



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc. January 2004

# SPECTRUM



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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:** This is **The Bruce N1IX**. January saw the start of Technician Classes sponsored by the Taunton Emergency Management Agency and taught by **Carlos Wharton WP4US**, with the Whitman Club offering support. The Fox hunters were active as usual and Santa brought a few new goodies for members to play with. The morning of January 16<sup>th</sup> was the coldest in many years. Perfect time for an antenna party – WRONG.

At the January meeting, Plimoth Plantation Special Event certificates were handed out to the Special Event Operators and to other members who were able to make contact with **WA1NPO**. Another great video by **Whitey K1VV** was shown that featured last years Lighthouse Special Event weekend in which **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** participated from the Boston Light.

Mark your calendar - at the next meeting - on February 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a guest speaker, **Mark Duff KB1EKN**, who will speak on emergency preparedness in Hingham where he is the Emergency Management Director. A great opportunity to discuss "Go Kits" and learn more about what is expected of amateur radio public service volunteers. I hope to see you all there.



**NEW MEMBER:** **Dave Gilbert KB1KMA** is a new HAM who received his license in November 2003 and has purchased an ICOM Model T7H dual band handheld transceiver as his first HAM radio. **Dave KB1KMA** came looking for the members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club at the Plimoth Plantation Special Event.

**Dave KB1KMA** lives in Plymouth and reports that after a tour of service in the US Air Force, some over the road truck driving and work as an auto and truck mechanic he now works as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). **Dave KB1KMA** is also a part time student majoring in psychology.

**Dave's KB1KMA** other interests are long distance bicycling, camping, photography, model railroading and playing an occasional round of golf and reports that he likes to work public events and his "Go Kit" contains first aid supplies along with his new handheld.



**Dave Gilbert KB1KMA**

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF January 7, 2004 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 6:43P.M. with a roll call.

**ATTENDANCE:** Seventeen members were present, including all four elected officers and one director. A quorum was present.

<b>Roy Logan</b>	<b>KB1CYV</b>	<b>Bill O'Hara III</b>	<b>KB1IUB</b>	<b>Jeff Lehmann</b>	<b>N1ZZN</b>
<b>Mike Marinucci</b>	<b>N1FRV</b>	<b>Chris Tilden</b>	<b>N1WWI</b>	<b>Jim Kenworthy</b>	<b>KB1KFF</b>
<b>Charlet Sherman</b>	<b>N1VQZ</b>	<b>George Davis</b>	<b>KC1FZ</b>	<b>Dave Gilbert</b>	<b>KB1KMA</b>
<b>Bruce Hayden</b>	<b>NI1X</b>	<b>Bill Hayden</b>	<b>N1FRE</b>	<b>Peter George</b>	<b>K1XRB</b>
<b>Bob Johnson</b>	<b>K1VU</b>	<b>Ed Meehan</b>	<b>N1NTZ</b>	<b>Bill O'Hara Jr.</b>	<b>WA1NYC</b>
<b>Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>N1SOM</b>	<b>Bob Azanow</b>	<b>KA1KIJ</b>		

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Bill WA1NYC** made a motion seconded by **Jeff N1ZZN** that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made by **Bill KB1IUB** seconded by **Mike N1FRV** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the December Newsletter. The motion was approved.

**HEALTH & WELFARE:** **Bob K1RB** has been receiving a preventative chemo program at Mass. General. **Bill N1FRE** reported that **Bob K1RB** had an enjoyable trip to Disneyland that included some amateur radio activity and that **Bob K1RB** is now pursuing 12 meter DXCC contacts from his home QTH.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Jeff N1SOM** discussed the Quincy Patriot Ledger "Community Agenda Page" which **George KC1FZ** had given him. We may be able to utilize this service and save the expense of an ad for the spring flea market. **Bruce NI1X** has distributed 30 QSL cards and Certificates to the Plimoth Plantation Special Event Operators and area HAMS who checked in with WA1NPO and reported receiving 30 requests for certificates from domestic contacts. **Bill N1FRE** has sent a thank you letter to Plimoth Plantation for allowing us to continue this tradition. **George KC1FZ** confirmed that **Mark Duff KB1EKN** will be the guest speaker for the February meeting and will demonstrate the emergency go-kit created by the Hingham EOC.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Bruce NI1X** requests anyone having an extra copy or an electronic file copy of the 1996-2001 newsletters contact him so that the archives may be updated. **Bill KB1IUB** reported that the USS Salem is still in need of volunteers to assist in the Boy Scout program held on the ship Saturday afternoon. **Roy KB1CYV** discussed the Emergency Preparedness segment of the South Shore Skywarn NET that **Carl N1FY** will be presenting on Saturday evenings. This NET meets each Saturday at 8:00 PM on the Bridgewater 147.180 MHz repeater. This is an informal NET so feel free to join in. **Dave KB1KMA** passed on to **Bruce NI1X** a listing of upcoming public service events desiring communications assistance. **Bruce NI1X** led a roundtable review of members amateur radio activities during the month.

**NET CONTROLS:** 1/4 Chris N1WWI 1/11 Bruce NI1X 1/18 Jeff N1SOM 1/25 Charlet N1VQZ

**TECHNICAL TOPICS:** The group enjoyed viewing a Video produced by **Whitey K1VV** on the International Lighthouse / Lightship Special Event held last August.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by **Bill WA1NYC** seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** and the meeting closed at 7:42 PM.

## PLIMOTH PLANTATION GOES ON THE AIR

That great headline was prominently featured on the second page of the Brockton Enterprise on Wednesday December 10, 2003 and included the attached article on the Plimoth Plantation Special Event

We had a total of 30 members and / or area HAMS who either participated or were able to log in with **WA1NPO** and we have received another 30 QSL card requests from US HAMS to date. We made 8 contacts with England and the closest one to Plymouth England was with **Cyril G3XED** in Bristol England.

In last month's newsletter article, that detailed this years Plimoth Adventure, the names of **Steve Rudin W1WSN** and **Stu Forman W1SAF** were inadvertently left off the list of members who were not able to attend the Special Event but were able to log in with **WA1NPO** via amateur radio.

**HAMS ON THANKSGIVING:** The Whitman Amateur Radio Club set up a base station and portable antennas at **Plimoth Plantation** the weekend following Thanksgiving, making contact with 177 amateur radio operators in 31 states, 13 foreign countries and three Canadian Provinces, while sharing information about Plimoth Plantation. Visitors were able to learn about how amateur radio operators are able to send messages quickly in response to emergencies. Participating licensed operators included: **John Wittey, N1PRK**, of Berkley; **Roy Logan, KB1CYV**, of Bridgewater; **Paul Burbine, N1VTI**, **Chris Tilden, N1WWI**, and **George Pedro, KE1KR**, all of East Bridgewater; **Jeff Lehmann, N1ZZN**, of Hanson; **John Coombs, WQ1L**, and **Jim Gilbert, W51RW**, both of Marshfield; **Jim O'Rourke, WG1L**, and **Don Keene, KA1PJX**, both of North Weymouth; **Dave Gilbert, KB1KMA**, of Plymouth; **Bruce Hayden, N1IX**, of Raynham; **Jim Kenworthy, KB1KFF**, of Rockland and **Bill Hayden, N1FRE**, of Whitman ...

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### SCUTTLEBUTT

**Ed Meehan N1NTZ** reported problems with his new ICOM IC-746 Pro which required it go back to the factory. **Ed N1NTZ** is on the air but reports experiencing a high SWR with his "slinky" antenna. **Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF** is trying to adapt a new pair of earphones to his transceiver and is planning to set up a long wire outside HF antenna . **Chris Tilden N1WWI** reports he is breaking in a new YAESU FT-857 transceiver and now has 6-Meter capabilities. **Bill Hayden N1FRE** reports problems with the 2 meter module in his Icom IC-706 mobile transceiver.

**Bruce Hayden N1IX** reported his Cushcraft R-5 is up and running and temporally replacing his Cushcraft R-7 which broke in two pieces during a severe winter storm. **Bill Tracy N1SON** reports he is also repairing storm damaged antennas. **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** reported that he is helping coordinate an upcoming General Class at the Norwood Amateur Radio Club. **Bob Johnson K1VU** reports he has submitted his logs and is participating in the ARRL's "Log of the World" program.

**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** is learning the special features of a new YAESU VR-4 handheld transceiver. **John Coombs WQ1L** reports he has been surfing the amateur radio equipment manufacturers WEB sites and has been able to download HAM equipment related articles. **John WQ1L** also reports his son **John Jr. KB1HCW** has encountered opposition to his installation of a stealth antenna at his apartment but did receive a copy of the latest ARRL Handbook from Santa.

**Loren Pimentel N1IQI** reports that is as busy as ever handling traffic as usual. Area Ham **Ray Wall N1KXJ** reported in that he has just picked up a YAESU FT-857 transceiver and plans to operate mobile from his truck. **Mike Marinucci N1FRV** plans to purchase an automatic antenna tuner - a CGS-239 for use with a stealth antenna at his apartment. **Charlet Sherman N1VQZ** is upgrading her computer system. **Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF** and **Stu Forman W1SAF** both asked for WARPSN NET training material and plan to give NET Control a try to start the new year off right.

## CLUB HISTORY: The Whitman Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1962

Club member **Robert Burns K1RB** reports that he was the first Whitman Amateur Radio Club President when the Club was founded in 1962, back in the days when the members were trying to recruit amateur radio operators for Civil Defense and originally met at the Fire Station that was the Civil Defense Headquarters. This means the Club has been in existence for 41 years.

One old record documented a pivotal meeting that was held on Jan 28, 1963 to “analyze and discuss the problems confronting the 14 founding members”. The foresight and dedication of those original founding members to establish and implement a program to teach amateur radio code and theory classes, starting in 1963, solved most of the problems by making all members active teachers or teacher’s assistants, generating new members and generating the corresponding additional new member dues revenue. **Bob K1RB** was one of those original amateur radio theory course teachers. The meetings were later moved to **Ray Hoffses K1UMP** home QTH on Washington Street in Whitman where you walked into a big open cellar with chairs and tables along with a Morse code tape machine and **Ray’s K1UMP** HAM shack room that was built in the far corner.



**Bob Burns K1RB**

The Whitman Conservation Commission was first approached in November 1963 about the use of the Pine Quonset hut as a Club House. This means that the Whitman Amateur Radio Club members are on their fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) 10 year lease for the use of the Pine Street Quonset Hut.

Documents show that the Whitman Amateur Radio Club was incorporated as a non-profit organization with the State of Massachusetts on December 10, 1965. The Whitman Amateur Radio Club became an ARRL affiliated Club on May 2, 1968 and has been an ARRL affiliated club for 35 years.

The Club annual auction / Flea Market was shifted to, and held at, Saftler’s parking lot for the first time in 1976. This means that Saftler’s has been supporting the efforts of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club for 27 years.

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## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

**MUSEUM VISIT:** The Bruce N11X talked with **Mark Vess** of Hanson and **Mark** has invited the members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club to come visit his indoor museum and his outdoor collection of old engines and old tractors. To be scheduled when the weather is mild enough to start the old one cylinder engines and take a ride on some old vehicles.

**Post Your Picture On QRZ:** The Bruce N11X will help you post your picture on QRZ. **Carlos WP4US** was the first to take **The Bruce N11X** up on the offer. Check out **Carlos’s** Call Sign **WP4US** or **The Bruce’s N11X** Call Sign on QRZ and see the results for yourself.

**USS SALEM – K1USN – Needs more volunteers:** **Bill O’Hara KB1IUB** reports that **John Cunningham W1AI**, the USS Salem Radio Club Scouting program volunteer coordinator needs more volunteers to do Morse code presentations and to operate from the Radio room on any Saturday from 3 – 6 pm. Contact **John W1AI** at [W1AI@hamtestonline.com](mailto:W1AI@hamtestonline.com) for current schedule.

**Technical Topics:** The Bruce N11X will bring a Diamond 2m / 70cm high gain vertical antenna to the next meeting for show and tell. A good 5 foot long “Go Kit” antenna.

## RACES VOLUNTEER UPDATE

**Rick Ferreira** – the Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency has been asking that a amateur radio technician class be held in the Taunton area. The purpose is to help **Rick Ferreira** and his assistant **Rick Tucker** become amateur radio operators and to recruit more amateur radio civil emergency service (RACES) volunteer operators for the City of Taunton and surrounding towns.

**Carlos Wharton WP4US**, the newest amateur radio volunteer for the City of Taunton, offered to teach the class. **Rick Ferreira** offered to provide the classroom facilities and recruited students from the City of Taunton Emergency Management Agency volunteers and from similar volunteers from the surrounding Towns.



**The Teacher - Carlos Wharton WP4US**

A total of 23 students signed up with 9 from Taunton, 9 from Rehoboth and 1 from Norton at the first class. **The Bruce N11X** has provided Whitman Club Newsletter handouts on the Marconi Special Event and Field Day 2003 for show and tell. In addition – with the help of **Bill N1FRE** and **Roy KB1CYV - The Bruce N11X** is assembling a package of QST magazines to use as a handout at one of the future classes.

The classes started Wednesday night January 21 and the textbook is the ARRL publication “Now You’re Talking”. The classes are scheduled for 8 weeks. A V-E session is scheduled for the final class on March 10, 2004.

## 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 December we had an average of 13 check-ins per week (QNI = 52 / 4 sessions = 13) and a total of 13 messages were sent (QTC = 13).

### ***WAINPO Traffic Messages*** Featuring our Traffic Manager, **Walt K1BZD**

Submitted by Charlet N1VQZ



#### **December 2003 Traffic**

Date	Prec	HX	Station of Origin	Check	Location of Orig	Date
12/28/03	R		K1BZD	11	WHITMAN, MA	12/28/03 08:47 est.
<b>Message Body</b>						
WARPSN		DECEMBER		REPORT	SESSIONS	4
QNI		52		QTC	13	73
<b>Signature: WALT K1BZD</b>						
<b>Rec'd From: K1BZD</b>			<b>On: 12/28/03</b>		<b>On:</b>	



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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, Feb. 4th at 6:30 PM  
Whitman Public Library

## CLUB OFFICERS:

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