



SPECTRUM



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: This is **The Bruce NIIX** – In October members attended the Hosstraders HAMFEST / Flea Market held in Hopkinton, NH and took part in making a FOX Hunting video that was reported will be made available to the ARRL to use for promoting amateur radio. Members also continued support and training at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center.



FOX HUNTING VIDIO

The Dynamic Duo of **Ed Meehan N1NTZ** and **John Coombs WQ1L** came out of retirement to post a spectacular winning time of 27 minutes during the special Fox Hunt that was being videoed for posterity.



The Fox - **Roy Logan KB1CYV** took a picture of **Ed N1NTZ** and **John's WQ1L** Foxmobile just as it turned into the Fox's den. As you can see in the photo both **Ed N1NTZ** and **John WQ1L** have independent dueling antennas that have been known to be pointing in different directions in the past. For more Fox Hunting pictures, see the article by **Roy KB1CYV** on the inside pages.

Ed N1NTZ & John WQ1L

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 radio related experiences with the other area HAMS and short wave listeners as well. In September we had an average of 13 check-ins per week (QNI = 51 / 4 sessions = 13) and a total of 12 messages were sent (QTC = 12).

WAINPO Traffic Messages

Featuring our Traffic Manager, **Walt K1BZD**
Submitted by Charlet N1VQZ



September 2003 Traffic

Date	Prec	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Location of Orig	Date
09/28/03	R		K1BZD	11	WHITMAN, MA	09/28/03 08:58 est
Message Body						
WARPSN		SEPTEMBER		REPORT	SESSIONS	4
QNI		51		QTC	12	73
Signature: WALT K1BZD						
Rec'd From: K1BZD			On: 09/28/03		On:	

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF October 1, 2003 de KB1CYV

OPENING: The members started gathering at the Whitman Public Library, Whitman, MA around 6:20 P.M. Vice President **Bill N1FRE** opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. with a roll call.

ATTENDANCE: Eleven members were present, including three elected officers. A quorum was present.

N1FRE Bill Hayden
KC1FZ George Davis
N1NTZ Ed Meehan
N1SOM Jeff Tracy

WQ1L John Coombs
K1BZD Walter Dolson
K1XRB Peter George
KB1IUB Bill O'Hara III

KB1CYV Roy Logan
KB1KFF Jim Kenworthy
WA1NYC Bill O'Hara Jr.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made by **Bill WA1NYC** and seconded by **Bill KB1IUB** that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Bill WA1NYC** seconded by **Bill KB1IUB** that the Secretary's report be accepted as published in the September Newsletter with the addition of **KB1KFF Jim Kenworthy**, **N1KQZ Doug Cugini** and **KB1KDI Nancy Johnson** to the attendance list. The figure of 19 attendees for September was correct in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Bob Burns K1RB** is continuing his convalescence from his home.

OLD BUSINESS: **Bill N1FRE** reported that the WARC will not have a table at Hosstraders' this October but will accumulate items for the spring event. Disposition of the towers has been postponed until the November meeting. **Roy KB1CYV** reported that 17 foxhunters participated in the filming done by **Whitey K1VV** and crew on September 27th. A good time was had by all and the final program will be shown at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: **Jeff N1SOM** announced that the Norwood club would be conducting a 5-week code class including testing the final week. Those seeking to upgrade their privileges are encouraged to participate. **Bill N1FRE** received an email from **KB1GDV Christopher Grazioso** requesting information on JOTA. The USS Salem program will be recommended. **Bill N1FRE** reported that notice has been sent for QST listing of the annual Plimoth Plantation Special Event. Details will be discussed at the November meeting. The USS Constitution will be transmitting as part of a special event to be held November 11th. Additional details will follow regarding frequencies and special event call signs.

NET CONTROLS: 10/5 **Bill N1FRE** 10/12 **Roy KB1CYV**
 10/19 **Jeff N1SOM** 10/26 **Charlet N1VQZ**

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by **Bill WA1NYC** seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** and the meeting closed at 7:20 PM.

USS SALEM - K1USN - NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS:

John Cunningham W1AI, the USS Salem **K1USN** Radio Club Scouting program volunteer coordinator is actively seeking new volunteers to teach amateur radio to scouts on Saturday's from 3 – 6 PM on board the USS Salem in Quincy. He is experiencing a high turnover of his core volunteers because of relocations and job changes. If you can help out, you are asked to contact **John "J.C."** at E-mail: **W1AI@hamtestonline.com**

HOSSTRADERS HAMFEST / FLEA MARKET

The weather on Friday was beautiful with the sun out and mild temperatures. The members attending all commented on the number of vendors present and the good variety of equipment being sold. **The Bruce NI1X** found **John Coombs WQ1L** and **Ed Meehan N1NTZ** and can be seen showing them an antique Morse code sounder and key. For many participants – like **Ed N1NTZ** and **John WQ1L** as you can see in the picture - Hosstrader would not be complete without one of Angelino's sausages complete with peppers and onions. A taste that lingers.



Bruce NI1X, John WQ1L & Ed N1NTZ



Paul Burbine N1VTI

Paul Burbine N1VTI was a busy HAM who set up a vendor table on Friday to sell goodies and then reported that he was able to purchase a hard to find Cushcraft R-5 Vertical antenna for his new home QTH. **Paul N1VTI** returned on Saturday to volunteer as one of the 17 VE's at the testing session where he reported that 24 candidates applied and 14 passed one or more test element.

Club member **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** set up a Ramsey FM Stereo kit transmitter with milliwatt output and played music from his laptop computer for the enjoyment of the participants at the Hosstraders HAM fest / Flea Market.

Jeff N1ZZN is seen standing beside the FM station 103.1 FM "Hosstraders Radio" that he was operating from the back of his car with a vertical antenna suspended by rope from a tree branch above.



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN



Hosstraders Motley Crew

And finally **The Bruce NI1X** caught up with club members **Doug Cugini N1KQZ** and **Nancy Johnson KB1KDI** socializing with **Jeff N1ZZN** and other area hams. Shown in the photo are L. to R. **Steve Johnson Jr. KC1HO** of Plymouth, **Mark Cadoff K1HLP** (yes we know his Dodge has a Hemi in it) of Hull, **Jeff N1ZZN**, **Bob Egles KA1BBU** of Holbrook, **Doug N1KQZ** and **Nancy KB1KDI**. Other Whitman Club members spotted were **Vic Kairis N1OEH**, **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** and **Joe Serrilla W1JOE**.

ANTENNA CREW: **Steve Rudin W1WSN** reported that **Chris Tilden N1WWI** responded to a request for help and climbed his tower to free a stick safety latch so that the Hazer "elevator" system could be lowered to access the beam and rotor.

FOX HUNTING - by Roy KB1CYV

(Soon to be a major motion picture)

The South Shore Fox Hunters are now in their eighth year of Saturday morning hunts for the ever-elusive fox. The boundaries for the fox's den are Rtes. 128, 3, 138 and 44 which gives the fox 350 square miles in which to find a public area in which to hide. The fox will transmit for a minimum of 30 seconds every 5 minutes on 146.565 MH, with the hunters starting from their favorite locations utilizing various antenna configurations to track down that nasty critter.



Whitey K1VV had contacted **Gil W1GMF** regarding making a DVD of fox hunting which could be distributed by the ARRL to affiliated clubs seeking information. **Gil W1GMF** put out a call for hunters to join in this special event, which was held on Saturday, September 27, 2003. A fox box was to be hidden in the general vicinity of the fox, operating on low power on 146.535 MH giving the hunters an opportunity to demonstrate close in RF directional finding.



The group assembled at the Foxboro Company in East Bridgewater, and for this event all left on their search for the fox from that location. Filming the hunters as they honed in on the fox's signal were **Whitey K1VV** and **Allan K1VQ** with **Don N1DT** stationed in the den with the fox, **Roy KB1CYV**, to film their arrival.



Bob "Whitey" Doherty K1VV



**Allan Cox K1VQ
& Tyler**



**Ed Meehan N1NTZ &
John Coombs WQ1L**

The winning combination - First to track down the fox were the Dynamic Duo of **Ed N1NTZ** and **John WQ1L** who had come out of retirement just for this special event.

Participating in the activities were the following: As seen in the group picture L. to R. **Allan Cox K1VQ**, **Joe Serrilla W1JOE**, **Loren Pimentel N1IQI**, **Don Tanguay N1DT**, **Walt Fitzgerald N1LHD**, **Bob "Whitey" Doherty K1VV**, **Gil Follett WA1GMF** and **George Davis KC1FZ**. Not available when this group picture was taken were **Bob Keene Jr. N1LCY**, **Ed Meehan N1NTZ**, **John Coombs WQ1L**, **Bill O'Hara WA1NYC**, **Bill O'Hara KB1IUB**, **Paul Anderson N1OTX**, **Bob Johnson K1VU**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Allan's K1VQ grandson Tyler**.



Some of the Fox Crew

MORE FOX HUNTING PICTURES by: Roy KB1CYV & George KC1FZ



George KC1FZ & Walt N1LHD



Gil WA1GMF & Fox Box



Paul N1OTX



Loren N1IQI



Bill KB1IUB & Joe W1JOE



Bill WA1NYC



Bob N1LCY



Roy KB1CYV

TAUNTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

The Taunton Amateur radio volunteers were invited by **Rick Ferreira** – Director of the City of Taunton EMA, to attend Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), a 10 week course that is a first responder program that reviews disaster response preparedness with such topics as fire fighting, first aid, and the psychological effects of a disaster. Signing up were **Paul Burbine N1VTI**, **Ken Waine KB1INN**, **Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK**, **Doug Cugini N1KQZ** and **Nancy Johnson KB1KDI**.

The team was also invited to participate in an October 8th drill at the Morton Hospital that tested the city response to a scenario where victims were contaminated by a yellow chemical spray from an overhead plane and the Hospital's new decontamination equipment was assembled (a water wash facility) and put through a test run with **Jeanne KB1JZK** as one of the victims. **Doug N1KQZ** reports observers were on the lookout for breaches of security and / or contamination procedures. Photo of decontamination facility >>>



During a hurricane planning meeting last month, **Bruce N1IX** tested the 2-Meter radio link between the Taunton EOC and the Taunton State Hospital. **Bruce N1IX** talked with **Carl Cooperrider KB1IWU** who works for and set up the 2-Meter capability at the Taunton State Hospital. The HF rig was also tested and six 10-Meter contacts were made by **Bruce N1IX**, **Paul N1VTI** and **John N1ULJ** with local HAMS including one with **Ken Garren Jr. WA1DUZ** in Hanson. A second 2-Meter transceiver and antenna are in the planning / budget stage.



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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, Nov. 5th at 6:30 PM
Whitman Public Library

CLUB OFFICERS:

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