Meeting

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Photos by Jeff WK1D





Photo by Larry W1VP







*Jeff NISOM at the Whitman Club table*



*Paul KB1MTW organized and brought up the equipment for sale at the club table*



*(L-R) Mike WAIMAD, Tom KC1KIT and Robert KC1KIS*



*(L-R) Paul WIGTX, Jeff NIZZN and Warren WAIYKF*



*Chris NICFB with one of his custom made antenna launchers*



*John WIIG with equipment for sale at his site*

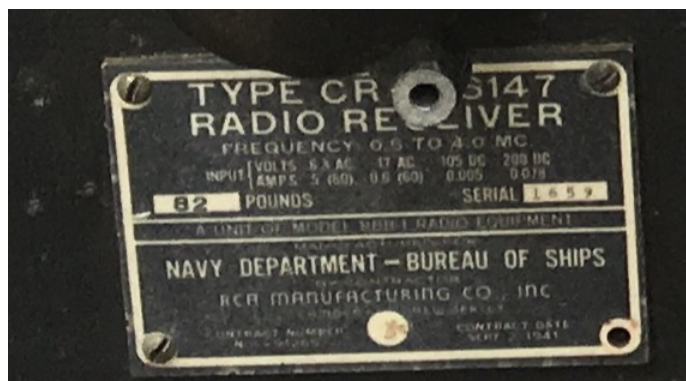


**(L) Paul W1GTX**  
and his latest  
military radio  
purchase.

**(R) Ross W1EKG**  
helping with  
transport!



Well known for its use on thousands of WWII Battleships, this 4-27MHz receiver weighs about 85 lbs with its power supply adding another 40 lbs. Indications are the case had been swapped in the past so the tags may not match the actual receiver inside. -Ross W1EKG





*Paul KB1MTW reports the Lasagna was as good as always!*



Photo by Ross W1EKG

*Chris N1CFB "demonstrating" one of his for-sale items*

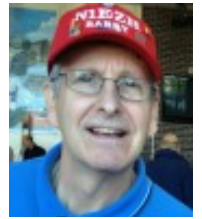


*(L-R) John N1OQO, Ross W1EKG and John K1JRF.*

*All were classmates at Grahm Jr College. John N1OQO also volunteers at NEAR-Fest by working the PA system*



**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](mailto: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, **6:00 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
 Whitman Knights of Columbus

### NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm  
 on the Whitman 147.225 +67 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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