

# **SPECTRUM**



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** This is **The Bruce NI1X** – The 2 day Saftler's Labor Day weekend fund raising Flea Market was a great success. We had 28 Whitman Club members that were able to participate by stopping by to socialize and helping to man the club table and Club Station **WA1NPO**. In addition there were 18 area HAMs who also stopped by to socialize and made themselves known at the Club table

In September I joined several members who were part of a team of area HAMs who provided communication support at the Fields Park Triathlon in Brockton. Other members reported that they had provided communication support at the Cranberry County Triathlon last month. In September members reported that they



had copied RADIOGRAM messages as part of the local Emergency Management Agency monthly RADIOGRAM training. **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** reported that he has been monitoring NTS PACKET traffic flowing in and out of the hurricane affected areas. **Bill Hayden N1FRE** reported that he has started a Technician Class study course at the Whitman Emergency Management Agency, Fire Station facilities, in Whitman.

We are working on a great project to purchase club jackets at a reasonable price for the active members. At the next meeting **Jim O'Rourke WG1L** will speak to us about "FIST" activities. Come to the next meeting and share your amateur radio related activities with the other members present.

#### **Edward Anderson KA1NCS - Silent Key**

**Ed Anderson KA1NCS** of Brockton, became a silent key on September 6, 2005 at the age of 74.

**Ed KA1NCS** was a 1985 graduate of the Pine Street School of Excellence, at which time he passed the Novice Class license. **Ed KA1NCS** has been a member of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club for the past 19 years.

**Ed KA1NCS** was very active, along with club member **Walter Dolson K1BZD**, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 697 in Whitman where he was a past commander. Our condolences to his wife Mary and their family and circle of friends.



Ed Anderson KA1NCS - SK

#### SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF September 7, 2005 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 with a roll call at 6:45 P.M.

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

N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	N1PXX	Ron Smith	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
KB1MJL	Al Marshall	N1NTZ	Ed Meehan	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
N1EY	Bill O'Hara III	<b>KB1KFF</b>	Jim Kenworthy	KB1ETW	Jim Halpin
KA1PJX	Don Keene	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	W1SM	Al Drollett
K1WGU	Bob Bass	NI1X	Bruce Hayden	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy
K1XRB	Peter George	N1FRE	Bill Hayden		-

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for August was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Jeff N1ZZN** made a motion seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** 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 August newsletter. The motion was approved.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE: Bruce NI1X** reported that he had a good visit with **Walter K1BZD**.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bruce NI1X reported on the success of the Saftler's Flea Market and of the Marshfield Fair amateur radio exhibit. **Bill N1FRE** has created Morse code handouts that were well received at the Marshfield Fair and will be available for future activities

NEW BUSINESS: Ed N1NTZ made a motion seconded by Ron N1PXX that Don Cahill N2DEC and Al Marshall KB1MJL be accepted as new members. The motions were approved. Welcome to the WARC, guys. Hope you enjoy the club's activities. Jeff N1SOM read a letter from Michael Sheehan, the 2005 recipient of the WARC scholarship, expressing his appreciation and outlining his future career plans. Jeff N1SOM received an offer from Charles English K1UQH donating a tower on his property in Brockton. If interested, contact Jeff N1SOM for his phone number. Paul N1VTI will check the condition of tower sections and rotors stored at the clubhouse. Bruce NI1X discussed recommendations made by Carl Aveni N1FY that members of EOC teams remain available locally, rather than participate in Hurricane Katrina deployment. Following discussion of subsidized club jackets for members Bill N1FRE made a motion seconded by Paul N1VTI that Jeff N1SOM solicit orders from the membership at a cost per member of \$20.00. Bruce NI1X made a motion seconded by Ed N1NTZ for an expenditure of up to \$1,800.00 for the club's contribution to the cost of jackets. Both motions were approved. Bill N1FRE announced he would be conducting amateur radio Technician classes at the Whitman EOC. If you know of anyone wanting to join the hobby, contact Bill N1FRE.

**TECHNICAL TOPICS: Paul N1VTI** gave a demonstration of connectors he has created enabling him to utilize his CW keys on various types of radios.

NET CONTROLS: 9/4 Paul N1VTI 9/11 Bill N1FRE 9/18 Jeff N1SOM

9/25 **Bruce NI1X** 10/2 **Ron N1PXX** 

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to close was made by **Ed N1NTZ** seconded by **Jeff N1SOM** and **President Bruce NI1X** closed the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

**NEW MEMBER**: **Don Cahill N2DEC** lives in Hanson with his wife **Linda** and his two high school age sons **Josh** and **Ian**. **Don N2DEC** was first licensed in 1995 as **N1UJP** and just got back on the air.

**Don N2JWW** stopped by Saftler's Flea Market and reported that he had just applied for a vanity call sign with his initials and was received **N2JWW**. Like many of us, **Don N2JWW** has an interest in electronics and computers.



Don Cahill N2DEC



**NEW MEMBER: Elvin (AI) Marshall KB1MJL** lives in Weymouth, is married and has two sons. While at the Saftler's Flea Market - **AI KB1MJL**, who passed his Technician licensed in May filled up in on his background in electronics and the Home Shop he has set up for repairing electronics items. One of **AI's KB1MJL** specialities is Micro Miniature Soldering.

Al Marshall KB1MJL

#### **TECHNICAL TOPICS - KEYER MODIFICATIONS**

**Paul Burbine N1VTI** brought in his modified keyer for show and tell. **Paul N1VTI** explained that he added a jack connected in parallel with the built in paddle to take a second external paddle and built a cross over jumper that shifts the paddle dashes from right to left side. **Paul N1VTI** reports that he is practicing Morse code on a regular basis.

Paul Burbine N1VTI



# MARSHFIELD FAIR PHOTO EXHIBIT BEST PHOTO SUBMITTED BY A WHITMAN CLUB MEMBER

**Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF** was taking a photo of a flower arrangement at home and decided to place it outdoors in the natural sunlight. He reports that he was in position ready to take the picture when a hummingbird swooped in to check out the flowers - then "CLICK" the rest is history.

You can just see the hummingbird on the upper left hand side of the picture. Talk about being in the right place at the right time. **Jim KB1KFF** was talked into submitting the photo to be used in the Marshfield Fair Photo Exhibit, which was located in the same building as the Amateur Radio Exhibit.



Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF

#### RADIOGRAM TRAINING

The group of Taunton Emergency Management Volunteers participating in the September Radiogram Training at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center include – standing L. to R. Don Burke KB1LXH, Bob Barbour K1BAR, Rudy Burer KB1LXI, Neal Harrington KB1LXL, Peter Ferreira KB1LXG – the Assistant Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency, Carlos Wharton WP4US and Steve Foster KB1KZW. Shown seated L. to R. are Barbara Foster



**The Taunton Emergency Management Volunteers** 

**KB1KZX**, **John Miller N1UMJ** – the Net Control for the night and **Jason Legrow KB1KVD**.

Listen in on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM on the Taunton REPEATER 147.135 MHz pl 67 for Bristol County or at 8:00 PM on the Norwell REPEATER 145.250 MHz pl 77 for Plymouth County and copy the three or four messages going the local Emergency Management Agency Directors. **Bill Hayden N1FRE** took the messages going to the Town of Whitman Emergency Management Director from his home QTH.

### **COMMUNICATION SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ROAD RACES**

**Carl Aveni N1FY** – President of the Massasoit Amateur Radio Association called for volunteers to provide communication support for the D. W. Field Triathlon held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the D. W. Field Park in Brockton.

**Phil McNamara N1XTB** brought his portable "Go Kit" that consist of his "Radios in a box" a big battery in a plastic carrying case and a solar panel.

The area HAMs responding to the call for volunteers are shown L. to R. Bruce Hayden NI1X, Gil Follett W1GMF, Carl Aveni N1FY of Brockton, Bob Keene Jr N1LCY of Randolph, Phil McNamara N1XTB, Roy Logan KB1CYV and Ed Meehan N1NTZ. Also participating, but still home sleeping when the picture was taken, was Walt Fitzgerald N1LHD of Raynham.



D. W. Field Park Triathlon Crew

Ron Smith N1PXX reported that both he and Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN volunteered to help provide communication support at the Cranberry County Triathlon last month. HAMs are always ready to lend a helping hand.

TRIATALON

Ron Smith N1PXX

## SAFTLER'S LABOR DAY WEEKEND - FUND RAISING FLEA MARKET



SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET - Sunday morning crew

Present when this picture was taken Sunday morning were L. to R. Wes Holmes N1WH, Pete Curley N1NVV, Bruce Hayden NI1X, Frank Hayes N1OGP, Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL, Jim Ford NM1F, Tom Qualtieri N1TQ, Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK, Bill Tracy N1SON, Jeff Tracy N1SOM, Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF, Ed Meehan N1NTZ, Roy Logan KB1CYV, Bob Johnson K1VU and Bill Hayden N1FRE.

# **WA1NPO ON THE AIR**

**Paul Burbine N1VTI** was Net Control for the Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service Net that meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 am. **Paul N1VTI** operated the Whitman Club Station **WA1NPO** from the Saftler's parking lot Flea Market.

Those members who could not make it to the Flea Market but who were able to check in with WA1NPO were Bernie Snow N1OQW, Mike Canney Jr. N1MRG, Jim Wolf N1OIU and George Davis KC1FZ.



Paul Burbine N1VTI



Jeanne KB1JZK & Tom N1QT



Don Burke KB1LXH and his father John



Jim Ford NM1F

A special thanks to **Jim Ford NM1F** and **Bridget Burns** along with **Tom Qualtieri N1QT** and **Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK** who set up vendor tables and made it more fun by selling HAM related equipment.

#### **THE PARTICIPATION WAS GREAT**: The 28 Whitman Club members able to attend included:

**Paul Burbine N1VTI** Jeff Tracey N1SOM **Bob Bass** K1WGU Roy Logan **KB1CYV** Al Molin N1JXS **Evelyn Foley K1EF Bob Loring** K1REL Vic Kairis N10EH **Don Burke KB1LXH** Al Marshall **KB1MJL** 

Bruce Hayden NI1X
Bob Johnson K1VU
Ed Meehan N1NTZ
Frank Hayes N1OGP
Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL
Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
Al Marshall KB1MJL
Peter George K1XRB
Ron Smith N1PXX

Bill Hayden N1FRE
Jim Ford NM1F
Walt Johnson W1HA
John Coombs WQ1L
Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF
Bill Tracey N1SON
Don Cahill N1DEC
Gary Cumiskey W1GRC
Loren Pimentel N1IQI



**Ed Meehan N1NTZ** 



<u>Jeff Tracy N1SOM</u> & Vic Kairis N1OEH



Evelyn Foley K1EF & K1DOG



Paul Burbine N1VTI
Walt Johnson W1HA



Loren Pimentel N1IQI
Gary Cumiskey W1GRC
Gary's W1GRC son Kyle



Roy Logan KB1CYV
Bob Bass K1WGU
Jeff Tracy N1SOM



Peter George K1XRB



Bob Johnson K1VU

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

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Bill Tracy N1SON
Al Molin N1JXS

**AREA HAMs:** The 18 area HAMs who stopped and logged in at the Club table included:

Bob Mandeville N1EDM of Brockton, Tom Qualtieri N1TQ and Jeanne Ridge KB1JZK of Douglas, Paul Whipperman K1MTM of W. Bridgewater, Mark Duff KB1EKN and Geri Duff KB1ISG of Hingham, Mike Connelly NA1XX of N. Weymouth, Joe Casieri KA1JBE and Ray Wall N1KXJ of E. Bridgewater, Bob Keene N1LCY and Joe White KA1KO of Randolph, Peter Curley N1NVV, Mark Loring KC1ML and Wes Holmes N1WH of Plymouth, John Dunn N1VPU of Holbrook, Bill O'Hara III N1EY of Abington, George Manning K1CG of Pembroke and Bob Flynn W1NMF of Marshfield



Mark Loring KC1ML
Bob Loring N1REL
Bill O'Hara III N1EY



John Dunn N1VPU



Bob Keene N1LCY
Peter Curley N1NVV



L. to R.

Bill Hayden N1FRE Mark Duff KB1ETN Geri Duff KB1ISG Mike Connelly NA1XX

Ray Wall N1KXJ & wife Eileen



<u>HOSSTRADERS – FLEA MARKET:</u> The Hosstraders Flea Market will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hopkinton State Fair Grounds in Hopkinton, NH. From Rt 89 take exit 7. Go north off the exit about 100 yards and turn right on Warner Street. The Fairgrounds is about 1-1/2 miles down the road on the left.

<u>CLUB JACKETS</u>: If you have not done so already - pick your size and get your order in with the initial order. Follow-up orders may have to wait until a minimum number have signed up.

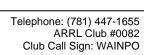
If you are not sure of your size, I strongly advise you to stop in to Rockland Athletics and try one on as **John WQ1L**, **Vic N10EH** and I did. They are located at 320 Union St in Rockland Center. The Jacket selected is "The Triumph Jacket" #9551 and the color will be royal blue.

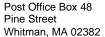




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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

# **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. 5th at 6:30 PM
Whitman Public Library

President	Bruce	NI1X	
V. President	Bill	N1FRE	
Secretary	Roy	KB1CYV	
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