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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – We survived Hurricane Sandy and many members were heard sending SKYWARN Reports on the local REPEATERS. Congratulations to **Don Cahill KA1DON** who upgraded to Extra class.

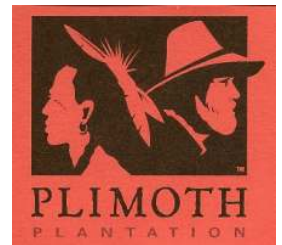
HAVING FUN: **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, November 10th and reported 10 Fox Hunters participating. The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association held their annual Flea Market (FARAFEST) in Bourne on Saturday, November 3, 2012 and at least 16 Whitman Club members were in attendance. Several members helped **Pi Pugh K1RV** and the Braintree crew put **K1USN** “On-The-Air” on Veteran’s day.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

PUBLIC SERVICE: Whitman Club members participated in the First Monday of the month (November) MEMA communication test. They were: **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Jim Madden KB1PFL**, **John O’Neill K1JRO**, **Barry Kennedy N1EZH**, and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION SPECIAL EVENT: Our next Club activity is the Plimoth Plantation Special Event. The antenna party will be on Friday, Nov. 23rd at 10 a.m. with operations on Saturday, Nov. 24th and Sunday, Nov 25th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take down on Sunday will start at 3 p.m. The Whitman Club has been coordinating this Special Event for over 30 years. Your support is needed to help keep this tradition alive.



TECHNICAL TOPICS -- “GO KIT” PRESENTATION By: Paul Burbine N1VTI

It was a dark and stormy night with 31 members braving the weather and attending the November meeting. There was snow north & west of us and wind and rain in our area. Photo by **Jeff WK1D**.

Paul Burbine N1VTI brought his latest Go Kit in for Show and Tell. It consists of an ICOM IC-7000 transceiver, an Astron SS-25M switching power supply and a LDG Z100 automatic antenna tuner - all to be mounted on a board and installed in an aluminum box purchased from Harbor Freight.



Paul N1VTI has a portable Buddi-pole HF antenna in a separate bag.

Paul Burbine N1VTI & Go Kit

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2012 de N1VI

OPENING: President **John Duprey KB1SVY** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman, MA. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by the Club members. Note: Photo of head table by **Jeff Ayres WK1D**.



Paul Moss
KB1MTW – V.P.

Karen Trask
N1VI – Sec.

Jeff Tracy
N1SOM –Tres.

John Duprey
KB1SVY– Pres.

ATTENDANCE: 32 members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and four Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1SVY	John Duprey	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	N1POO	Pete Carlson	KC1JET	Jim Tynan
KB1IIU	Bill Spears	W1AXB	Matt Paine	KB1YII	Michael Whyers
N1VI	Karen Trask	NI1X	Bruce Hayden	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel
WK1D	Jeff Ayers	W1JT	Jim Tovet	N1FRE	Bill Hayden
KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	N1SON	Bill Tracy	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	WI1G	John Murphy	KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico
N1JCW	Jim Wolf	W1AY	Brad Wilson	KB1WLX	Billy Robinson
KA1DON	Don Cahill	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser	N1OYH	Carl Davis
SWL	Doug McLellehan (Guest)		SWL Fred Birtwell (Guest)		

TREASURERS REPORT: The treasures report for October was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Jeff N1ZZN** made a motion seconded by **Jim KC1JET** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that the October secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Elayne KB1IKH** reports no activity this month.

OLD BUSINESS: **John KB1SVY** reports that he has left a few messages with administration at Plymouth Plantation and is waiting to hear back. All those interested in the antenna party on Friday please meet in the bus parking lot of Plimoth Plantation at 10 a.m. On Saturday and Sunday the Club will be operating from 9-3. **Paul KB1MTW** made a plea to Club members to remember the antenna take down process on Sunday afternoon. Many hands make light work.

NEW BUSINESS: **Bill N1FRE** made a motion seconded by **Charlie KB1WSZ** that the Club donate \$50.00 to the Whitman Public Library for the use of their space where classes were held for the General Class upgrade. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF NOV. 7, 2012 Cont: de N1VI

NEW BUSINESS Cont: **Bruce NI1X** reports that a Fox Hunt will be held this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. within a 7 mile radius of Whitman.

Paul N1VTI made a motion seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that the Club donate \$150.00 to the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club for their Secret Santa operations. **W1SSH** Club members will be visiting sick children in the emergency room and on pediatrics. They will be carrying their HT's that will allow the children to talk to "Santa". This year **W1SSH** would like to offer a small gift to the children as well. The motion was approved.

NET CONTROL: Nov. 11th **Jeff WK1D** Nov. 18th **Jeff N1SOM**
Nov. 25th **Bruce NI1X** (10 AM at Plimoth Plantation) Dec. 2nd **John KB1SVY**

CLOSE: President **John KB1SVY** closed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by **John W1IG** seconded by **Jim KC1JET**. The motion was approved.

PRESENTATION: After the business meeting, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** gave a presentation on his latest Go Kit.

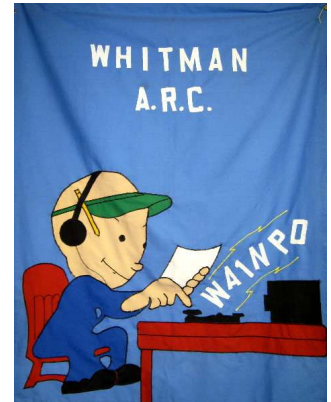
WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

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** or **Bruce NI1X** for a Net Control handout.

In October we had 4 sessions with an average of 19 area HAMS checking in each week and 14 messages were sent.

Jim W1JT and **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH** checked in mobile, headed North in Delaware, via EchoLink - just ahead of Hurricane Sandy. **Juergen DL1NBR** checked in from Germany via EchoLink and reported that they had their first snow.



**Sending NI1X
an update**

FOR SALE - 13 ELEMENT YAGI & SCREWDRIVER ANTENNA

Jim O'Rourke WG1L has the following items for sale:

1. A 2-Meter Broadband Boomer SSB / CW / FM YAGI 13-Elements 144 - 148 MHz - \$100
2. Yankee Screwdriver antenna with accessories & a 6 ft stainless whip - \$200 (Only used a couple times).

Contact **Jim WG1L** at E-Mail wg1l@verizon.net

MORE ON THE 55th JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

HANSON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER By: Jeff Boltz KB1TEG



Webelo II Scout Aidan Boltz SWL
on EchoLink at Halifax EOC



Derek Bennet KB1WFP
Michael Bennet KB1WFS
Seated- Aidan Boltz on 2-Meters

Jeff Boltz KB1TEG reported that on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the Halifax Cub Scout Pack 239 and Halifax Boy Scout Troop 39 participated in the 55th annual Jamboree On-The-Air (JOTA) at the Halifax Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Whitman Club member Jeff Boltz KB1TEG coordinated the event with assistance from the father and son duo of Michael Bennet KB1WFS and Derek Bennet KB1WFP. A dozen Scouts and their siblings made several local, state and global contacts using the Whitman Club call sign WA1NPO with one of the highlights being a contact with a HAM in Boston, England. (Located just north of London).



Michael Bennet KB1WFS had the boys outside using a Handheld transceiver and demonstrating different antennas - whip, yagi and of course rubber duckie. Meanwhile, up at the EOC, Derek Bennet KB1WFP used the 2 Meter Base Station to make local repeater contacts with Scouts at Camp Norse and other Massachusetts locations.

Jeff Boltz KB1TEG gave a demonstration of EchoLink, enabling contacts in far away states such as California, Nebraska, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Several international contacts were made as well. A Morse code practice set with an informative Morse code handout was set up on display and enjoyed by many of the boys.

The boys who participated will receive a commemorative patch. The boys had a blast.

73 From Jeff Boltz KB1TEG

Mike Dowd (old KB1PVC) has a new call sign W1PVC
Mike Petrou (old KB1YRW) has a new call sign W1MSP

HURRICANE SANDY By: The Bruce" NI1X

PREPARATION: There was talk on the REPEATER of lowering antenna towers and putting a little extra slack in dipole antennas as area HAMS prepared for Hurricane Sandy and stocked up with supplies.

On Monday morning October 29, 2012 the rain started slowly and the winds started to pick up as the day went on. The storm peaked in this area between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. with the winds gusting at 60 MPH around here and 80 MPH gusts reported on the Cape. We received 3.5 inches of rain.

There were widespread power outages. This included the section of Whitman where the Whitman REPEATER is located. **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** reported that the Whitman REPEATER was off line because the backup generator voltage regulator failed. The generator was repaired the next day and commercial power was restored shortly thereafter. Power to everyone in our area took from 1 thru 5 days to restore.

We were the lucky ones as the storm went ashore in New Jersey and then headed west and north circling around us leaving a path of destruction that included coastal flooding, trees down, power outages and lives lost.

SAFETY FIRST: **Andy Niles KB1RSR** saw a primary wire burning in the road near his house. The top wires, on a pole line, on porcelain insulators (1, 2 or 3 phase wires) are the primary wires. In this area the voltage is 13.8KV line to line and 8KV line to ground. Lethal if touched.

CLOSE CALL: **Jim Wolf N1JCW** reported that while on the road, he watched a tree fall over resulting in a low power line that he could not avoid. His truck antennas, (an outbacker HF vertical and a 10-Meter vertical), were damaged when he passed under the low wires.

MASS. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA) REGION II: **John Miller N1UMJ** - Net Control Operator and **Mike Leger N1YLQ** - MEMA Region II Radio Officer were operating as **WC1MAB** from MEMA Region II Headquarters (the bunker) located on the State Prison property in Bridgewater. **Doug Forbes Jr. SWL** is the MEMA Region II local Coordinator.

Mike N1YLQ reported that they handled about 100 messages in 36 hours that included valuable disaster intelligence gathering information reports that were passed on to MEMA Headquarters and National Weather Service Taunton.

BRIDGEWATER EOC: **Phil McNamara N1XTB** operated from home and coordinated the staffing of the town of Bridgewater Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which serves as a regional Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Command Center. Volunteering to help staff the Bridgewater EOC on Monday were **Barry Kennedy N1EZH**, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**, **Pete Curley N1NVV** and **Bart Devine KB1TED**. Activation was closed at 8 p.m.



Power line burning on Locust St. in Raynham
Photo by KB1RSR



Doug Forbes Jr. SWL– at MEMA Region II
Mike Leger N1YLQ
John Miller N1UMJ

HURRICANE SANDY Cont: By N11X

PEMBROKE EOC: Jim Madden KB1PFL was at the Pembroke EOC.

WHITMAN EOC: Paul Moss KB1MTW and Ron Stundze KB1OEQ operated from the Whitman EOC annex.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL: John O'Neill K1JRO coordinated the staffing of the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club Station SSHARC and reported staffing as follows: John Barbuto KS1Q and Stan Rydell KB1VGN 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. John O'Neill K1JRO, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Paul Burbine N1VTI and Karen Trask N1VI 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Activation closed at 9 p.m. Al Craddock WA1ZKK and Charlie Amico KB1WSZ who were scheduled for 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Bob Keaney KB1UCA and Al Drollett W1SM who were scheduled for 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday were not used.

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

MONTHLY COMMUNICATION DRILL

Whitman Club members participating in November were Bruce Hayden N11X at MEMA Region II, Paul Moss KB1MTW and Bill Hayden N1FRE at Whitman Aux. EOC, Barry Kennedy N1EZH for Taunton, John O'Neill K1JRO for South Shore Hospital, Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN in Hanson, and Jim Madden KB1PFL – at Pembroke EOC. Also heard checking in on the State wide linked REPEATER system Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Net was Al Drollett W1SM.



The MEMA Region II Radio Officer – Mike Leger N1YLQ - is looking for area HAMS who are interested in volunteering as Net Control Operators at Region II Headquarters located in the Bunker on State Prison property in Bridgewater, MA. and who will be able to help staff the facility in times of emergencies. If you are interested – contact Mike N1YLQ at mpleger@comcast.net

NEXT V-E EXAM -- SATURDAY, DEC. 8, 2012 -- IN BRAINTREE

V-E Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. V-E Exams will be held at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson building – 85 Quincy Ave. in Braintree, MA. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them contact Bill Needham, K1WN, at 781-843-4400 or via E-Mail at k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation”.

BREAKFAST AT JAMIE’S: Pi Pugh K1RV reports: “We still meet for breakfast at Jamie’s located at 63 Columbia Street in Braintree every Saturday @ 7 AM before heading over to spend the morning at the K1USN Club station”. Talk-in on 146.535 simplex and 145.39 (67 Hz tone).

K1USN CLUB STATION: Pi Pugh K1RV reports: “The K1USN Radio Room is open for visitors from 8:30 - Noon every Saturday. We have three (3) HF stations and a VHF/UHF station as well as our vintage Navy station available for demonstration and operation”.

HAVING FUN: Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reported that he, along with John Chase KB1ODS and Dan Chase KB1SPB, attended the last Flea of the season at MIT held on October 21, 2012. The Flea at MIT will start up again next April.

NORTHEASTERN WIRELESS CLUB UPDATE

By: Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ

“**W1KBN** was licensed to Northeastern University in 1937 and the Northeastern Wireless Club is the oldest student organization on campus, and this Fall I became its newest member.

The Club is made up of about 20 undergraduate students with additional faculty and alumni members. It is half radio Club and half general electronics Club.



Jeremy Breef- Pilz KB1REQ

Operating W1KBN

We meet weekly to discuss the Club's operation and usually have a speaker on different types of electronic and RF technology.

Our Club enjoys the exclusive use of the fifth-floor penthouse of Hayden Hall. In this space we have two rooms, one of which is a fully equipped electronics lab and workshop. The other is our amateur radio station. We have a Ten-Tec Omni HF Transceiver and a Yaesu Ft-8800 VHF-UHF Transceiver. Above the penthouse, we have a tri-band yagi for 10-15-20 meters and a wire antenna for 40-80 meters, we also have a Station-Master for VHF use. Being on the roof we have the advantage of height for antennas, our tri-bander is at 75 feet above the ground! Members have unlimited access to the space and use it for working on projects or just hanging out between classes.

I have been using the **W1KBN** call sign frequently on HF over the past two months. 10 meter conditions have been very good and I have made many contacts into Europe. The Club as a whole have been very active in contesting with entries into this fall's School Club Roundup, CQ WW DX and planning a Multi/Multi entry in ARRL Sweepstakes coming up Nov. 17th & 18th.

I'm having a great time living and studying in Boston and the Northeastern Wireless Club has become a major part of the experience. A review of their files revealed a QSL card from **Barbara Rice K1MRH** and one from **Pi Pugh's K1RV** father **Harold Pugh K1JXZ** ”.

73 From: Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ

SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY: is December 1, 2012

MARA Net: Tuesday night 8 p.m. 147.180 MHz PL 67 Massasoit Club meeting on the air. Except on the third Tuesday of the month which is meeting night.

TACGroup Net: Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. 146.430 MHz SIMPLEX

SKYWARN Net: Saturday night at 8 p.m. Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180 MHz PL 67

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 By: "The Bruce" N11X

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, Nov. 10th and was hiding in a conservation area parking lot off Elm Street in Halifax. It was a good hiding place because no one found the Fox's Den in the first 2 hours. There were original reports of weak signals from **Bruce N11X** in Bridgewater and no signals from **Joe KA1JBE** in East Bridgewater but there were also reports of good signals from **Dave's N1LUM** QTH in Pembroke and **Loren's N1IQI** QTH in Bryantville. The Fox was in **Jeff Boltz KB1TEG** back yard.



Bruce Hayden N11X

Dave Spalding N1LUM

Mike Whyer KB1YII

Fred Sanford KA1CQD

Diane Sanford KB1QNB

Joe Casieri KA1JBE

Billy Robinson KB1WLX

John Chase KB1ODS

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

At the 2 hour mark **Richard KB1TEH** started to give hints and the crew soon realized that we were all north and east of the Fox's Den.

First in was the team of **Joe KA1JBE** and **Mike KB1YII** in 2 hours and 12 minutes.

Second place goes to **Roy KB1CYV** in 2 hours and 24 minutes,

Third place goes to **Fred KA1CQD** and **Diane KB1QNB** and **The Bruce N11X** in a time of 2 hours and 28 minutes.

Fourth place was **Dave N1LUM** who, after at least an hours delay at home, arrived bicycle mobile in 2 hours and 37 minutes.

Fifth place goes to **John KB1ODS** in 2 Hours and 57 minutes.

Making the top teams possible was the team of **Billy KB1WLX** and his wife **Linda SWL** who came out after hearing some of the clues.

We did have a report of another area HAM's car in the parking lot. It shows – you should always check the Fox frequency 146.535 MHz simplex at 10 a.m. – Who knows – The Fox may be in your back yard.

FALMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION - FARA FEST

The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association (FARA) held it's 14^h annual FARA FEST – A HAM Radio, Computer and Electronics Flea Market. – at the Upper Cape Regional Vocational School overlooking the Cape Cod Canal.

Whitman Club members seen at the FARA FEST (and we may have missed a few) were:

NI1X	Bruce Hayden	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow
KB1SVY	John Duprey	WQ1L	John Coombs	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy
W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	W1QWT	Bob Callahan
WI1G	John Murphy	KB1WLX	Billy Robinson	KA1DON	Don Cahill
K1CWS	Bruce Billings	KB1SRO	Judy Attaya-Harris	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
KB1UHV	Anthony Attaya-Harris				

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO and **Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV** were seen helping **John Williams KB1EVY** staff the Genesis Club table where they were selling some items from the estate of the late **George Manning K1CG SK** that were donated by his family for the "**George Manning Scholarship Fund**".

Judy KB1SRO reports: "We hope to give this scholarship on a regular basis to those seeking further education after High School".



John Williams KB1EVY

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO

Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV



Don Cahill
KA1DON / AE



Barry Kennedy
N1EZH

Bob Azanow KA1KIJ
& wife Judy SWL

John Coombs
WQ1L

Don Cahill KA1DON was one happy camper after passing the Extra Class License Exam at the FARA FEST V-E Exam session. **Don KA1DON** is a recent graduate of **Charlie's KB1WSZ** General Class Study group and also recently changed his call from (old **N2DEC**) to **KA1DON**. Let the fun on the HF bands begin

Once again **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** set up a vendor table. **Barry N1EZH** reports the attendance seemed smaller this year and the manufacturer "Quicksilver" did not come up from Connecticut with his tables full of connectors and parts this year.

FALMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – FARA FEST Cont:



John Duprey KB1SVY
Bruce Billings K1CWS



Warren Dickie WA1YKF
Bob Callahan W1QWT



Bruce Hayden NI1X
Billy Robinson KB1WLX
Fred Birtwell SWL



Dave Newman WB1EVP
Gary Cumiskey W1GRC

The Bruce NI1X picked up a duplexer to run two separate radios off one dual-band antenna.



Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Richard KB1TEH reported that he got 2 light duty rotors with one control that will be good for 2-Meter beams or smaller.

This was a good social event with lots of local HAMS attending.

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF brought
John Miller N1UMJ.



John Miller N1UMJ
Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF
Greg Glynn W1VFB

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB UPDATE: By K1JRO

John O'Neill K1JRO and John Barbuto KS1Q gave a presentation to the Massachusetts Department Of Public Health Region 4AB U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) group at Newton – Wellesley Hospital on Friday October 19th.

A power point presentation on The South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club, the Eastern Mass Hospital Net, and packet communications was given. This was followed by a live packet radio demonstration and question and answer period.

John K1JRO reports: "The presentation was well received by the group who represent several health care facilities in Boston and the North and West suburbs. It is obvious that these facilities have a high interest in developing relationships and creating a group similar to what South Shore Hospital enjoys with its Amateur Radio Club. Interest was also expressed in joining the monthly Eastern Mass Hospital Net and the use of packet radio.

We are very excited that interest in developing an Amateur Radio program, joining the Hospital Net and utilizing packet radio among institutions is so high. We offered the assistance of the SSHARC in the development of their groups and programs and look forward to working with them to achieve their goals".



John O'Neill
K1JRO

MOBILE TOWER -- WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY



The Mobile Tower Crew

Billy Robinson KB1WLX reported: "With Jim Wolf's N1JCW welding expertise - Joe Casieri KA1JBE and I (KB1WLX) help Brad Wilson W1AY fabricate a tower base support and install a tower section on Brad's W1AY new "bug-out trailer" on Sunday, November 18, 2012. Brad W1AY hasn't thought of a name for his trailer yet but we were thinking "The HAMSTER Cage".

The Mobile Tower Crew, seen left to right, are: Billy Robinson KB1WLX, Brad Wilson W1AY, Joe Casieri KA1JBE and Jim Wolf N1JCW.

VETERANS DAY -- K1USN -- ON THE AIR

Pi Pugh K1RV reports: "On Sunday, Nov 11th, on Veterans Day, we put **K1USN** "On The Air" to help honor veterans and acknowledge their service to our country. We have done this most years on Veterans Day and **K1USN** is always well received on the HF bands.

Imagine my surprise after returning home and reading the Patriot Ledger to find our own **K1USN** founding father, **Bob Callahan W1QWT**, peering out from the Veterans Day section.

Thanks to **Bob W1QWT** and **Jim WG1L** and everyone else who has proudly served our great country.



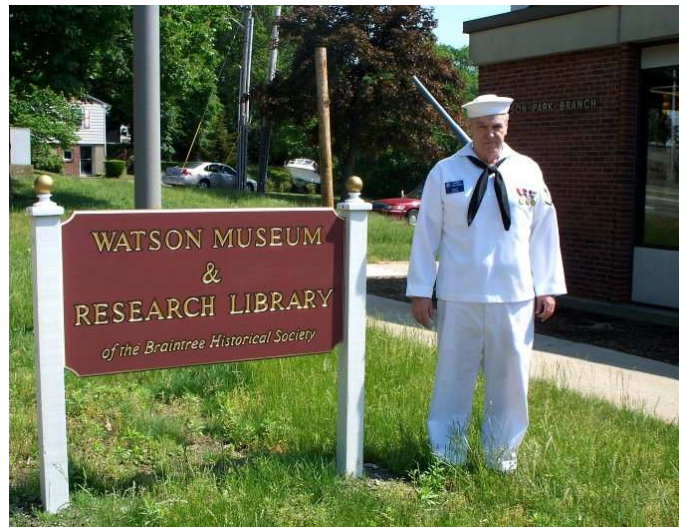
Bob Callahan W1QWT
back then



New LOGO



Jim O'Rourke WG1L



Bob Callahan W1QWT – a more recent photo

An invitation to participate was put out to all area HAMs. Those able to drop by and operate, visit and drink some coffee, were myself (**Pi Pugh K1RV**) and **Rick Pendleton N1DC**, **Tom Wilson W1ICU**, **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, **Dick Johnson W1YOR** and **Don Cahill KA1DON**. Special thanks to **Jeff WK1D** for the donuts and DD coffee.

There were three HF stations available and on the air from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The crew made approximately 250 contacts with 36 countries from as far away as New Zealand, Alaska and Saudi Arabia! We had the pleasure of making quite a few contacts with veterans from WWII, Korea and Viet-Nam as well as a number of their family members. Many stations thanked us for putting **K1USN** on the air for this solemn occasion.

The final contact of the day was made on 40 CW at 3 p.m. with **Bruce Beaman K1HTN**, who now lives in Ossipee, NH. **Bruce K1HTN** used to live in East Bridgewater and was known as the "**Iron Man**" for operating throughout the night during some of our early Museum Ship Weekend activations".



Needed <> Amateur Radio operators to continue tradition <>

Calling all 'HAMs' to carry on the 30 year old tradition of transmitting good will over the airways Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving from Plimoth Plantation.

WE NEED YOU !!

Friday November 23 at 10:00am we will be setting up temporary antennas, (no experience needed), and at least 5 stations on site. All 'HAMs' are welcome to come and operate Saturday and Sunday, (no experience needed). A control operator will be there to assist and allow those who do not have a license to operate on the HF bands to get on the air.

Saturday and Sunday Nov. 24 and 25 from 9:00 to 15:00

WE NEED YOU TO OPERATE THIS YEAR. First timers are welcome. We will assist you.

HAM operators tell the story of Plimoth Plantation over the airways. A script and other materials are provided for guidance to explain the many interesting things about the living museum over the air.

This special event is published in the December ARRL QST monthly magazine, which has both national and international distribution. You will find Amateur Radio operators from all over the world anxious to make contact with Plimoth Plantation either via HF radio or 'EchoLink' through our Whitman 2-Meter repeater.

A display and two stations are set up at the visitors' center where patrons can listen to conventional voice HAM stations. Children visiting the Plantation and stopping by the display are encouraged to send their name in Morse code with a practice code oscillator available for them to try out. The adults visiting the display are encouraged to send RADIOGRAM messages free of charge from the Plantation to friends and relatives via amateur radio.

We explain that during special events, like this one, amateur radio operators practice sending routine messages, via radio to amateur radio operators in local neighborhoods who deliver their messages by telephone free of charge. We also explain how these routine messages could quickly change to priority or emergency messages in times of National emergencies. Many of this years patrons will be fascinated to be able to send someone a "RADIOGRAM" from the Plantation this year.

Each amateur who contacts the Club station **WA1NPO** is entitled to receive a certificate, suitable for framing, which includes a picture of Mayflower II and confirms the date and time of the contact. Short wave listeners are equally eligible for the certificate by contacting the Club by mail.

This event is easy and fun to do. No admission fee is required for participants and their helpers. If asked, just mention that you are with the radio club.

Volunteer now for the antenna crew on Friday, (no experience needed), or Saturday or Sunday (no experience needed), to operate at one of our radio stations. Volunteers are also very much needed for take down on Sunday at 13:30 > 15:00.

To sign up contact Club Vice President **Paul Moss KB1MTW** @ pm.moss@comcast.net or Club President **John Duprey KB1SVY** @ tearjerker@verizon.net



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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, Dec. 5th at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus

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