



# SPECTRUM



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** This is **The Bruce NIIX** - March brought us more snow - but that did not stop the Fox Hunters. **Ed Meehan N1NTZ** slipped and broke his leg / ankle and we all wish him a speedy recovery. A special congratulations to **Stu Forman WA1SAF** who upgraded to general class and is looking forward to using his new HF privileges. We heard from **Arie Swaneveld PA3EMZ** who reports that he and his wife **Tina** have a new address in the Netherlands. Finally we finished the month with the Framingham Flea Market.

**NEW MEMBER:** **Paul Rando WB1COG** – My wife **Toni** and I have lived in East Bridgewater for thirty years. I retired from Verizon in March 1998 where I was employed (notice I didn't say worked) for 32 years. I was first licensed on March 22, 1977 and I now hold an Advanced License.

I am a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, the Yankee Chapter #112 QCWA, and the Massasoit Amateur Radio Association.

My operating activities include net control for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Net.

I operate from both my home QTH and HF and 2mtrs mobile when **Toni** and I travel about in our motor home. I am looking forward to meeting the members and becoming involved in club activities.



**Paul Rando WB1COG**

## *WAINPO Traffic Messages*

Featuring our Traffic Manager, **Walt K1BZD**

Submitted by Charlet N1VQZ



### March 2003 Traffic

Date	Prec	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Location of Orig	Date
03/30/03	R		K1BZD	11	WHITMAN, MA	03/30/03 08:50 est
<b>Message Body</b>						
WARPSN			MARCH	TRAFFIC	REPORT	SESSIONS
5			QNI	81	QTC	10
73						
<b>Signature: WALT K1BZD</b>						
<b>Rec'd From: K1BZD</b>			<b>On: 03/30/03</b>		<b>On:</b>	

**SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF March 5, 2003 de KB1CYV**

**OPENING:** The members started gathering at the Whitman Public Library, Whitman, MA around 6:15 P.M. President **Bruce NI1X** opened the meeting at 6:40 P.M. with a roll call.

**ATTENDANCE:** Fourteen members were present, including all of the elected Officers and two Directors.

<b>N1VTI</b>	<b>Paul Burbine</b>	<b>KB1CYV</b>	<b>Roy Logan</b>	<b>WQ1L</b>	<b>John Coombs</b>
<b>KC1FZ</b>	<b>George Davis</b>	<b>K1MRH</b>	<b>Barbara Rice</b>	<b>WA1NYC</b>	<b>Bill O'Hara Jr.</b>
<b>N1OIU</b>	<b>Jim Wolf</b>	<b>N1WWI</b>	<b>Chris Tilden</b>	<b>N1FRV</b>	<b>Mike Marinucci</b>
<b>N1FRE</b>	<b>Bill Hayden</b>	<b>N1SOM</b>	<b>Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>N1VQZ</b>	<b>Charlet Sherman</b>
<b>K1REL</b>	<b>Bob Loring</b>	<b>NI1X</b>	<b>Bruce Hayden</b>		

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made by **Bill N1FRE** and seconded by **John WQ1L** that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made by **Barbara N1MRH** seconded by **Paul N1VTI** that the Secretary's report be accepted as published in the February Newsletter. The motion was approved.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** **Bruce NI1X** reported that **Ron N1PXX** is recuperating from injuries sustained when struck by a car in Raynham.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Bruce NI1X** has completed sending certificates for the Plimoth Plantation special event in response to requests.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The WARC welcomes new member **Paul Rando WB1COG** and reinstated former member **George Pedro KE1KR** whose memberships were approved by the group.

**Paul N1VTI** brought his go-kit which consists of an Icom 229H with multiple power sources and antenna configurations, and is an ideal rig for emergency communications.

**Don KA1PJX** and **Jim WG1L**, along with **Bill KB1IUB** have been active with the Boy Scouts on the U.S.S. Salem.

**Mike N1FRV** reported that he was able to purchase a 10-meter mobile transceiver at a great price from Radio Shack. Look for some bargains as it is rumored they are getting out of the ham radio market.

Congratulations to **Jim N1OIU's** son **Michael** who is awaiting his call sign. Welcome to the hobby, Michael.

**NET CONTROLS:**

3/2	<b>Bill N1FRE</b>	3/9	<b>Bruce NI1X</b>	3/16	<b>Chris N1WWI</b>
3/23	<b>Roy KB1CYV</b>	3/30	<b>Charlet N1VQZ</b>		

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by **Paul N1VTI** seconded by **John WQ1L** and the meeting closed at 7:40 PM.

## FOX HUNTING - EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 10 AM - NOON

Seen in the photo following a recent Fox Hunt are L.to R. **Gil Follett W1GMF**, **George Davis KC1FZ**, **Joe Serrilla W1JOE**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Paul Anderson N1OTX** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. Seen standing behind **Joe's W1JOE** vehicle are **Loren Pimentel NI1QI** and **Mike Marinucci N1FRV**.



**George KC1FZ** and **Roy KB1CYV** are using a 4 element 2-Meter beam with the sides oriented vertical and the top and bottom oriented horizontal with the feed line attached half way up one side for vertical polarization. **Joe's W1JOE** secret weapon uses the same 4 element 2-Meter beam except that it is rotated 45 degrees from that of **George KC1FZ** and **Roy's KB1CYV** with the feed line attached to one of the side supports.



The FOX Hunt takes place every Saturday between 10 AM and Noon. The Fox transmits on 146.565 MHz for 30 seconds every five minutes. Listen for the Fox Hunters on the Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180 MHz as they coordinate the start of the hunt at 10 AM and let them know if you can hear the Fox in your back yard.

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## FRAMINGHAM FLEA MARKET - SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2003



The Framingham Flea market was well attended and the club members spotted were seen carting off lots of goodies. Shown at the Flea market L. to R. **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Charlet Sherman N1VQZ**, **Chris Tilden N1WWI**, **Mike Marinucci N1FRV**, **John Coombs WQ1L**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**. Shown receiving one of the door prizes from one of the Framingham Club Officials is **Mike Marinucci N1FRV** – who won a Rigblaster kit for PSK31 operation. Also attending but not present when the photos were taken was **Paul Burbine N1VTI**.

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## WALK FOR HUNGER - SUNDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - By Bruce Pigott KC1US

Your skills are needed. Put that communication training you have received to good use at Project Bread's Walk for Hunger. Last year over 42,000 walkers participated, raising a record 3.2 million dollars. This money funds in part emergency food programs at nearly 400 food pantries, kitchens and shelters throughout Massachusetts. Two meter equipment is needed. The walk is between Boston and Newton and back. We need coordinator shadows, van communicators, operators with walking marshals and at checkpoints. To sign up, call **Bruce Pigott KC1US** at 781-275-3740 after 7:30 PM or see the web site at [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org) for more details or send a message to [W4H2003@amateur-radio.net](mailto:W4H2003@amateur-radio.net)



## TAUNTON RECOGNITION NIGHT MADE THE ENTERPRISE

The Enterprise Wednesday February 26, 2003

### **Taunton council honors amateur radio operators**

By Donna Kulpa  
ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENT

TAUNTON—A group of volunteer radio operators of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) received a commendation from the City Council Tuesday night.

Mayor Ted Strojny presented citations to R.A.C.E.S. members: Ed Meehan of Corcoran Road, Brockton; Bruce Hayden of Locust Street, Raynham; John Coombs of Main Street, Marshfield; Bill Hayden of Washington St., Whitman; Walter Dolson of Auburn St., Whitman; Paul Burbine of Beulah, Whitman; Ken Waine of School Street, Taunton, John Miller (a blind volunteer) of Glebe Street, Taunton. Bob Loring of Brockton and Jim Gilbert of Marshfield were also recognized.

"Volunteer service is being provided by a solid group of communicators during a time of fear about terrorism and winter storms," said Taunton's Emergency Management Director Richard Ferreira.

"Dr. Figlock found R.A.C.E.S. volunteer John Miller who, even though he is blind, can quickly find a number on a ham radio quicker than I," added Ferreira.

R.A.C.E.S. members volunteer their time to provide emergency communications from City Hall's emergency operation center to the reception center at Taunton High School as part of Taunton's preparedness program with the Pilgrim Station nuclear plant.

The radio operators are also part of the communications lifeline from Taunton's emergency operation center to shelters throughout the state.

R.A.C.E.S. volunteers perform monthly communication tests and periodic drills.

The group was founded in 1952 as a public service by a group of ham radio operators to provide a volunteer communications group within government agencies.



## TAUNTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

A crew checked out the HF rig at the Taunton Emergency Operations (EOC) center in March. The rig is an ICOM IC-761 with a capability of 10 – 160 Meters. The antenna was found to be resonate on 6 meters and 12 meters and found to have a good SWR on 10 and 15 Meters. All other bands 20 thru 160 Meters had higher SWRs. This ICOM Rig does not have 6 Meter capability.

Seen in the photo are **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **John Coombs WQ1L** and **Ken Waine KB1INN** just after the crew made a 15 Meter contact from the Taunton EOC with Dmitri Tonkopi **PJ5 / UA1ACX** who was located in the Netherlands Antilles just off the coast of Venezuela.



Crew at the Taunton EOC

**CLUB HOUSE PROJECTS:** At the next meeting, plans will be made to schedule some work parties to continue the clean up and repair of the club house, which were halted due to the winter weather.

**MEETING LOCATION:** Bill Hayden N1FRE has made the necessary arrangements to continue holding meetings at the library while the Club House is under repair.

## GO - KIT POWER SUPPLY

Seen in the photo with one of the “Yellow” Coleman Powermate rechargeable battery packs are **John Coombs WQ1L**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** and **Paul Burbine N1VTI**.

The four club members purchased the emergency battery power supply packs that were located at a bargain price at Ocean State Job Lot to compliment their GO – KITS and provide readily available emergency power for a mobile rig in the house. The emergency power supply has two cigarette lighter sockets along with jumper cables and a small light. It comes with a small 120 Volt AC trickle charger or can be charged from the cigarette lighter socket in your car using a DC power cord that also comes with the unit. The Powermate contains an 18 Amp/Hour sealed lead acid battery that is designed for starting cars, motorcycles and/or lawn tractors.



**UPGRADE: Stu Forman WA1SAF** passed the 5 wpm code test and upgraded to General Class in March at the Braintree VE Testing center. Congratulation to **Stu WA1SAF** and thanks for setting an example for others to follow.



**A happy Stu Forman WA1SAF**  
**“The General”**

**Stu WA1SAF** and helper **Bill O’Hara KB1IUB** are seen on the roof of **Stu’s WA1SAF** house in Randolph installing a Hustler 6-BTV 80-10 meter vertical antenna. **Stu WA12SAF** has a Radio shack HTX-10 10 meter AM, FM, SSB transceiver. **Stu WA1SAF** reports that he did a lot of research and spoke with Newtronic (Hustler) Tech Help about running radials and grounding the antenna for safety. **Stu WA1SAF** is looking forward to making distant DX contacts soon.

**Antenna Crew**  
**Stu WA1SAF & Bill KB1IUB**



## PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL

**Arie PA3EMZ** and **Tina Swaneveld** send their regards to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club members along with their new address. For the new members - we met **Arie PA3EMZ** while he was visiting in the Brockton area several years ago and stopped by one of the Whitman Club Special Events, attended a Club meeting and had a good time visiting with **John WQ1L** and **Ed N1NTZ**. **Arie PA3EMZ** has been supporting the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and we have been keeping **Arie PA3EMZ** up to date with the club newsletter ever since. **Arie’s PA3EMZ** new address is posted on the March Roster. The Winter Scene is from a Dutch Art Diary sent by **Arie PA3EMZ & Tina** to the Club.



**Winter Scene - Netherlands**



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## CLUB OFFICERS:

**MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Meetings are held on the first Wednesday  
of each month.

***The Next meeting will be held at the  
Whitman Public Library which is  
located at 100 Webster Street  
in Whitman, Mass.***

**Next Meeting  
Wednesday, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Whitman Public Library**

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Club Repeater Station:	147.225 MHz (CTSS 67 Hz)	449.875 MHz (CTSS 88.5 Hz)
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