

Local council name and number: **Annawon Council 228**

Unit number: **Pack 49 and Troop 40 Taunton, MA**

Amateur call sign used: **KC1TAC**

Amateur call signs heard and worked:

KC4BSA	AA4TX	WOBLK	K9BSA
EI6JK	KB1RSR	N1EZH	N1FRE
KB1IHE	KD1CY	N1NO	KCOKHF

States contacted:

Massachusetts	Tennessee	Florida	North Dakota
Nebraska	Nevada	Wisconsin	

Countries contacted:

USA **Ireland**

Number of stations participating in your JOTA event:

5 Amateur Radio Operators 6 Stations, 3 2M 2 HF and 1 Satellite

Number of participants in JOTA

Cub Scouts: **194**

Boy Scouts: **4**

Venturers: **0**

Girl Scouts: **1**

Radio amateurs: **5**

Volunteers: **4**

Visitors: **endless!**



By Don Burke KB1LXH

"CQ Jamboree, CQ JOTA this is KC1TAC" was the calls from Camp Norse in Kingston, MA during the **54th Jamboree on the Air**. Six Amateur Radio operators and nine volunteers assembled 6 sets of radios and antennas; making up of Three 2 Meters, 2 HF and 1 Satellite station.

The Scout of **Annawon Council** was holding their annual **Covered Wagon Derby** on Saturday October 15th, which matches up with JOTA each year.

The **54th JOTA Group** began at 7:30 am assembling the several radios and displays for the Scout to enjoy. **Paul Moss KB1MTW's** modified potato shooter excited the volunteer **Boy Scout from Troop 40 Taunton**. Paul would put his **G5RV** dipole into the trees behind the craft cabin at Camp Norse by shooting his torpedo weight with a trumpet like noise from his potato gun.

Greg Glynn W1VFB assembled his Diamond x50 and his Solarcom 99 10M antennas. Greg would also try to make contact with **NA1SS** the International Space Station and **AO51** satellite with his HT an Icom W32A and satellite antenna.

Cub Scout of Annawon Council would start to explore the JOTA station by first being greeted by **Don Burke KB1LXH**. Don would tell them that they were taking part with 700,000 other Scout just like them all around the world.

Don asked, **who has a favorite radio stations?** Commercial radios stations "broadcast" and are paid to do so. We as Amateur Radio Operators are not paid, but we can carry on conversation on the several bands and frequencies allowed by our licenses.

He would continue to explain, our first reasonability is to provide emergency communications. For example, the Japan Earthquake and during Hurricane Irene, Amateurs Radio Operators were the eyes and ears on the ground for the world to see and understand what was taking place.

On June 1st during the Springfield Tornado, Ham Radio operators were able to pass needed info on to the National Weather Service **WX1BOX** in Taunton; NWS would then tell all of us about what to do. Whether we should shelter in place or avoid the areas affected by the tornado. Lives were saved by the action of Hams.

But we Hams aren't always so serious; we like to play games too. Scout like to play hid n seek. Hams like to play Foxhunting. There are practical usages to Foxhunting in every day life. Lo-Jac for car is a form of directional finding for a stolen automobile; As well as a bracelet tracking device worn by an Alzheimer patient. Should a patient wander off State Police and Sheriffs Departments can seek them out through directional finding methods.

Amateurs were experimenting with computers and radios in the early 60's. Send in information back and forth in small bits of data. Today we can call that a Yahoo account or Google, simply it's a form of email or text messaging. Hams were doing this as early as 1964!

Scouts collect Patches from events they attend, Hams Collect QSL card from contacts they make. Scout often make rope bridges and towers, where Hams make antennas, Morse Code keyers, and build radios.

In total the Scout made 199 contacts. Some of the locations contacted were

EI6JK Caslerea, Ireland	KC4BSA Knoxville TN	AA4TX Fort Myers FL
WOBLK Black Hills ND	K9BSA Grafton, WI	KC0KHF Norfolk, NE

Don Burke
KB1LXH

Don KB1LXH would like to thank all Local contacts made with:

KB1RSR Andy	N1EZH Barry	N1FRE Bill
KB1IHE Linda	KD1CY Rob	N1NO David

He'd also like to thank the several Clubs and Trustees that allowed us to use their repeaters for the day.

Whitman ARC 147.225	Bridgewater MARA 147.180	Dennis 146.955, Plymouth
Genesis 146.685	Fall River 146.805	Fairhaven 146.490



Some of the 199 Scout that went through KC1TAC station at Camp Norse get an opening presentation from Don Burke KB1LXH



Troop 40 and Pack 49 Scouts look on as Paul Moss KB1MTW readies his Potato Shooter to hang his G5RV in the trees.



Webelos Scout Jared McDonough makes contact as his Dad Chris looks on. Paul Moss KB1MTW is control operator.



Greg Glynn W1VFB re-checks the approach of the satellites



Control Operator Paul Moss KB1MTW looks on as Webelos Scout Riley Burke makes a contact.



Before a Scout can make a contact he must check-in with his name, age, Scout rank and town. Then he can call CQ JOTA



Control operator KB1SRO Judy Attaya-Harris lets 1st Class Scout Noah Burke make a contact



Cub Scout of Annawon Council listen to the report as it comes in, control operator Bill Wormal KB1VXL adjusts the radio so they can hear.



Don Burke KB1LXH explains how "Hid n Seek" is played Amateur Radio style. Aka Foxhunting.



Most especially Don would like to also thank the 54th JOTA Groups operators and volunteers L-R Bob Winslow, Paul DeSilvia, Greg Glynn W1VFB, Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO, Paul Moss KB1MTW, Doug Carlson, Don Burke KB1LXH

Seated Riley Burke, Riana Winslow, Jeffery Carlson, Noah Burke, Danny Carlson

Front TJ Hewett, Brian DeSilvia

Not pictured Don's XYL Gina Burke, Bill Wormald KB1VXL and Nancy DeSilva

And

Fred Sanford KA1CQD and Phil McNamara N1XTB for stopping by
Also Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV for use of his Marconi Display