



SPECTRUM



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: This is **The Bruce NIIX** – In October and November the members have attended Flea Markets, operated from the USS Salem for both JOTA and the USS Constitution turn-around cruise, participated in Emergency management training and planning in the local communities, finished the outside cleanup at the Club House and of course participated in Fox Hunting.

At the November meeting we made plans for the upcoming Plimoth Plantation Special Event and saw a great video on Fox Hunting that brought spontaneous applause and laughter from the audience as nine Whitman Club members made their movie cameo appearances and one more could be heard calling in a bearing from his home QTH

I hope to see you at Plimoth Plantation for the Friday morning antenna party - November 28th at 10 AM in the parking lot - talk in on 147.225 simplex - and then sometime on Saturday the 29th or Sunday the 30th between 9 AM – 3 PM for the Special Event operations.

FRAMINGHAM FLEA MARKET **November 2, 2003**

The participation was terrific with one report of 80 vendors present. Seen in the group picture are L. to R. **Bruce Hayden NIIX**, **Mike Marinucci N1FRV**, **Bill O'Hara KB1IUB**, **John Coombs WQ1L**, **John's WQ1L son John Jr. KA1CHW** and **Ed Meehan N1NTZ**



Framingham Flea Market November 2, 2003



Everyone seemed pleased especially **Ed N1NTZ** and **John WQ1L** who got there early and both were seen carrying out Astrom 35 amp power supply. **Ed N1NTZ** also found a Heil Pro-Set Plus head set which includes a hands free mike to compliment his rig at home. **The Bruce NIIX** took a chance on purchasing a directional finding unit by Radio Engineers "A model VF-142 Vector-Finder"

Paul Burbine N1VTI can be seen negotiating for an Icom IC-706 Mark II transceiver and **John's WQ1L son John Jr. KA1CHW** was seen with a collectable calculating device called a "slide rule". **Mike N1FRV** was seen checking out a stealth HF antenna for his home QTH. **The Bruce NIIX** and **Bill KB1IUB** were seen checking out the hundreds of small connectors and antenna parts available such as the universal 30 amp Anderson Power Pole connectors recommended by ARES for "Go-Kits".

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF November 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 four elected officers. A quorum was present.

N1FRE Bill Hayden
KB1IUB Bill O'Hara III
KB1KFF Jim Kenworthy
WQ1L John Coombs
N1KQZ Doug Cugini

KB1CYV Roy Logan
KC1FZ George Davis
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
W5IRW Jim Gilbert
KB1KDI Nancy Johnson

NI1X Bruce Hayden
WA1NYC Bill O'Hara Jr.
K1XRB Peter George
N1SOM Jeff Tracy

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Bill KB1IUB** made a motion seconded by **Bill WA1NYC** that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved, as was a motion by **Bill N1FRE** seconded by **Bruce NI1X** to rollover the CD once again.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Bill KB1IUB** seconded by **Bill WA1NYC** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the October Newsletter with the date of the USS Constitution Turnaround Special Event revised to Oct. 11th – not Nov. 11th as published. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Bob Burns K1RB** is progressing nicely with his recuperation from surgery.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no outstanding old business.

NEW BUSINESS: **Bruce NI1X** distributed copies of the updated club roster. **Bill KB1IUB** and **Bill N1FRE** reported on the USS Constitution turn-around special event. **Bill KB1IUB** also participated in JOTA from the USS Salem. Plans for the Plimoth Plantation Thanksgiving weekend special event were discussed, with several members bringing base stations and antennas. **Bruce NI1X** and **George KC1FZ** of the Pine Street Clippers have cleared away brush blocking the view of the road at the entrance to the clubhouse grounds. **Roy KB1CYV** donated a mower, which **Bruce NI1X** has used for a last fall clean up. Thanks go to **Doug N1KQZ** for the donation of various equipment for the spring flea market. A motion to accept the bid for the tower stored at the clubhouse, received from **Paul N1VTI**, was made by **Bill KB1IUB** and seconded by **Bill WA1NYC**. The motion was approved. A motion to accept a bid from **Bill KB1IUB** for a 2-meter antenna was made by **Bill N1FRE** and seconded by **Peter K1XRB**. The motion was approved. A motion to accept a bid from **John WQ1L** for the leftover miscellaneous beam parts was approved **Bill KB1IUB** and seconded by **Bill WA1NYC**. The motion was approved. **George KC1FZ** reported on a meeting he attended at the Hingham EOC where **Mark Duff** outlined plans for the town's preparedness. **Bill KB1IUB** attended a message training session at the Brockton EOC.

NET CONTROLS: 11/2 Walter K1BZD 11/9 Bruce NI1X 11/16 Roy KB1CYV
11/23 Chris N1WWI 11/30 Charlet N1VQZ

TECHNICAL TOPICS: "Foxhunting-The Movie" was played and enjoyed by all. This program produced by **Whitey K1VV** has been made available to the ARRL for distribution to clubs having an interest in making foxhunting a club activity. Several members of the WARC participated in the filming of this program

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

EMERGENCY PREPARIDNESS - VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

The Bruce NI1X got to meet **Tom Sowdon** – Superintendent, Emergency Preparedness for the Entergy Nuclear Generating Company in Plymouth Mass who gave a talk at the Massasoit Club October meeting. He reminded us of the plants more than adequate reinforced containment features and discussed the ongoing security measures at the plant that have been enhanced over the years to now include palm readers for access and expanded perimeter no-trespassing zones, especially over water.

Tom explained the notification procedures for the surrounding area in the event of an Unusual Event that could lead to a General Emergency that would trigger an evacuation of all the residents within a specific circular area around the plant that he described as key shaped and included a larger section in the direction of the prevailing winds.

Residents, including children in schools, would be sent to host facilities in the Town of Bridgewater, The City of Taunton and the Town of Braintree.

Members of the Massasoit Club and of the Whitman Club have volunteered to assist the local Emergency Management Agencies in this Nuclear Power Plant evacuation plan.

Shown in the picture L. to R. is **Rob Macedo KD1CY** this area's SKYWARN Coordinator, **Carl Aveni N1FY**, The Town of Bridgewater amateur radio volunteer RACES coordinator, **Tom Sowdon** - Superintendent, Emergency Preparedness, of Entergy Nuclear Generating Company in Plymouth Mass. and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** the City of Taunton amateur radio volunteer RACES coordinator.



Rob Macedo KD1CY, Carl Aveni N1FY
Tom Sowdon & Bruce Hayden NI1X

HINGHAM EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: **George Davis KC1FZ** reported that he responded to a letter sent to all Hingham HAMS by **Mark Duff** who called for a meeting to review his efforts to set up an Emergency Operations Center and shelters in Hingham. **Mark** was assembling HAM radio “Go-Kits” that would be made available to the HAM volunteers.

BROCKTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: **Bill O’Hara KB1IUB** reported that he attended a RADIOGRAM training class which was held on October 25th at the Brockton VA.

TAUNTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: **Bruce NI1X** reported that volunteer **Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK** of Taunton passed her Extra Class License.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST TURNS INTO THE REAL THING: **Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF** reported that he participated as an individual home reporting station during the November 8, 2003 Simulated Emergency Test (SET). **Joe Serrilla W1JOE** reported that he was home during the SET test when he heard **Carl Aveni N1FY**, the amateur radio volunteer coordinator for the Town of Bridgewater, put out a call on the Bridgewater REPEATER saying “This is not a drill – all emergency response team members report to the Bridgewater EOC” – It turns out that the Gas Company had ruptured a high pressure gas main near the Bridgewater State College about noon. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** met **Joe W1JOE** at the Bridgewater EOC where **Joe W1JOE** was sent to provide communication from the Bridgewater Senior Center that was available for possible evacuees from homes in the immediate area of the gas leak. **Joe W1JOE** reported that the firemen dept was reporting a gas plumb that was higher than the telephone poles on the street. Fortunately high winds dissipated the gas until the situation was brought under control.

CLUB HOUSE PROJECTS:

High winds in October brought a 9 inch dead tree limb down on the property that was cut up and can be seen in the rear of **The Bruce's NI1X** truck, that was headed for the land fill.

George Davis KC1FZ and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** have cut the brush (was that poison ivy ??) along the road that was blocking the view as you drove out of the Club House property. This alleviates a safety issue and finishes the outsider brush cutting project for this year. **Roy KB1CYV** donated a working lawn mower that was used to give the property one last cutting for the year.



Bruce NI1X & George KC1FZ



FOR SALE: Two tower top sections with rotors – (no rotor controls found). Help clean up the Club House by giving these tower top sections home. No reasonable offer refused. So far we have only received an offer to take the tower top sections off our hand at no cost by a non-club member - friend of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club.

YMCA FALL FROLIC ROAD RACE

Club member **Roy Logan KB1CYV** reported rain had started by the time the East Bridgewater YMCA 5K road race on Sunday, October 19, 2003 began. Forty runners and walkers braved the elements to participate in this annual event. Note one of the reflective vest on **Roy KB1CYV** that were purchased by the Massasoit Club for use at such public service events and was made available to the HAM volunteers.



Roy Logan KB1CYV

Providing communications support were area HAMS **Gary DeCoster WA1CIM** (The Coordinator) who was at the starting point with **Bob Keene N1LCY**, **Gil Follett W1GMF** and **Carl Aveni N1FY** along with **Roy KB1CYV**, stationed at key intersections along the route.

USS SALEM ACTIVITIES

Bill O'Hara KB1IUB reported that he operated from the USS Salem **K1USN** during the weekend of October 11th during the USS Constitution turnaround cruise while other area HAMS operated from onboard Old Ironsides as **N1S** and on the pier at the Charlestown Navy Yard as **N1B**, and on board the USS Caisson Young as **WW1DD** as it accompanied the USS Constitution on the turnaround cruise. **Bill KB1IUB** reported that he was also back on the USS Salem for the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) weekend.

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN participated from the USS Salem during the November 11th Veterans Day Special Event where 160 contacts were made on 17, 20 and 40 meters.

73 MAGAZINE SAYS "73 AND QRT"

Wayne Green W2NSD reported that after 43 years of publication, 73 Amateur Radio Today magazine is calling its quits with the September 2003 issue. Heading each issue was **Green's W2NSD "Never Say Die"** editorial, in which he rarely missed an opportunity to tweak the ARRL and his magazine competitors for their perceived shortcomings.

Club members all agree that **Wayne Green W2NSD** was a "legend in his own mind" and were either interested in his articles, that originally concentrated on amateur radio and ways to improve, advance and grow the hobby but in later years veered into conspiracy theories, cures for cancer, AIDS and other ailments along with Green's proliferation of books on these topics, and subscribed to 73 magazine or became infuriated by his editorials and cancelled their subscriptions.

Not to worry – it has been reported that **Wayne W2NSD** plans to continue his editorials on his WEB site <http://www.waynegrn.com>

NORWOOD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - CODE CLASSES



**Bill O'Hara
KB1IUB**

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**Other
Students**

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**Barry Devine K1BFD -
Instructor**

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 October we had an average of 11 check-ins per week (QNI = 45 / 4 sessions = 11) and a total of 9 messages were sent (QTC = 9).

WAINPO Traffic Messages
Featuring our Traffic Manager, Walt K1BZD

Submitted by Charlet N1VQZ

October 2003 Traffic



Date	Prec	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Location of Orig	Date
10/26/03	R		K1BZD	11	WHITMAN, MA	10/26/03 08:58 est.
Message Body						
WARPSN		OCTOBER		REPORT	SESSIONS	4
QNI		45		QTC	9	73
Signature: WALT K1BZD						
Rec'd From: K1BZD			On: 10/26/03		On:	



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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, Dec. 3rd 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
Director	Chris	N1WWI

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Web Site: <http://www.qsl.net/wa1npo>

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