

JOTA 2013

Don addressing some of the Cub Scouts before they came in to get on the air.

The 53th Jamboree on the Air October 19, 2013
Annawon Council; Camp Norse BSA Kingston, MA
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Calling **CQ JOTA**

The Jamboree on the Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Cub Scouts, Boy Scout, Girl Scouts and Venture Crews around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October

each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2012 JOTA had nearly 700,000 Scout participants from more than 13,500 amateur radio stations!

Our JOTA event took place at **Camp Norse in Kingston MA** on October 19th during **Annawon Council's Covered**

Wagon Derby. 265 Cub Scout made contact throughout South Eastern Massachusetts and across the country during the 56th Jamboree on the Air. Our antenna party began with erecting 3-2M stations and a Windom Off-center fed di-pole for HF communications. The staff consisted of 8 Hams, 9 Scouts and 3 adult volunteers. The Scout volunteers were from Troop 40, Taunton.

Each Cub Pack began their trip through our JOTA station by meeting organizer **Don Burke KB1LXH** an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 40. Don explained how they were taking part in the largest Scouting event worldwide. He gave them examples of how Amateur Radio is used to provide emergency communication for local, state and federal government. How we

are an all-volunteer group with the **Amateur Radio Emergency Services** and assist our communities when called. Don made reference to the **National Weather Service's Skywarn** program and how we Hams are the trained eyes and ears for NWS. And how NWS in Taunton has its own Ham Station **WX1BOX**

- "How many of you Scouts like to collect patches?" Don asked.

He compared Hams collecting QSL card to their Scout patch collection. He would use his **NA1SS** QSL card from the **International Space Station**; explaining how important Amateur Radio is to space agencies like NASA. How since the early stages of the NASA program they have use Amateur radio to pass info from craft to earth and back again.

- "Who likes to play hide-n-seek?" KB1LXH asked. "And where do you play?"

In my back yard or house the Cub said. We Hams play hid-n-seek too; we call it Fox Hunting. Don went on to explain how big our playing field is compared to the Scouts; all of Bristol County, or Plymouth County? Don used a homebrewed Tape-Measure-Beam antenna as a prop to explain how we play.

- Finally Don made use of **Paul Moss KB1MTW's** (Troop 22 in Whitman) modified "Spud Gun".

He explained how we can safely put antennas in the air, without leaving the ground. The Spud gun is also homebrewed and then much to delight of the Scouts Paul and Don would make it talk!

The Cubs then left Don to go inside and make contact with the several station waiting. **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **John Williams KB1EVY**, **Bill Wormald KB1VXL**, **Fred Sanford KA1CQD**, **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, **Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO** and **Greg Glynn W1VFB** acted as Control Operators and helped each scout Get-On-The-Air.





Jeff Ayers WK1D from Whitman ARC getting the Cubs on the Air

Our greeters and log bookers; SWL Scouts **Riley Burke, Martin Caron, Austin Sardinha, Noah Burke, Joey Leite, Daniel Carlson, Andrew Pereira, Nicholas Patenaude and Jeff Carlson** wrote down all the Cub Scouts info needed; name, rank, age, pack number and town. By doing this, we have complete logs of who is making contact from our station and it helps with the "Mike-Fright" scout that gets choked up. SWL's **Bob Winslow Scoutmaster, Joe Leite Asst. Scoutmaster and Nancy DeSilvia** also assisted with the Scouts.

Thank You to the Local Hams heard **Joe KA1GDQ, Bill N1FRE, Barry N1EZH, Roy KB1CYV, Bill K1UFO, Richey KB1EAJ, John**

W1EXP, Gary W1GRC, Ron KA1ALN and all the station that made contact with KC1TAC during JOTA that we didn't quite get your call sign written down correctly.

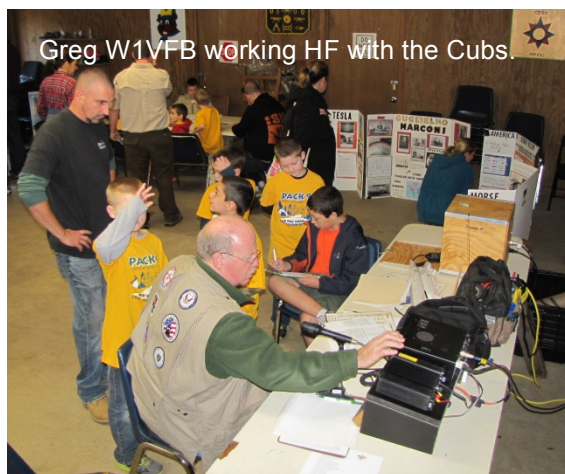
We also made contact with stations in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and Iowa

Don KB1LXH would like to thank the Trustees and Clubs for allowing the use of their repeaters, **Whitman ARC, Massasoit ARC and Genesis Radio Society** continue to support our efforts during JOTA. **Thank You very much!**

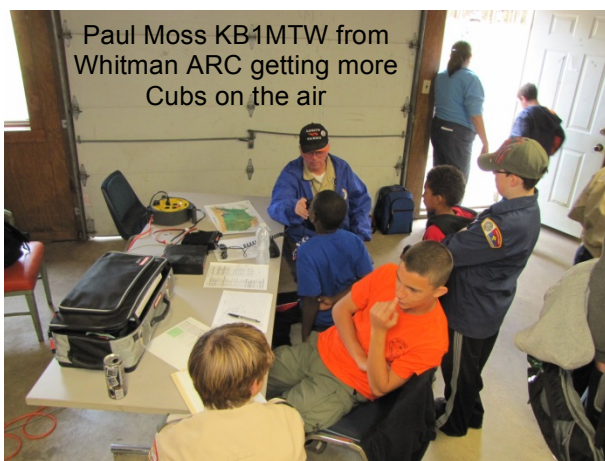
The Scouts we show Amateur Radio to TODAY; will become our best contacts TOMORROW!

73's YIS

Don Burke KB1LXH, Secretary TACGroup, ASM Troop 40 Taunton, MA



Greg W1VFB working HF with the Cubs.



Paul Moss KB1MTW from Whitman ARC getting more Cubs on the air



The group