



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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# SPECTRUM



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**President's Message:** This is **The Bruce N1IX** - I am very pleased to report that the Whitman Amateur Radio Club has voted to present **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** with an Outstanding Amateur Radio Operator Award. This award will include a monetary amount of \$1,500.00. The presentation of this award will be made at the October meeting.



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

**Mark your calendar now (Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>) and plan on attending the October meeting to show your support of Jeff N1ZZN.** A special invitation will go out to non-members in support of this award.

I would like to thank all the members and friends of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club, who teamed up to help make the Saftler's Flea Market, held over the Labor Day weekend, a great success. I counted 49 members and area HAMs who logged in at the Club table. A special thanks to all those that donated goodies to be sold and / or helped out at the club table.

In September, the Fox Hunters were back in action and members reported on monitoring the severe weather conditions for SKYWARN. With the ARRL Boxboro Convention, the Marshfield Fair Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and our Saftler's Flea Market behind us and the Hosstraders Hamfest coming up the first weekend in October this has been a very radioactive summer. Come to the next meeting and share your amateur radio related experiences with the other members.

## NEW MEMBER

**Al Drollett Jr. W1SM** lives in Weymouth and reports that he was first licensed in 1993 and upgraded to Extra in October 2000. We first met **Al W1SM** at Field Day 2004.

**Al W1SM** also reports that he recently built the 6 – meter "Weymouth" repeater, with the help of a local HAM **Dick Jolls K1GUG**, and installed it at his house. The REPEATER frequency is 53.030 MHz and is used every Monday night for a Braintree Emergency Management Agency NET. **Al W1SM** reports he bought a G. E. Master II Base Station and added a controller and with the help of **Dick K1GUG** made 8 duplexers out of 1 – 5/8 heliax cable.



Al Drollett Jr. W1SM

## HOSSTRADERS HAMFEST OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> + 2<sup>ND</sup> 2004

Hosstraders will be held on the first weekend in October at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds off Rt 89 (Exit 7) in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. For more details see <http://www.gsl.net/k1rgq>



## SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET - LABOR DAY WEEKEND



Vic N1OEH & Jim NM1F

As you can see the sun was out, the sky was blue and the weather was just beautiful. **Vic Kairis N1OEH** is seen negotiating a deal with **Jim Ford NM1F** while **Bob Loring N1REL** and **Barbara Rice N1MRH** look on.



Bob N1REL & Barbara N1MRH



Jeff Tracy N1SOM  
Tom N1TQ & Jeanne KB1JZK

In addition to **Jim Ford NM1F** of Plymouth, I would like to thank **Tom Qualtieri N1TQ** of Westford and **Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK** of Taunton along with Whitman Club member **Bob Burns K1RB** for setting up a vendor table in support of our Flea Market - all with HAM related goodies to sell.



Bob Burns K1RB



Dave N1DWZ, The Bruce N1X  
& George KE1KR

**The Bruce N1X** says goodbye to a piece of test equipment that was in mint condition. This boat anchor – I mean antique - had found a new home with **Dave Roscoe N1DWZ**. Looks like **Ken Garren's WA1DUZ** wife **Peggy** is going to make a clean sweep of his HAM shack when they get home.



Ken Garren Jr. WA1DUZ  
& wife Peggy

**Jeff Tracy N1SOM** was NET Control and ran the Sunday morning Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service NET from the Sattler's Parking lot Flea Market site. Those members who were not able to attend the Flea Market but were able to check in with **WA1NPO** were **Bernie Snow N1OQW** and **Steve Rudin W1WSN**.

This NET meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M. on the Whitman REPEATER 147.225 MHz. In August we had five sessions with an average of 10 area HAMS checking in each week and 11 messages were sent. Come join in and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMS and short-wave listeners as well.



Jeff Tracy N1SOM



## WA1NPO "On-The-Air"

**Ed Meehan N1NTZ** is shown making a contact with Italy. It was a pile up for one of the Route 66 Special Event Station operators when **WA1NPO** checked in with an operator named **Bruce**, followed by **N1IX** checking in with a name of **Bruce** then followed by **N1SOM** checking in with a name of **Jeff**. The Rt. 66 Special Event Operator chuckled as he reported we all had the same station quality and signal strength. By the end of the Flea Market **WA1NPO** had checked in with 3 of the 15 Rt. 66 Special Event Stations.



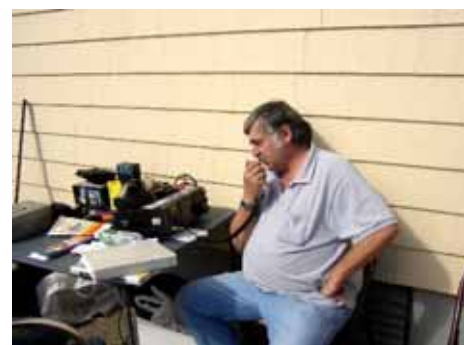
**Ed Meehan N1NTZ**



**Bill Hayden N1FRE**  
**Bob Johnson K1VU**



**Roy Logan KB1CYV**



**Mike Marinucci N1FRV**

**Mike Marinucci N1FRV** stopped by the Flea Market and reports that he will complete the move to Florida on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Mike N1FRE** and **Jennifer's** new address is 185 West Massachusetts Street in Hernando, Florida 34442

**Bill Hayden N1FRE** set up his ICOM IC-756 transceiver with **Bob Burns's K1RB** Cushcraft 6 band vertical antenna lashed to a fence post. Contacts were made with Tennessee and Florida to the South - Italy, Bulgaria and the Netherlands to the East and Kansas, Missouri and California to the West.



**Whitey Doherty K1VV**  
**Bob Mandeville N1EDM**



**Walt Johnson W1HA**



**Pete Curley N1NVV**

Both **Pete Curly N1NVV** and **Bob Mandeville N1EDM** of the Massasoit club responded to a request for a CB radio to be used on a temporary / permanent basis at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center. The existing rig had been tested and found inoperable. **Whitey Doherty K1VV** is the HAM who has been producing CD's of local amateur radio activities that the Whitman Club has been showing at the meetings. **Jim Ford NM1F** gave us an ARRL video on disaster preparedness and Public Service video for showing at future meetings.

**THE PARTICIPATION WAS TERRIFIC:** The 29 Whitman club members - able to attend were:

**N1FRV Mike Marinucci**  
**N1FRE Bill Hayden**  
**N1SOM Jeff Tracy**  
**K1VU Bob Johnson**  
**N1SON Bill Tracy**  
**W1JOE Joe Serrilla**  
**N1JXS Al Molin**  
**KE1KR George Pedro**  
**K1MRH Barbara Rice**  
**K1RB Bob Burns**

**W1HA Walt Johnson**  
**N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann**  
**NI1X Bruce Hayden**  
**W1SM Al Drollett Jr.**  
**KB1KFF Jim Kenworthy**  
**K1EF Evelyn Foley**  
**KC1FZ George Davis**  
**N1OEH Vic Kairis**  
**N1KQZ Doug Cugini**  
**N1VTI Paul Burbine**

**KB1CYV Roy Logan**  
**KB1KVL Ken Kavaljian**  
**WQ1L John Coombs**  
**N1PXX Ron Smith**  
**WA1NYC Bill O'Hara**  
**N1NTZ Ed Meehan**  
**K1BZD Walter Dolson**  
**N1REL Bob Loring**  
**KB1KDI Nancy Johnson**



**Walter Dolson K1BZD**  
**George Davis KC1FZ**  
**John Whitey N1PRK**

**Doug Cugini N1KQZ**  
**Nancy Johnson KB1KDI**

**John Coombs WQ1L**  
**Ron Smith N1PXX & wife Joan**  
**Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF**

At least 20 area HAMS stopped by the club table to drop off items to be donated to the club or to socialize and I am sure we missed a few others. A great chance for an eyeball-to-eyeball QSO and to socialize with area HAMS we have talked with over the local Repeaters. The area HAMS who logged in at the club table were:

**Gil Follett W1GMF, Bill O'Hara N1EY and Bob Pratt KA1DZA** of Abington; **John Whitey N1PRK** of Berkley; **Gary Cumiskey W1GRS** of Bridgewater; **Dave Roscoe N1DWZ** and **Joe Casieri KB1JBE** of E. Bridgewater; **Paul Foley N1KQR, Dennis Foley N1KXD** and **Vickie Ryan KB1IKX** of Brockton; **Ken Garren Jr. WA1DUZ** of Hanson; **Whitey Doherty K1VV** of Lakeville; **Wesley Holmes Jr. N1WH, Pete Curley N1NVV, Mark Loring KC1ML** and **Jim Ford NM1F** of Plymouth; **Bob Bass K1WGU** and **Steve Snow N1KQV** of Randolph; **Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK** of Taunton; **Tom Qualtieri N1TQ** of Westport;



**Bob Pratt KA1DZA**  
**Joe Casieri KB1JBE**



**Mark KC1ML, Wes N1WH**  
**Evelyn K1EF, Bill N1EY**  
**Bill WA1NYC, Steve N1KQV**



**Gary Cumiskey W1GRS**  
**Joe Serrilla W1JOE**  
**Gil Follett W1GMF**





**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**  
**Ed Meehan N1NTZ**  
**Roy Logan KB1CYV**



**Evelyn Foley K1EF**  
**& Katye**



**Paul Burbine N1VTI**

Once again, a special thanks to all the volunteers who worked behind the scene to help make this Flea Market a great success. **Paul Burbine N1VTI** was heard mobile just after 5 am directing the early bird vendors at Saftler's parking lot. **Bill N1FRE** had contacted Saftler's, secured the Flea Market permit, made up flyers to hand out and made up large Flea Market posters that he nailed to the nearby telephone poles. **Jeff N1SOM** and **Bill N1FRE** made the rounds and collected vendor fees. **Jeff N1SOM** had put the adds in the newspaper and picked up the soda, bottled water, ice and coolers. Many others gathered goodies from home to be donated to the club table. Thanks to all who helped put **WA1NPO "On-The-Air"**. A great team effort.

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### **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM FLORIDA DEPLOYMENT**

**Bill Hayden N1FRE** is shown with **Bob Schmitt**, Whitman's Emergency Management Director who stopped by the Saftler's Flea Market to inform the Whitman Club members who are Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduates, that they were invited to volunteer for deployment to Florida where they would be working for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



**Bob Schmitt & Bill N1FRE**



**George Pereira KB1KZV**

Two recent graduates of **Carlos's WP4UP** technician classes, **George Pereira KB1KZV** of Norton and **Barbara Foster KB1KZX** of Taunton, have been accepted for deployment with FEMA to assist Florida hurricane victims. They are both Emergency Management Agency volunteers and Community Emergency Response Team graduates who are part of the local Taunton team who responded to **Rick Ferreira's KB1KWF**, the Director of the City of Taunton Emergency Management Agency, call for qualified volunteers. Having their HAM ticket may be just another tool in their toolbox but it is a tool that is gaining wider and wider acceptance in the emergency management field.

**George KB1KZV** has been taking an active part in the monthly RADIOGRAM training at the Taunton EOC and I told him that I expect a full report with pictures for the October newsletter when he returns. **George KB1KZV** has already reported in from Jacksonville Florida where this picture was taken and at last report, **Barbara KB1KZX** had made it as far as Georgia. Other area Hams report they would look forward to participating but local work / family conflicts have prevented their active deployment at this time.

## CLUB HOUSE PROJECTS

The Pine street clippers were at it again. **Paul Burbine N1VTI** and **The Bruce NI1X** are shown just after they cut the tall grass in September. The ongoing project is to clean up and clean out the inside of the Club House.

**Paul Burbine N1VTI**  
**Bruce Hayden NI1X**



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## FOX HUNTING UPDATE

The Fox hunters are in pursuit of the elusive Fox on Saturday mornings. Come on out and test your directional Finding skills. The Fox transmits on 146.565 MHz for about 30 seconds every five minutes between 10 am and noon. The Fox Hunters coordinate their efforts on the Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180 MHz. Give a listen – the Fox may be hiding in your backyard.

Shown in this September 11<sup>th</sup> picture is L. to R. **Walt Fitzgerald N1LHD**, **Gil Follett W1GMF**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Gary Cumiskey W1GRS**, **George Davis KC1FZ** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. **Roy KB1CYV**, the Fox for the day, kept the Fox Hunters at bay for over two hours hiding off Rt 139 just outside of Rockland in Hanover.



**Fox Hunting Crew**

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## TECHNICIAN CLASSES IN TAUNTON

**Carlos Wharton WP4US** plans to start his second technician class in Taunton starting on October 20 at 7:00 PM. **Carlos WP4US** has made arrangements to hold classes in the Dolan Center located in the St Mary's Elementary School. The school is located at the intersection of Rt 138 and Washington Street in Taunton right next door to the Morton Hospital. Pass the word.

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## 47<sup>TH</sup> JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA)

JOTA is a world wide annual event that takes place on October 16<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> this year. About 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world will be invited by individual HAM operators to step into their HAM Shack and make contact with other Scouts via amateur radio. Plan to Invite a Scout or group of Scouts into your HAM Shack that weekend and help put them "On-The-Air".

At the Saftler's Flea Market, **The Bruce NI1X** and **Bill N1FRE** were approached by a representative of Whitman Troop 22 inquiring about the possibility of an amateur radio presentation for their 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade scouts. Instead of participating in JOTA, we made a commitment to invite Troop 22 to the November meeting and to give them an introduction to amateur radio. **Bill N1FRE** and **The Bruce NI1X** will be coordinating a program of short presentations. If you can help with any aspect of this introduction to amateur radio please contact **Bill N1FRE** or **The Bruce NI1X** well before the meeting.



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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. 6th 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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