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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:** This is “**The Bruce**” **NI1X** - The Saftler’s Flea Market was a great success with over 52 area HAMS stopping by to socialize as we bought and sold some radio goodies and helped put **WA1NPO** “On-The-Air” A special thanks to all who helped out and to those who donated surplus items to be sold at the club table.

In September we put on a Amateur Radio Presentation for the public at the Whitman Public Library that promoted amateur radio awareness in the community. The Taunton Volunteers participated in another RADIOGRAM training session at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center and other members participated with the City of Brockton. Several members plan to participate in the FISTS contest operation from the USS Salem and the Fox Hunters were active as usual. The Pine Street Clippers have a new volunteer, **Bill O’Hara KB1IUB**, who mowed the Club House grass and a crew responded to a request for help with an antenna party at **Steve Rudin’s W1WSN** house. The highlight of the September meeting was a Technical Topic by **Paul Swartz N1FWD** who demonstrated a service monitor that measured transceiver performance.

Next month we will learn more about the Whitman Club’s 440 REPEATER project. Come on down and share your HAM related activities with the other members.

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**NEW MEMBER:** He’s Baaack. **Ron Piche N1OIQ** holds a general class license and lives in Bridgewater with his wife Donna. **Ron N1OIQ** reports that he is now retired from the Bridgewater Police force and just finished teaching a course at Bridgewater State College on “Police Arresting Arts and Defensive Tactics” and is currently working on his second book on the same topic.

**Ron N1OIQ** stopped by the Saftler’s Flea Market with his two youngest children, his 2 year old daughter **Kylie** and his 5 year old son **Cody**, where he was able to touch base with old friends like **Frank N1OGP** and got a chance to meet some of the new members. **Ron N1OIQ** also teaches Martial Arts and reports that it looks like his 2 year old daughter **Kylie** is turning out to be a real natural as she mimics his various judo moves.



**Ron Piche N1OIQ**

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**SKYWARN NET:** **Roy Logan KB1CYV** reports that the local SKYWARN Net meets every Saturday night on the Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180 (+ and 67 MHz tone) at 8:00 PM and that he is a volunteer Net Control operator. The new members especially are invited to check in and encouraged to attend one of the area SKYWARN training classes to learn all about the proper SKYWARN reporting criteria. You do not have to be a registered SKYWARN spotter to join in the NET.

**SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF September 3, 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 6:48 P.M. with a roll call.

**ATTENDANCE:** Nineteen members and / or guests were present, including the four elected officers and one director. A quorum was present.

<b>N1FRE Bill Hayden</b>	<b>KB1CYV Roy Logan</b>	<b>NI1X Bruce Hayden</b>
<b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>	<b>WA1NYC Bill O'Hara Jr.</b>	<b>N1SOM Jeff Tracy</b>
<b>K1BZD Walter Dolson</b>	<b>K1XRB Peter George</b>	<b>N1NTZ Ed Meehan</b>
<b>KB1IUB Bill O'Hara III</b>	<b>N1FWD Paul Swartz</b>	<b>N1WWI Chris Tilden</b>
<b>N1VQZ Charlet Sherman</b>	<b>N1OGP Frank Hayes</b>	<b>N1TQ Tom Qualtieri (Guest)</b>
<b>KB1JZK Jeanne Ridge (guest)</b>	<b>N1KQZ Doug Cugini</b>	<b>KB1KDI Nancy Johnson</b>
<b>KB1KFF Jim Kenworthy</b>		

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made by **Bill WA1NYC** and seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved. **Jeff N1SOM** made a motion seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** that the subscription to QST donated to the Abington Public Library be renewed. The motion was approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made by **Ed N1NTZ** seconded by **Bill WA1NYC** that the Secretary's report be accepted as published in the August Newsletter. The motion was approved.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** **Bob Burns K1RB** is currently recuperating at the Baypointe Rehabilitation and Skilled Care facility in Brockton. After the meeting **Bruce NI1X** learned that **Nina Robins WB1AOZ** is recovering from surgery and is now residing at the St. Joseph's Manor Nursing Home at 215 Thatcher Street in Brockton.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Bill N1FRE** distributed copies of the WARC Constitution and Bylaws, which will be mailed to voting members not in attendance. Suggestions for any changes should be directed to **Bill N1FRE**. The flea market held Labor Day weekend was a success as the weather cooperated for a change. We can always use additional vendors so start planning for next spring! **Paul N1FWD** reported that the 440 machine should be operational later this month and that he will have several items available for Hosstrader's in October. **Jeff N1SOM** reported there were no returns of the bid form for the club tower, which was sent out in May, that included a minimum \$50.00 bid requirement. **Bruce NI1X** made a motion seconded by **Roy KB1CYV** to reopen the bid to all members with no minimum bid required with notice in the September newsletter and to be awarded at the next meeting. The motion was approved. One bid of \$10.00 has already been received. Also approved was a motion by **Bruce NI1X** seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** that the club dispose of the separate tower top section with rotor, which will also be advertised in the September newsletter. The Ham show for the Whitman Public Library will be held Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. with discussions and demonstrations of the various aspects of amateur radio.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion to accept **N1OIQ Ron Piche** as a reinstated former member was made by **Ed N1NTZ** seconded by **Walt K1BZD**. The motion was approved. Welcome to the WARC, **Ron**. Radiogram training for the Taunton volunteers will be held at the Taunton EOC facility on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**NET CONTROLS:** 9/7 Bruce NI1X 9/14 Chris N1WWI 9/21 Bill N1FRE 9/28 Charlet N1VQZ

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by **Ed N1NTZ**, seconded by **Bill WA1NYC**, and the business meeting closed at 7:10 PM. At that time the meeting was turned over to **Paul Swartz N1FWD** who gave a Technical Presentation. The club meeting lasted until 8 PM.

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**TECHNICAL PRESENTATION:** **Paul Swartz N1FWD** brought a service monitor to the September meeting and demonstrated the device as he measured the sensitivity, output power, voice modulation (deviation) and frequency of the handheld and mobile rigs the members had brought with them.

**Peter George N1XRB** can be seen talking into his rig as **Paul N1FWD** reads the output meter results. Several transceivers like the YAESU FT-530 handheld, when tested, were found to have a very sensitive receivers - the Fox Hunters could have predicted that result from their field experiences.



**Peter N1XRB & Paul N1FWD**

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## **RADIOGRAM TRAINING SESSION**

### **TAUNTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

**CENTER:** Those attending the September RADIOGRAM training session at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center are L. to R. **Bruce Hayden N1X**, Red Cross Representative **Bob Barbour** from Taunton, **Nancy Johnson KB1KDI**, **Doug Cugini N1KQZ** standing directly behind **John Miller N1UMJ**, **Ken Waine KB1INN**, **Walter Dolson K1BZD**, **Rick Tucker** Assistant Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency and **Bill Hayden N1FRE**.



**Taunton EOC Crew**

### **BROCKTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

**CENTER:** **Bill O'Hara KB1IUB** reported that he and his father **Bill O'Hara WA1NYC** both attended the City of Brockton RADIOGRAM training session in September and have decided to support the City of Brockton with their Emergency Operations Center.

**Bill KB1IUB** reports that **John Mahon N1PYN** is in charge of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) amateur radio volunteers for the City of Brockton and is setting up a Citizen Corp of Brockton - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that should qualify for funding under the new Homeland Security Act. Seen in the photo is **John Mahon N1PYN** at the radio with **Bill O'Hara WA1NYC** looking on at the Brockton EOC.



**Brockton EOC Crew**  
photo by **Bill KB1IUB**



**AMATEUR RADIO PRESENTATION - WHITMAN LIBRARY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2003**



The program was well supported with club members seen standing in the photo L. to R. **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Walter Dolson K1BZD**, **Bill O'Hara WA1NYC**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Bill O'Hara KB1IUB**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** Coordinator, **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**, **Peter George N1XRB** and **George Davis KC1FZ**

**Bill Hayden N1FRE** acted as master of ceremonies and started the program by telling the group about his introduction to amateur radio, the FCC Licensing requirements and V-E sessions before showing a short video on amateur radio by Walter Cronkite. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** then spoke on the SKYWARN program and **Bruce Hayden N1IX** spoke on Emergency Communication. **Walter Dolson K1BZD** spoke on the National Traffic System and offered to send RADIOGRAM messages after the meeting. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **George Davis KC1FZ** finished up the program by giving a demonstration of Fox Hunting and everyone was relieved when the direction finding equipment produced a null when pointed at the "Fox-in-a-Box" that was located against the wall in the room only a few feet away. **George KC1FZ** and **Roy KB1IUB** had warned the audience that they had been known to come in last on many a Fox Hunt and after 6 years were still trying to perfect their technique. Refreshments and informal discussions followed the meeting.



**Bill N1FRE**



**Roy KB1CYV**



**Walter K1BZD**



**George KC1FZ**

## CLUB HOUSE PROJECTS

A special thanks to **Bill O'Hara KB1IUB** who volunteered to mow the grass in September and joined the ranks of the Pine Street Clippers. An effort is being made to clean / clean out the club house so the it can be eventually painted. Help us get rid of the following surplus material.

1. Tower for sale – a 60 foot crank up tower – no offer refused.
2. Tower top section with rotor mounted inside. No rotor control. No offer refused.
3. Beam parts. A 10-15-20 Meter beam along with some kind of "Bow-Tie" beam antenna. Good for parts. No offer refused.

### ANTENNA PARTY

Always ready to lend a helping hand – **Steve Rudin W1WSN** put out a call for help and some of the crew that showed up are shown in the photo holding a Barker Williams all band folded dipole. They are L. to R. **Stu Forman W1SAF**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Steve Rudin W1WSN** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** with **Bill O'Hara KB1IUB** taking the picture. **Steve W1WSN** replaced a huge loop antenna with the Barker Williams and has decided to remove his tower and beam. **Steve W1WSN** needs someone to volunteer to climb the tower to free a stuck safety device.



**Stu W1SAF, Bill N1FRE, Steve W1WSN  
& Bruce NI1X**

### THE WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET

The Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service Net (WARPSN) meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM . Come join in and share your amateur related experiences with the other area HAMs and short wave listeners as well. In August we had an average of 12 check-ins per week (QNI = 61 / 5 sessions = 12) and a total of 21 messages were sent (QTC=21).

## *WAINPO Traffic Messages*

**Featuring our Traffic Manager, Walt K1BZD**

Submitted by Charlet N1VQZ

### **August 2003 Traffic**



Date	Prec	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Location of Orig	Date
08/31/03	R		K1BZD	11	WHITMAN, MA	08/31/03 08:53 est
<b>Message Body</b>						
WARPSN		AUGUST	REPORT	SESSIONS	5	
QNI		61	QTC	21	73	
<b>Signature: WALT K1BZD</b>						
<b>Rec'd From: K1BZD</b>			<b>On: 08/31/03</b>		<b>On:</b>	

**SAFTLER'S LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
FLEA MARKET FUND RAISER**

The Saftler's Flea Market – Labor Day weekend fund raiser - was a fun time with 30 club members and at least 22 non - member area HAMs stopping by to help out, socialize and put **WA1NPO** "On-The-Air". Sunday was a beautiful day and Monday – Labor Day – the crew survived a few brief sprinkles.

Our Treasurer **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** reports that our expenses were more than covered and the fund raiser was a financial success.

Shown at the Club table on Labor Day morning were - standing L. to R. **Bob Johnson K1VU, Jim Ford NM1F, Roy Logan KB1CYV, a smiling Treasurer Jeff Tracy N1SOM, Bruce Hayden N1IX , Bill O'Hara KB1IUB and Mike Marinucci N1FRV.** Seen seated L. to R. **Bill O'Hara WA1NYC, Walter Dolson K1BZD, Bill Hayden N1FRE and Bill's N1FRE granddaughter Brianna.**



**THE PARTICIPATION WAS FANTASTIC:** The club members who were able to stop by and log in at the club table were:

**Bruce Hayden N1IX  
Bill Hayden N1FRE  
Jeff Tracy N1SOM  
Bruce Weir N1XZD  
Nancy Johnson KB1KDI  
Stu Forman W1SAF  
Bob Johnson K1VU  
Evelyn Foley K1EF  
Walter Dolson K1BZD  
Jim Wolf N1OIU**

**Bob Loring N1REL  
Paul Burbine N1VTI  
Bill Tracy N1SON  
Paul Swartz N1FWD  
Doug Cugini N1KQZ  
Al Molin N1JXS  
Dick Schwartz N1SZE  
Mike Marinucci N1FRV  
Bill O'Hara WA1NYC  
Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF**

**Barbara Rice K1MRH  
Steve Rudin W1WSN  
Walt Johnson W1HA  
Roy Logan KB1CYV  
Frank Hayes N1OGP  
Ed Meehan N1NTZ  
Vic Kairis N1OEH  
John Coombs WQ1L  
Bill O'Hara KB1IUB  
Ron Piche N1OIQ**

At least 22 area HAMs stopped buy and made them selves known at the Club table.

**Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD of Duxbury  
Mike Connelly NA1XX of N. Weymouth  
Pete Curley N1NVV of Plymouth  
Gil Follett W1GMF of Abington  
Chuck Flynn KB1DAU of Weymouth  
Joe Casieri KA1JBE of E. Bridgewater  
Byron Piette K1YCQ of Somerset  
Bob Mandeville N1EDM of Brockton  
Ray Fennessey N1QPT of Concord  
Randy Maille N1LRC of E. Bridgewater  
Paul Wipperman K1MTM of W. Bridgewater**

**John Dunn N1VPU of Holbrook  
Jim Ford NM1F of Plymouth  
Carl Ray N1EVT of Randolph  
Tom Qualtieri N1TQ of Westwood  
John Whitey N1PRK of Berkley  
Karl Kempt N1KXI of N. Abington  
Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK of Taunton  
Ralph Butler Jr. W1BT of Scituate  
Paul Foley N1KQR of Brockton  
Allan Dunn K1UCY of Holbrook  
Bob Pratt KA1DZA of Abington**





**MORE SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET PHOTOS**



**Jeanne KBJZK and Tom N1TQ**



**Jim NM1F and John WQ1L**

Many thanks to **Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK** and **Tom Qualtieri N1TQ** of the Norwood Amateur Radio Club who set up a table and made club member **Bill Tracy N1SOM** a very happy camper by selling him a 2-Meter all mode YAESU FT-221 Base Station transceiver. **Jim Ford NM1F** of Plymouth had the best vendor display of amateur related equipment and is seen with **John Coombs WQ1L** who is looking over the goodies.



**Stu Forman W1SAF &  
Bob Johnson K1VU**



**Evelyn Foley K1EF**



**Carl Rey N1EVT  
Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF  
Vic Kairis N1OEH**



**Roy Logan KB1CYV  
Nancy Johnson KB1KDI  
Doug Cugini N1KQZ**



**Ed Meehan N1NTZ**  
at the Club HF Station



**MORE SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET PHOTOS**



**Bruce Hayden N1X**  
**Jeff Tracy N1SOM**



**Steve Rudin W1WSN**



**Bill O'Hara KB1IUB**  
Bicycle mobile



**Jim Wolf N1OIU**  
& Wife **Judy**

**Barabra Rice K1MRH**  
**Bob Loring N1REL**



**Paul Swartz N1FWD**



**Ron Piche N1OIQ**  
**Frank Hayes N1OGP**



**Mike Marinnuci N1FRV**  
& **Jennifer**

And yes - the exercise bike, donated by **Bob Mandeville N1EDM**, that was test driven by many, was finally sold and then the Flea Market was over.



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**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, Oct.. 1st at 6:30 PM  
Whitman Public Library**

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

President	Bruce	NIIX
V. President	Bill	N1FRE
Secretary	Roy	KB1CYV
Treasurer	Jeff	N1SOM
Director	Jim	W5IRW
Director	Paul	N1VTI
Director	Steve	W1WSN
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Club Repeater Station: 147.225 MHz (CTSS 67 Hz) 449.875 MHz (CTSS 88.5 Hz)

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