



# SPECTRUM



**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:** This is “**The Bruce**” **N1IX** – In the month of April we took the initial steps toward gearing up for the club sponsored Saftler’s Parking Lot Flea Market fund raiser and for Field Day. Members participated Fox Hunting, volunteered to help at the Boston Marathon and attended the Hosstraders Flea Market. Great news of special interest – **Jim Wolf N1OIU** reported that his son **Michael KB1JOR** and **Stu Forman W1SAF** reported that his son **Seth KB1JUL**, passed the technician class license and finally **Bob Burns K1RB** reported that he had nominated **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** for the ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award.

## NEW MEMBER Seth Forman KB1JUL

**Seth Forman, KB1JUL** (new licensee) and Dad **Stu W1SAF**...at the “shack”.

We are a Kenwood family. **Seth KB1JUL** and **Stu W1SAF** both use Kenwood TM-261A 2-meter mobiles in their vehicles. In the shack, we have another TM-261A for stationary communications. For HF, **Stu W1SAF** uses a Kenwood TS-570SG 160 to 6 meter rig. We also have a Kenwood (again) THF 6A tri-bander for handheld operation. Note that **Stu** – formally **WA1SAF** is now **W1SAF**.



Stu W1SAF and Seth KB1JUL

## *WAINPO Traffic Messages*

Featuring our Traffic Manager, **Walt K1BZD**

Submitted by Charlet N1VQZ

### April 2003 Traffic



Date	Prec	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Location of Orig	Date
04/27/03	R		K1BZD	11	WHITMAN, MA	04/27/03 09:04 est
<b>Message Body</b>						
WARPSN			APRIL	TRAFFIC	REPORT	SESSIONS
4			QNI	45	QTC	12
73						
<b>Signature: WALT K1BZD</b>						
<b>Rec'd From: K1BZD</b>			<b>On: 04/27/03</b>		<b>On:</b>	

## SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF April 2, 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 6:45 P.M. with a roll call.

**ATTENDANCE:** Eight members were present, including all of the elected officers and one of the directors.

<b>NI1X</b>	<b>Bruce Hayden</b>	<b>N1FRV</b>	<b>Mike Marinucci</b>	<b>N1SOM</b>	<b>Jeff Tracy</b>
<b>N1FRE</b>	<b>Bill Hayden</b>	<b>N1VTI</b>	<b>Paul Burbine</b>	<b>WQ1L</b>	<b>John Coombs</b>
<b>N1ZZN</b>	<b>Jeff Lehmann</b>	<b>KB1CYV</b>	<b>Roy Logan</b>		

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made by **Paul N1VTI** 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 **Paul N1VTI**, seconded by **Mike N1FRV**, that the Secretary's report be accepted as published in the March Newsletter. The motion was approved.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** **Bruce NI1X** reported that **Ed N1NTZ** is recuperating from a broken ankle. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, **Ed**.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no outstanding old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by **Bill N1FRE** seconded by **John WQ1L** that **Bruce NI1X** purchase club patches to be available as needed. The motion was approved.

The election of club officers will be upcoming in June. A motion was made by **Bill N1FRE** seconded by **John WQ1L** nominating the current officers and current board member whose term expires for reelection. The motion was approved. Final nominations may be made at the May club meeting.

<b>NET CONTROLS:</b>	4/6	<b>Chris N1WWI</b>	4/13	<b>Bill N1FRE</b>
	4/20	<b>Jeff N1SOM</b>	4/27	<b>Charlet N1VQZ</b>

**TECHNICAL TOPICS:** The members enjoyed watching the CD of the Marconi event held this January. Congratulations to those members of the Marconi club for an excellent documentation of the activities.

**Paul N1VTI** demonstrated his mobile go-kit to which he has added packet capabilities. **Paul N1VTI** is well equipped for emergency operations.

**ADJORNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by **Roy KB1CYV** seconded by **John WQ1L** and the meeting closed at 7:45 PM.

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### USS SALEM SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

**J. C. Cunningham W1AI** reports that there will be no scouting activity on Mothers day weekend (5/10) or on Memorial day weekend (5/24). He is currently accepting offers for help at the regular time (2:30 PM – 6 PM) on Saturday (2/17). You can contact **J.C. W1AI** at [W1AI@hamtestonline.com](mailto:W1AI@hamtestonline.com)

## PORTABLE PACKET DEMONSTRATION

Paul Burbine N1VTI brought in his portable PACKET radio station for show and tell at the April meeting along with a custom made, two piece, light weight, aluminum J-Pole antenna that was designed to be supported on a 12 foot collapsible fiberglass pole.

Seen in the photo L. to R. are Roy Logan KB1CYV, Mike Marinucci N1FRV, Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN, Paul Burbine N1VTI, Bill Hayden N1FRE, John Coombs WQ1L, Bruce Hayden NI1X and Jeff Tracy N1SOM.

Paul N1VTI is holding the custom made J-Pole antenna and the collapsible pole can be seen on the floor. Paul N1VTI used a portable laptop computer that he was powering with a Coleman Powermate 18 ampour battery seen in the yellow container under the table.



The transceiver can be seen on the window shelf strapped to a PACKET Radio TNC and a gell cell battery. The antenna used was a 5/8 vertical that was also sitting on the window shelf. Paul N1VTI was able to demonstrate his ability to connect to the WHIT digipeater and then to connect to, and leave a message at, Bruce's NI1X PACKET station in Raynham – all from the Whitman Library on battery power and portable equipment.

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## W1 QSL INCOMING BUREAU

**FOR THE NEW HAMS:** The **W1 QSL Bureau** will sort and forward to you any Foreign QSL cards received as a result of your DX contacts along with a statement of your account. Although the W1 Incoming QSL Bureau operates under the guidance of the ARRL, you do not need to be an ARRL Member to use it. The W1 Bureau sells envelopes and postage stamps and requires that you send a check or money order and no longer wants you to send SASE's.

The Whitman Club will send about \$20.00 when requested. The check is made out to **W1 QSL Bureau** and the check is marked with the Club Call Sign **WA1NPO** and sent to the **W1 QSL Bureau Manager, Burt Eldridge, W1ZS** at **P.O. Box 7388** in **Milford, MA 01757-7388**.

**OUTGOING BUREAU:** To use the Outgoing QSL Bureau you have to be a member of the ARRL and the rate is \$1.00 for 10 cards or less and then \$4.00 per ½ pound. Therefore a contester who sent 1-1/2 pounds of outgoing QSL cards (about 300 cards) would pay 3 x \$4.00 = \$12.00. See the ARRL WEB page for more details at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

The Whitman Club ARRL members can send 110 QSL cards (1/2 pound) to Europe for \$4.00 (direct mailing at \$0.80 each would cost \$88.00). If you were to send 54 QSL cards, at one time, to Europe via the Bureau, instead of direct at \$0.80 each, your membership in ARRL would be paid for. If you send more than 54 QSL cards via the bureau in any one year - you would most likely come out well ahead of the game cost wise. One of the benefits of joining the ARRL.

## BOSTON MARATHON 2003

Club member **Bob Burns K1RB** along with area HAMs **Pi Pugh K1RV**, **Don Tanguay N1DT**, **Bob “Whitey” Doherty K1VV** and **Henry Brown K1CWW** were all assigned to provide amateur radio communication at the Athletes Village which is located behind the High School in Hopkinton.

**Don N1DT** reports he walked from there to the starting line where he took this photo at the start of the race.



**Pi K1RV** reports that the weather was perfect and there were many smiling faces before the runners began their assault on the 26.2 mile long race course. 95 year old **Johnny** (the elder) **Kelly** was there as usual to entertain the masses as he sang to them from the Village stage.

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## HOSSTRADERS FLEA MARKET

**Paul Burbine N1VTI** volunteered at the Hosstraders Flea Market in New Hampshire as a Volunteer Examiner and reported that 25 of the 39 candidates upgraded or received a new license. **Paul N1VTI** is seen with a newly acquired portable power supply that he picked up at Hosstraders and the Radio Shack 2 – Meter rig that he attached to make another “Go – Kit”.



**Paul Burbine N1VTI**

**Jeff Tracy N1SOM** reported that the weather was typical Hosstraders with a “rainy afternoon and evening on Friday”. **Bill O’Hara KB1IUB** and **Bill O’Hara W1NYC** along with **Dave Gurney WA1YZH** found the weather on Saturday just perfect.

**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** was operating an FM Radio Station at the Flea Market and played all the classic rock tunes on 103.1FM (Hosstraders Radio) from the Swine Pen at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds. **Jeff N1ZZN** reports that he was using a Ramsey Kit that put out milliwatts and operated out of the trunk of a car. This was something that **Jeff N1ZZN** just wanted to try.



**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**



Club members **Bill O’Hara WA1NYC** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** along with **Pi Pugh K1RV** are gathered around **John Cunningham W1AI** who was promoting his “Ham Test Online” – a computer based testing program that helps you focus your attention on questions you get wrong. Several of the Club members report giving this software a try. Photo’s by **Bill O’Hara KB1IUB**.

**JEFF LEHMANN N1ZZN IS NOMINATED FOR THE**  
**ARRL - HIRAM PERCY MAXIM MEMORIAL AWARD**

**Bob Burns K1RB** nominated **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** for the ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award.

**Jeff N1ZZN** has been active with many other amateur radio groups in the area and supporting letter of recommendation were sent by **Bob Burns K1RB**, **Pi Pugh K1RV**, **Bruce Beaman K1HTN**, **Jed Barton N1JBC**, **Bob Callahan W1QWH**, **Stephen "HO" Johnson Jr. KC1HO** and **Don Benecchi K1DC** along with a letter of recommendation from **Bruce Hayden N1X** representing all the Officers and members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL Affiliated Club.

**Jeff N1ZZN** was a graduate of the 1997 Fall Classes of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and joined the Whitman Club in December 1997 at 13 years of age. **Jeff N1ZZN** was first active helping promote amateur radio and operating at the Whitman Club's annual Plimoth Plantation Special Event in 1997 and he has been active ever since.



**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN at the USS Salem**

Over the past five (5) years **Jeff N1ZZN** helped promote amateur radio and develop amateur radio communication skills by participating in Field Day, Fox Hunting, Skywarn training, getting active with the Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service Net and the Cape and Islands Traffic Net, helping with the Boston Marathon and participating with the USS Salem Radio Club – helping to put this Museum Ship on the air. Recently **Jeff N1ZZN** and the other members of the USS Salem Radio Club have been introducing amateur radio to thousands of Boy Scouts with their weekend activities.

**Jeff N1ZZN** first created the Whitman Amateur Radio Club Web Page in the fall of 1998 and has been maintaining it ever since. This past year **Jeff N1ZZN** has added the monthly newsletter as a feature to the Web page which has further encouraged over half the club members to retrieve the club newsletter in electronic format. This initiative by **Jeff N1ZZN** makes the newsletter available to all the friends of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. See: [www.qsl.net/wa1npo](http://www.qsl.net/wa1npo)

It was also reported that **Jeff N1ZZN** is a Vice – Director of the New England Frequency Coordination Team and publisher of a computer New England Repeater Directory.

We all know that **Jeff's N1ZZN** involvement with the Whitman Amateur Radio Club is only a small but significant part of his overall growth and development that balances family, school, work and amateur radio. At the last meeting **Jeff N1ZZN** reported that he plans to enter the Electrical Engineering program at U-Mass Dartmouth this fall. **Jeff N1ZZN** is a valued member of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and of the amateur radio community in Southeastern Massachusetts and we wish **Jeff N1ZZN** all the best in his future endeavors.



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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, May 7th at 6:30 PM  
Whitman Public Library

President	Bruce	N1IX
V. President	Bill	N1FRE
Secretary	Roy	KB1CYV
Treasurer	Jeff	N1SOM
Director	Jim	W5IRW
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Web Site: <http://www.gsl.net/wa1npo>

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

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