



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

June 2004

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **The Bruce N1IX** – I would like to thank all the members and friends of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club that helped make the Memorial Day weekend fund raiser Flea Market, held at Saftler's Parking lot in Whitman, a great success. The weather was beautiful, the turnout was great, and this has to rank up there as one of the best Flea Markets in a long long time.



In June the club members participated in Fox Hunting, helped out providing communication at a road race at the Middleboro YMCA, participated in Community Emergency Response Training, and participated with various Cities and Towns during a Hurricane Drill that was coordinated by the Mass. Emergency Management Agency. We were saddened to received word that area HAM **Carl Rey N1EVT** became a Silent Key in June.

At the June meeting we held a round table discussion related to our amateur radio activities and wound up the meeting holding a planning session for Field Day 2004. I hope to see you sometime over the Field Day 2004 weekend on Saturday June 26th or Sunday morning June 27th at the Ames Nowell State Park in Abington.

SILENT KEY: In June we learned that area HAM **Carl Rey N1EVT** of Randolph became a Silent Key. **Carl N1EVT** was at the Whitman Club Saftler's Flea Market over the Memorial Day weekend looking for a heavy duty rotor when this picture was taken. **Carl N1EVT** was a member of the Massasoit Club and faithfully stopped by the Whitman Club Saftler's Flea Markets, over the years, to socialize and to keep us informed of the progress of the Channel 4 conversion to High Definition Television.



Bob Mandeville N1EDM reports that **Carl N1EVT** came from the Island of St. Kitts where he obtained his first amateur radio license. **Carl N1EVT** worked as a cameraman and technician at Channel 7 and worked his way up to Engineer at Channel 4. **Carl N1EVT** would have been 52 years old at the end of the month. **Carl N1EVT** will be missed by friends and family.

Carl Rey N1EVT SK

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND: **Pi Pugh K1RV** reports that the 8th annual International Museum Ships Weekend will be held on July 17-18th. Operators are welcome onboard the USS Salem. Contact **Pi K1RV** at email: k1rv@hamtestonline.com

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

ATTENDANCE: Fifteen members / guests were present, including all four elected officers. A quorum was present.

N1FRE Bill Hayden
N1PXX Ron Smith
K1RB Bob Burns
KC1FZ George Davis
KB1KFF Jim Kenworthy

KB1KVL Ken Kavaljian
W1MMM Bob Sikes
N1SOM Jeff Tracy
N1NTZ Ed Meehan
SWL Jay Freeman

KB1CYV Roy Logan
N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann
NI1X Bruce Hayden
K1XRB Peter George
SWL Dylan Freeman

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Ed N1NTZ** 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 **Ed N1NTZ** seconded by **Jim KB1KFF** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the May Newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: **Bruce Weir N1XZD** is recovering from a broken leg and back at the Embassy House in Brockton.

OLD BUSINESS: **Bruce NI1X** reported that the door to the clubhouse has been replaced. Volunteers are needed for the Pine Street Clippers grounds detail. The spring flea market held at Saftler's May 30-31 was a huge success. Thanks to all who contributed items for the club table. **Bill N1FRE** will be sending a thank you letter to Saftler's.

NEW BUSINESS: Plans for Field Day were discussed. Several base stations will be in operation. Come join the fun on June 26-27 at Ames Nowell State Park. **Steve W1WSN** needs assistance in taking down a tower. **Bob K1RB** discussed plans for amateur radio demonstrations at the Marshfield Fair. Volunteers are needed to operate August 20-29. Those able to participate should contact **Bruce NI1X**.

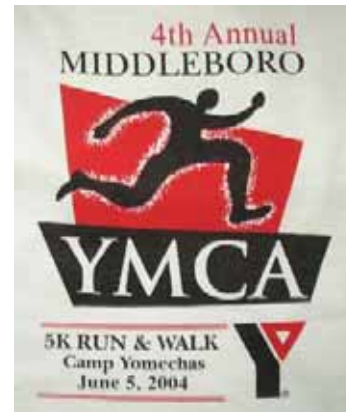
CLUB ELECTIONS: **Ed N1NTZ** and **Jeff N1ZZN** volunteered to tally the ballots. Those elected were President **Bruce NI1X**, Vice President **Bill N1FRE**, Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM**, Secretary **Roy KB1CYV** and Board of Directors Member **George KC1FZ**.

TECHNICAL TOPICS: The Massasoit Amateur Radio Association has extended an invitation to attend their June 15 club meeting at the Bridgewater Public Library for a presentation by **Don Bennechi K1DC** on restoration of a Collins AM rig. This program was well received at the Dayton Hamvention.

NET CONTROLS: 6/6 **Bruce NI1X** 6/13 **Bill N1FRE** 6/20 **Roy KB1CYV**
 6/27 **Field Day**

ADJOURNEMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by **Roy KB1CYV** seconded by **Jeff N1SOM** and President **Bruce NI1X** closed the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

MIDDLEBORO YMCA 5K RUN / WALK



Three Whitman Club members were among the 9 area HAMS who volunteered to support the 4th annual 5K Run / Walk road race held at Camp Yomechas in Middleboro on Saturday June 5, 2004. Gathered around **Carl Aveni N1FY** who was the coordinator and Net Control and shown seated at the portable 2-Meter Base Station are standing L. to R. **Gil Follett W1GMF**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Phil McNamara N1XTB**, **Walt Fitzgerald N1LHD**, **Steve Belcher WA1ZUF**, **Pete Curley N1NVV** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** with **Ed Meehan N1NTZ** seen seated on the left of **Carl N1FY**.

The 2-Meter Base Station was battery operated (a big car battery) and included a copper cactus 2-Meter J-Pole antenna mounted a good 10 feet off the ground on the top of a collapsible paint brush pole. **Carl N1FY** provided reflective vests that once again proved very effective for safety and identification.

The 5K (3.1 mile) Run / Walk started at the YMCA Camp Yomechas in Middleboro and the volunteer amateur radio operators were stationed along the race course at various intersections and at the half way, turning point, water station. The mosquitoes were out there but not bad. **Walt N1LHD** responded to one request for help from one runner who would not quit and only slowed down and paused at the half way water station while requesting asthma medication from her car. Needless to say the amateur radio crew kept an eye on this runner in particular. The crew was thanked for their support of this annual event and presented with YMCA race tee shirts. The weather was overcast but cool and it would appear that the 80 runners had a good time.

Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service NET (WARPSN): **Walter Dolson K1BZD** is our traffic manager and has been instrumental in teaching NET Control and traffic handling to the members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club by promoting the WARPSN. This NET meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M. on the Whitman REPEATER 147.225 MHz. Come join in and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMS and short-wave listeners as well. In May we had five sessions with an average of 13 area HAMS checking in each week and 10 messages were sent.



Walter K1BZD reports that he had the honor of being sent to Washington, DC, by the VFW Post 697 of Whitman for both the ground breaking ceremony and the very emotional Memorial Day weekend dedication of the World War II memorial. **Walter K1BZD** joined the Army Air Force in 1942 at the age of 21, then passed his amateur radio license and joined the Military Affiliated Radio Service (MARS) shortly after he got out of the Military Service in 1946.

Walter Dolson K1BZD

RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICE (RACES) VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Three Whitman Club members participated in a Hurricane Drill at the City of Taunton Emergency Operations center. Seen in the photo are – Standing L. to R. **Bruce Hayden N1IX** and **George Pereira KB1KZV** of Norton. Seated L. to R. are **Barbara Foster KB1KZX** of Taunton, Club members **Carlos Wharton WP4US** and **Rick Ferreira KB1KWF** – the TEMA Director and **Steve Foster KB1KZW** of Taunton. The Hurricane Drill was coordinated by the Mass Emergency Management Agency - Region II and the various Cities and Towns reported their status over the simulated four day event. The purpose was to give the MEMA region II headquarter a tabulated total picture of the extent of devastation caused by a major hurricane that hit southeastern Mass and to provide a means of sharing mutual aid.



Taunton Drill Crew

Bob Burns K1RB and **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, participated in the Hurricane drill with the Town of Whitman and are currently participating in local Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) courses. **George Davis KC1FZ** participated in the Hurricane drill with the Town of Hingham.

Several Whitman Club members have started taking Community Emergency Response Training. You must complete 9 or 10 classes usually held over a 9 or 10 week period. To date **Rick Ferreira KB1KWF** and **Bruce Hayden N1IX** have completed the course. This course is not required of RACES or Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers however it is being offered free of charge by the local City and Town Emergency Management Agencies and amateur radio public service volunteers could very well be working with CERT teams providing communication back to the local emergency operations centers. It is always better to “Be Prepared”.



George Davis KC1FZ

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the May meeting, the current slate of Officers were reelected to another term and **George Davis KC1FZ** was elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term.

Club Officers and Directors

Bruce Hayden N1IX	President
Bill Hayden N1FRE	Vice President
Roy Logan KB1CYV	Secretary
Jeff Tracy N1SOM	Treasurer
Jim Gilbert W5IRW	Director - Term expires on May 30, 2005
Steve Rudin W1WSN	Director - Term expires on May 30, 2006
George Davis KC1FZ	Director - Term expires on May 30, 2007
Chris Tilden N1WWI	Director - who is filling the position of immediate Past President.



Bruce N1IX & Jeff N1SOM
Bill N1FRE & Roy KB1CYV

WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET

First came the planning, thanks to **Bill Hayden N1FRE** who volunteered to coordinate the Flea Market by contacting the Saftler's to secure permission for the Flea Market and then applied to the Town of Whitman and securing the Flea Market permit. **Bill N1FRE** is shown on the left, with **Frank Hayes N1OGP** in the middle and **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** on the right, after recovering one of the Flea Market signs **Bill N1FRE** had made and posted on the telephone poles at the intersection of Rt. 18 and Rt. 14 in Whitman.



We all owe a special thanks to **Paul Burbine N1VTI** who volunteered along with **Bill N1FRE** to coordinate the early bird parking at the Flea Market. **Paul N1VTI** was heard at 5:30 A.M. chasing Vendors out of the Medical Center parking lot and directing them to Saftler's parking lot while most of us were still in bed.

Also working very hard to support the Flea Market was **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** who volunteered to bring the coffee, donuts, soda, water and ice filled coolers. **Jeff N1SOM** also rounded up a team that consisted of **Bill N1FRE** on Sunday and **Paul N1VTI** on Monday to make the rounds and collect fees from the vendors – it's a tough job but someone has to do it. With the great sunny weather – this was one of the best Flea Markets in years. After helping to transport the left over goodies back to the Club house **Jeff N1SOM** also teamed up with **The Bruce N1IX** and went back to Saftler's and made a clean sweep of the parking lot, picking up the left over coffee cups, two VCR's, a couple of boxes, but really very few left over items because early in the day **Bill N1FRE** was heard telling one vender that everyone is expected to take home their own trash.

The turnout was terrific with 29 club members logged in at the Club Table over the two day Flea Market and there may have been more. They were:

Bill Tracy N1SON	Bill Hayden N1FRE	Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF
Ron Smith N1PXX	Roy Logan KB1CYV	Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
Bob Burns K1RB	Bruce Hayden N1IX	Paul Burbine N1VTI
Jim Wolf N1OIU	Frank Hayes N1OGP	John Coombs WQ1L
Al Molin N1JXS	Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL	Dave Gurney WA1YZH
Ed Meehan N1NTZ	Mike Marinucci N1FRV	Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Don Keene KA1PJX	George Davis KC1FZ	Richard Schwartz N1SZE
Bill O'Hara WA1NYC	Bob Loring K1REL	Loren Pimentel N1IQI
Evelyn Foley K1EF	Barbara Rice K1MRH	Ed Anderson KA1NCS
Vic Kairis N1OEH	Bob Johnson K1VU	



Bob Keene Jr. N1LCY of Randolph & Jim Wolf N1OIU



Richard Schwartz N1SZE



John Coombs WQ1L

SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET MONDAY MORNING CREW



Seen at the club table on Monday morning are L. to R. **Mike Marinucci N1FRV**, **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Jim Ford NM1F**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Bob Johnson K1VU**, **Vic Kairis N1OEH**, **Frank Hayes N1OGP** and **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**. Seated L. to R. **Jennifer SWL**, **Bob Burns K1RB** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**. There were 29 club members and 27 area HAMS who were able to stop by and socialize. Several others checked in with the Club Station **WA1NPO**.

We also have to thank all the members and friends of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club who donated goodies to be sold at the Club table. About \$350.00 worth of Club table items were sold over the two day period. I know **Ed Anderson KA1NCS**, **Doug Cugini N1KQZ**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV** along with **The Bruce N1IX** and many other friends of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club had donated goodies. In addition area HAMS **Bob Mandeville N1EDM** and **Bob "Whitey" Doherty K1VV** were seen dropping off goodies to be sold at the club table and I apologize to all the others who made donations that I have left out. We do have senior moments every now and then.

WA1NPO ON THE AIR

On Sunday **Paul Burbine N1VTI** set up his ICOM IC 706 Mark II transceiver and was experimenting with a new motor operated adjustable HF vertical antenna that had a high SWR. He switched to an inverted Vee 17 meter dipole and finally contact was made with England to the east and with **Bill N1FRE** mobile in Brockton. Conditions were poor on Sunday.



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
Paul Burbine N1VTI



Bill Hayden N1FRE
At the 17 Meter Club Station

On Monday **Bill Hayden N1FRE** brought his ICOM IC 756 transceiver and set up the Club Station and made 17 meter contacts with Florida, S. Carolina, N. Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Delaware, New York, Ontario Canada along with Ohio and Indiana. **Bill N1FRE** and **The Bruce N1IX** had teamed up to installed an inverted Vee 17 meter dipole antenna using a 20 foot mast lashed to a fence.

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN is shown at the Club 2-Meter Base Station. Club members who were not able to attend but were able to check in with **WA1NPO** were **Bernie Snow N1OQW**, **Chris Tilden N1WWI**, **Charlet Sherman N1VQZ** and **Steve Rudin W1WSN**. Other area HAMS checking in were **Jim O'Rourke WG1L** of N. Weymouth, **Jay Zappulla N1FDX** of Middleboro, **Clyde Ramsdell N1BHH** of Rockland and **Pi Pugh K1RV** of Abington.



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

There were also 27 Area HAMS who were able to stop by and introduced themselves to the Club Table. They were:

Jim Ford NM1F
Bob Keene Jr. N1LCY
Vicky Ryan KB1IKX
Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK
Walter Fitzgerald N1LHD
Harry Ketler W1DGD
Bob Pratt KA1DZA
Peter Shakalis KA1WGV
Kathie Mandeville N1SGT

Shawn DeCesari K1VSR
Bill Ryan N1DZD
Carl Rey N1EVT
Nick Finocchio N1LEG
Paul Whipperman K1MTM
Bob "Q" Callahan W1QWT
Randy Maille N1LRC
Geri Duff KB1ISG
Bob "Whitey" Doherty K1VV

Bob Mandeville N1EDM
Ed Eidelman K1NFO
Bill O'Hara AB1DT
Tom Qualtieri N1TQ
Bruce Baresel KV1X
Barry Devine K1BFD
Mark Duff KB1EKN
Jed Barton N1JBC
Joe Harris KB1IXK



Bob "Whitey" Doherty of Lakeville



Kathie N1SGT & Bob N1EDM Mandeville of Brockton



Al Molin N1JXS & Evelyn Foley K1EF & Katye



Ron Smith N1PXX & Ed N1NTZ Roy Logan KB1CYV



Barbara Rice K1MRH Bob Loring K1REL



George Davis KC1FZ

Father **Peter Shakalis KA1WGV** is back in Plymouth for a visit. Father **Peter KA1WGV** has been teaching about the American Free Enterprise System in Lithuania ever since he retired from his local Parish in Brockton. It has been years since we last heard the call "This is **K A 1 With Gods Vision**) mobile" on the local REPEATERS.

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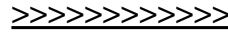
MORE SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET PHOTOS



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN, on the left is seen with the two HAMS who traveled the furthest. In the middle is his friend **Jed Barton N1JBC** of Barrington, RI and on the right is **Shawn DeCesari K1VSR** of Cranston, RI.



On the left is **Bob Pratt KA1DZA** of Abington, shown with **Vic Kairis N1OEH** on the right.



Bill O'Hara WA1NYC



Barry Devine K1BFD of Canton
Ed Eidleman K1NFO of Stoughton



Bob Johnson K1VU &
Harry Ketler W1DGD
of W. Bridgewater



Bruce NIIX & Bruce KV1X

Bruce Hayden NIIX finally met **Bruce Baresel KV1X** of E. Bridgewater for an eye ball to eye ball QSO. They had been talking on the local REPEATERS and finally got a chance to meet at the Saffler's Flea Market. **Bruce KV1X** recently relocated from Plymouth to East Bridgewater. Now we have four Bruce's to contend with when you add **Bruce Beaman K1HTN** and **Bruce Weir N1XZD**.



Mike Marinucci N1FRV
& Jennifer SWL



Bob Burns K1RB &
Dave Gurney WA1YZH



"Q" Callahan W1QWT &
Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF

Bob "Q" Callahan W1QWT of Scituate is the owner and operator of the Scituate Repeater 145.390 MHz that he has connected to the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP).



Jim Ford NM1F of Plymouth is seen in the picture on the left at his HAM table. **Bruce N1IX** with sister **Jean** are seen in the middle picture. **Jean** spent Sunday morning at the club table tagging items and selling goodies and stopped back Monday to check on our progress. **Bill Tracy N1SON** and **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** are seen in the photo on the right eyeing the two yellow "Gooney Boxes" - 1950's Civil Defense 2 meter AM transceivers.



Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL



Vicky Ryan KB1IKX & Bill Ryan N1DZD of Brockton



Joe Harris KB1IXK of Quincy Geri Duff KB1ISG & Mark Duff KB1EKN of Hingham



Walt Fitzgerald N1LHD

Walt Fitzgerald N1LHD made a pass through the Saffler's Flea Market Motorcycle mobile and was finally tracked down at the YMCA road race the next weekend. We got to meet **Vicky Ryan KB1IKX** (ask her about genealogy) and **Bill Ryan N1DZD** who is the owner / operator of the Kingston 447.075 MHz REPEATER. **Mark Duff KB1EKN** – Director of the Hingham EMA who gave a talk on emergency preparedness, at one of the Whitman Club meetings, stopped by with his wife **Geri KB1ISG**. We missed a few people but not many. This was a great social event.

THE BUY OF THE DAY: There sitting on one of the vendor tables, among a bunch of household items, was a 1910-1920 Crystal radio shown in the photo. **The Bruce N1IX** bid \$50.00 and was told later that the antique crystal radio went for \$90.00 which was probably still half price. One tapped coil slid inside the other on what looked like brass rods. There was a Cat Whisker Crystal mounted on the top right and what looked like a paper capacitor mounted on the top left. And then the Flea Market was over.



Antique Crystal Radio



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

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