The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 08/01/18



Paul Moss KB1MTW Larry Kenney W1VP Jeff Tracy N1SOM Joe Amorelli K1JMA Vice President Secretary President Treasurer

ATTENDANCE: 41 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

W1VP Larry Kenney N1SOM Jeff Tracy W1JT Jim Tovet W10D Steve Cohn W1MBH Scott Mitchell KC1GMU Bill Healey KB1WNX Steven Lyons **KC1ITF Mark Hirtle** W1AEM Matt Kane KC1FZH Marty Nugent N1CFB Chris Babbitt N1BSO John Laiosa W1VU Bob Egles W1GTX Paul DeLory

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K1JMA Joe Amorelli N1IQI Loren Pimentel WD1L John Nelson AG1B Richard Metcalf W1LJM Frank Sheputa **N10YH Carl Davis KB1MJLEIvin (AI) Marshall** W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser **KB1CHU Steve Black KC1FZI** Joe D'Antonio WA1MAD Mike Davis WA1YKF Warren Dickie

Secretary's Report:

President Joe Amorelli K1JMA called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 08/01/18. A quorum was present.

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

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the July 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by Jeff WK1D with a second by Jim WG1L. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary Larry W1VP indicated the July 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the July 2018 meeting notes as published made by Jeff WK1D with a second by Richard AG1B Motion passed quorum vote.

Health & Welfare report by Elayne KB1IKH.

Elayne reports the following:

• A Dish Garden was sent to **Ross W1EKH**

Sunday Public Service Net Control for August 2018.

- August 5th **Richard AG1B**
- August 12th Jeff WK1D
- August 19th Ross W1EKG (from CranLand Airport)
- August 26th Bob KA1KIJ
- Sept 2nd Paul W1GTX

Wednesday 28.333Mhz 8pm RagChew Net Control for August 2018.

- August 8th Chris N1CFB
- August 15th Ross W1EKG @8:30pm approx after MOTA net
- August 22nd Paul W1GTX
- August 29th Ross W1EKG

A general discussion took place regarding a recent suggestion to publish a list of participants checking into the 28.333Mhz Ragchew net in order to better highlight it's operation and enhance participation. Net control operators for the 28.333Mhz Ragchew net are asked to send their check-in list to the club email (wa1npo@gmail.com).

Publishing of other net lists will be considered, pending the results seen from publishing the Ragchew net lists.

New Members:

Joe K1JMA and Jeff N1SOM report no new membership applications this month.

Committee reports

Training Committee update by Ross W1EKG

- **Ross** announced plans for a 1 night Marshfield Fair training/readiness session taking place before the start of the event. The training will cover daily booth operations including interaction with the public and will be geared towards folks who have never volunteered for this event. Ross expects to book the training room at the Whitman Police Station for this. More details to follow.
- **Ross** is planning a twice per week Technician class in September, followed by a General class in October and an Extra class in January 2019. Exact dates tbd-but will be published on the club website.

Equipment/Assets committee update by Paul KB1MTW

 Paul provided an update on the recent Middleborough N1VEG/SK equipment clean out with John WI1G. Paul is still going all the equipment but noted the best equipment so far is a Yaesu FT990 (HF radio). Joe K1JMA added possibly retaining some donated equipment for club use rather than selling the items off.

Repeater report by Jeff N1ZZN

• Jeff reports he's still looking for a climber for our club (2M) antenna installation.

FYI/from Jim W1JT

- **Jim W1JT** offered his opinion on Ham radio communication methods to the club members. Jim recalled methods in use since his very first cw gso in 1961. Jim noted past historical examples where the introduction of new technology augmented but didn't replace the existing technology (ex: ssb single-sideband introduction didn't replace cw). Jim noted he's seen recent changes to this philosophy. Ex: the Loran navigational system was replaced by GPS in recent years (not augmented by GPS). We now rely solely on GPS (as all Loran communication transmitters/towers were dismantled). Jim noted in the case of ham radio, numerous newer amateur radio communication methods are now in use (aprs, packet, D-Star, DMR, etc) - none of which have replaced cw, am, ssb, etc. So, in reference to the Whitman Clubs stated methods of communication to club members being Email, Club Website and Club Facebook pages: Jim highlighted none of these methods utilize *radio communications* – the core of this hobby and this club. Jim suggests that rather than replace our radio communication methods with Email/Club Website/Facebook we augment our radio communications with these 3 methods. Jim noted 4 popular radio communications methods come to mind to share club info to it's members:
 - 1. Packet Radio
 - 2. APRS
 - 3. Club Repeater ID w/bulletin detail
 - 4. NTS National Traffic system augmented by:
 - 5. Email
 - 6. Club Webpage
 - 7. Facebook page

A general discussion took place on each of these suggested radio communication methods in regards to how they could be used for club communication to its members.

So to continue in the spirit of amateur radio, let's augment, not replace our existing *radio communications* tools & technology going forward.

- Jeff N1ZZN commented that upcoming events should be mentioned by all net control operators as a convenient and consistent method to share club info.
- **Ben KC1JSL** agreed with use of our club webpage and repeater for club communications and suggested these rather than Facebook should be used.
- **Mike WA1MAD** commented on the continued need for technical info/training in our meetings- including the new technologies Jim eluded to. **Jim W1JT** mentioned being willing to help train folks on these new technologies if they actually participate and use the technology. A general discussion continued on use the newer technologies.

New Business

- Joe K1JMA again asked for volunteers for a new apparel committee being formed. The committee will manage development of club clothing items and orders. A general discussion took place on recent and possible new orders. Jack N1QE and Steve W1OD both indicated interest in this committee. Jack N1QE mentioned 1 more order of jackets could be put together if enough folks are interested (a minimum quantity is needed for an order). Please see Jack if interested.
- Joe K1JMA asked how many folks will be attending the ARRL Boxboro convention on Sept 7-9th and NEAR-Fest on Oct 12-13th? (show of hands) Jeff N1ZZN indicated he will be attending the Boxboro convention and staying at the hotel both Friday and Saturday nights (rooms are \$99/night if still available/fyi).
- **Mike WA1MAD** asked about the R5 antenna repair effort (based on it's poor performance at last years Plimouth Plantation event). A general discussion took place on the value to repairing the R5 or using a 20M dipole at the visitor center location. It's suggested we check the visitor center for dipole hanging locations prior to the Plantation event. **Paul KB1MTW** will investigate an R5 referb effort.
- Jack N1QE provided an update to the upcoming Marshfield Fair event. Jack highlighted the open slots in the current booth schedule available on the club website and on printouts at the front table. Folks were encouraged to fill these slots if possible. Jack also provided a general update on the preparedness of the event itself and also mentioned the upcoming 1 night training being given by Ross W1EKG (Mike WA1MAD requested an email blast reminder prior to the training). A general discussion on filling the booth schedule took place. Following this, Jack mentioned he'd received a request from the Boy Scouts Of America to share a small section of our booth area. Jack asked if the club membership agrees with this? Jeff N1ZZN asked if the Marshfield Fair management needs to be notified and do we need approval for another organization to share our booth? Jack N1QE, Joe K1JMA or Bill N1FRE will contact the Fair management to answer this question. If the Fair agrees, does the Whitman club membership agree? A show of hands was 100% in agreement.
- A question was asked regarding when a technical show and tell session occurs during the club meeting. If left to the end, often there's no time left for the session. Could this be moved the beginning to the meeting and kept to just 5 minutes with the full session taking place at a different time, possibly at the Whitman PD stations training room organized by Ross W1EKG? Joe K1JMA reiterated the purpose of the club meeting is for club business and must be done first- but scheduled properly, this should not occupy the entire club meeting time, in most cases. Joe continued by asking for tech-talk ideas and also for folks willing to provide a technical talk. It was further suggested that a 5-min (or less) timeframe could be allocated during the meeting as a preview for the tech-talk following the business meeting. It was also requested that if a tech-talk was scheduled for the club meeting, could the slides or pdf of the technical info to be

presented, be made available prior to the meeting? (either added to the website or email out to the membership). It was agreed that if available, this could be done.

• Jeff N1SOM provided an update on the recent ARRL Field Day log submission sent in on July 20th. With all things considered, total points submitted were 2354. The December QST will have all Field Day totals.

Motion to adjourn made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm, 08/01/18

End Secretary's Report





Whitman club meeting































The Davises Carl N10YH, Mike WA1MAD, George KC1FZ





<u>A "Smokin' Good Time Wed Aug 29th by Ross W1EKG</u>

It was a "Smokin' good time" on the "Ragchew" net tonight. We had **Joe**, **K1JMA**, **Mark,KC1ACF**, **Richard**, **AG1B**,and **Chuck N1ANS** on the air and some smoke from my beloved **Collins KWS-1** shortly after signing on,

I mentioned to Mark that I could smell something "hot" in the shack, but couldn't tell exactly where it was coming from. I also noticed the lights in the shack dimming noticeably on modulation peaks.



As the net progressed, the smell became more prevalent to the point that I could see the smoke coming from the **KWS-1**. So I re-tuned and increased the bias on the finals and it kept getting worse. I finally signed off to investigate.

Upon opening the lid on the **KWS-1**, I realized that the cover over the final stage was HOT!! I (no surprise) and that the insulation on the wire going to the neutralizing stub was melted. The finals looked a bit "cooked" as well. I turned the filament supply on and realized that there was NO air flowing into the final box. Further inspection revealed the hose connecting the lower (power and air supply) unit was badly kinked. This must have happened when I pushed up against the wall...

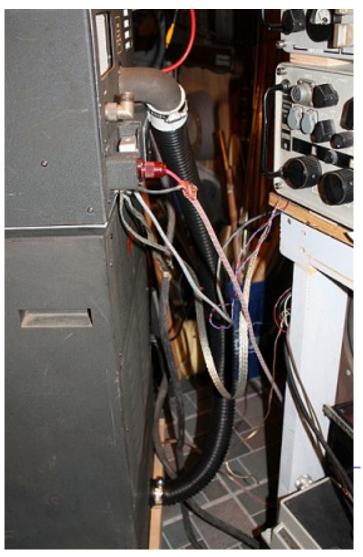
See photos. I shortened and re-dressed the hose and got back on the air with **N1ANS** for a radio check. All is OK now. I just acquired a pair of slightly used **4CX-250B** final tubes for the rig, but I'm glad that I don't need to install them just yet. This is a testament to the ruggedness of those little ceramic tubes!! Note the picture with my original and the "new" tube. It must have really been hot inside that little box!! If you want to learn more about the **KWS-1** and it's interesting history, google "**Collins Gold Dust Twins**" and you can read about the **KWS-1** and it's matching receiver the **75A4**. Or just stop by the QTH for a tour.





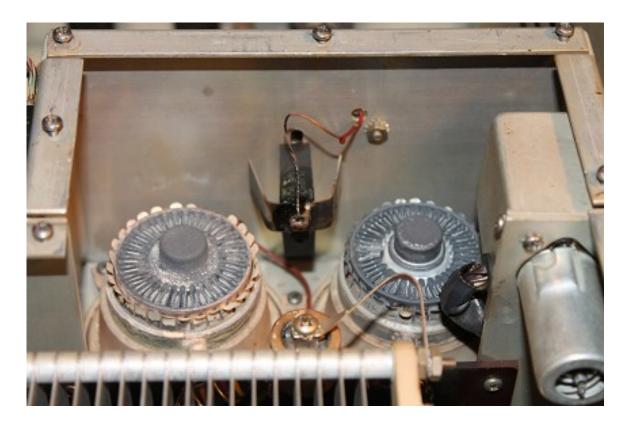








73 Ross W1EKG



Marshfield Fair event

August 16th-27th 2018

Photos by Larry W1VP and Bob KA1KIJ

Our annual Marshfield Fair special event took place from August 16th -August 27th, 2018. The event was organized by the Fair committee comprising of **Bill N1FRE**, **Joe K1JMA** and led by **Jack N1QE**.

As always, the Whitman Amateur Radio club setup several operating stations at our Fair booth in order to bring awareness of this hobby and it's public service benefits to the public. We demonstrated its operation live, allowing the public to participate if they wish. We also highlighted our club events throughout the year and also our training programs.

As always **Bill N1FRE** stood by the club repeater from home, allowing youngsters the opportunity to make their first radio contact! Others also stood by to provide radio support from time to time. **Thanks to <u>all</u> who volunteered to organize, setup, takedown, operate and in general support this club event!**



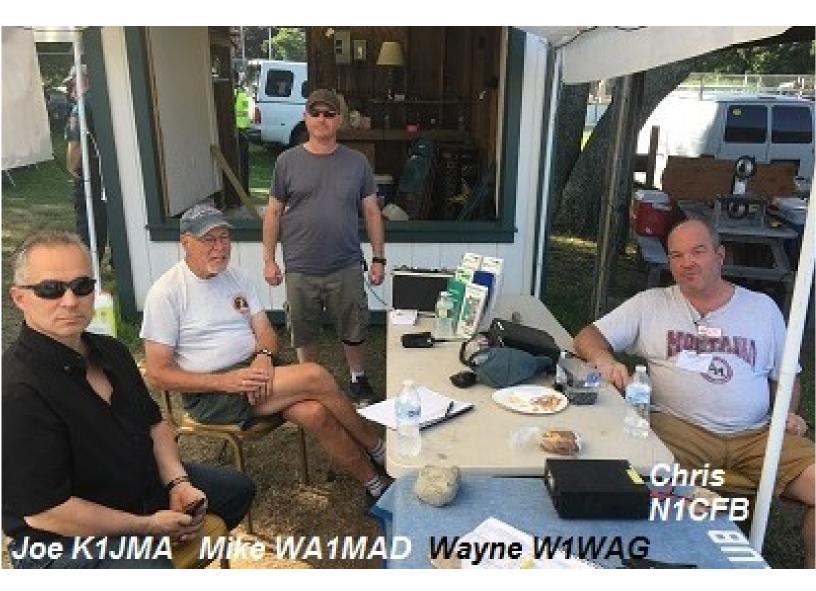














Kids visiting our booth.....and getting on the air!!!



Marshfield Fair Takedown Operation August 27th 2018

Photo by Richard AG1B



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Marshfield Fare WARC take-down crew made short work of taking down the two antennas, club canopy, and packing the contents of the club's booth into two SUVs for the return to the club headquarters on Pine Street. The gate was closed at 11:15 AM. The crew consisted of John Chase KB10DS, Kurt Sundwall KC1EUJ, Richard Metcalf AG1B, and Fred Birtwell K1FAB with friend, Fergie

-Richard AG1B

Note: Paul KB1MTW collected the club radios after the 2nd shift ended Sunday night, August 26th.

Also the final booth schedule is shown below:



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last update 8/19/18

Set Up - Thursday, 16 August @ 10:00									
		Name	Call Sign				Name	Call Sign	
	[Jim O'Rourke	WG1L				Paul Moss	KB1MTW	
		John Murphy	WI1G				John Chase	KB10DS	
		Loren Pimentel	N1IQI				Kurt Sundwall	KC1EUJ	
					Friday	, 17 Augus	t		
		Name	Call Sign				Name	Call Sign	
1	12:00 - 16:30	Mike Davis	WA1MAD		SHIFT	16:00	Heather DeMont	W1AZU	
SHIFT 1		John Murphy	WI1G			(4:00pm) - 20:30	John Duprey	KB1SVY	
	(4:30pm)					(8:30pm)			
	Saturday, 18 August								
		Name	Call Sign				Name	Call Sign	
SHIFT	12:00 -	Dave Beauvais	KB1QMX			16:00 (4:00pm)	Jeff Tracy	N1SOM	
1	16:30	John Laiosa	N1BSO		SHIFT 2	- 20:30	Paul Moss	KB1MTW	
	(4:30pm)					(8:30pm)			
					Sunday	<mark>, 19 Augu</mark>	st		
		Name	Call Sign				Name	Call Sign	
SHIFT	12:00 -	Bob Azanow	KA1KIJ		SHIFT 2	16:00 (4:00pm) - 20:30	Jeff Tracy	N1SOM	
1	16:30 (4:30pm)	Marty Nugent	KC1FZH				Ben Fletcher	KC1JSL	
	((8:30pm)			
				N	Aonda	y, 20 Augu	ist		
	12:00 - 16:30 (4:30pm)	Name	Call Sign		SHIFT 2		Name	Call Sign	
SHIFT		Charles Sheputa	N1ANS			16:00 (4:00pm)	Pete Carlson	KB1POO	
1		Frank Sheputa	W1LJM			- 20:30	Alice Carlson	KB10AU	
						(8:30pm)			
				1	uesday	<mark>y, 21 Augu</mark>			
		Name	Call Sign		SHIFT 2	46.00	Name	Call Sign	
SHIFT	12:00 - 16:30 (4:30pm)	John Chase	KB10DS			16:00 (4:00pm)	Ross H.	W1EKG	
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1							Paul DeLory	W1GTX	
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					nursua	y, 25 Augi			
		Name	Call Sign		SHIFT 2	16:00 (4:00pm) - 20:30 (8:30pm)	Name	Call Sign	
SHIFT 1	12:00 - 16:30	Marty Nugent	KC1FZH				Paul Moss	KB1MTW	
	(4:30pm)						Kurt Sundwall	KC1EUJ	

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SHIFT 1		Name	Call Sign			16.00	Name	Call Sign
	12:00 - 16:30 (4:30pm)	Steve Lyons	KB1WNX		SHIFT	16:00 (4:00pm) - 20:30 (8:30pm)	Jeff Tracy	N1SOM
		Mike Davis	WA1MAD		2		Charles Sheputa	N1ANS
							Frank Sheputa	W1LJM
	Saturday, 25 August							
		Name	Call Sign				Name	Call Sign
SHIFT 1	12:00 - 16:30 (4:30pm)	Bob Azanow	KA1KIJ			16:00 (4:00pm) - 20:30 (8:30pm)	Mike Davis	WA1MAD
		Benjamin F.	KC1JSL		SHIFT 2		Chris Babbitt	N1CFB
		Ben Rioux	swl				Fred Birtwell	K1FAB
							Billy Robinson	K1UFO
Sunday, 26 August								
		Name	Call Sign			16:00 (4:00pm) - 20:30 (8:30pm)	Name	Call Sign
	12:00 - 16:30 (4:30pm)	Joe Amorelli	K1JMA		SHIFT		Mike Davis	WA1MAD
SHIFT 1		Larry Kenney	W1VP				Chris Babbitt	N1CFB
		Jeff Lehmann	N1ZZN				Wayne Galvin	W1WAG
			Take I	Down - Mo	onday	, 27 Au	gust @ 10:00	
		Name	Call Sign				Name	Call Sign
	(Fred Birtwell	K1FAB					
		Richard Metcalf	AG1B					
		John Chase	KB10DS					
		Kurt Sundwall	KC1EUJ					





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: <u>N1EZH@comcast.net</u>, 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, <mark>7:00 PM Daily</mark> (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:

<u>www.wa1npo.com</u> and follow the link for the Sunday Public Serice 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, September 5th 2018 Whitman Knights of Columbus

NEXT MOTA/Repeater MEETING

Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 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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