



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

October 2005

SPECTRUM



The Voice of the Humble Electron

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **The Bruce N1IX** – In October Club members reported attending the Hosstraders Flea Market in New Hampshire while other members copied RADIOGRAM messages as part of the monthly MEMA Net. The Fox Hunters were back in action and the Pine Street Clippers were busy giving the grass at the Club House another haircut. Members helped provide communication support and traffic control for a road race at the East Bridgewater YMCA and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** is teaching a Technician Class Study Course in Whitman. The Skywarn Observers were very active reporting local flooding and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** reported that The Town of Whitman was one of many Cities and Towns to open shelters to accommodate households that were evacuated because of the severe flooding on Oct. 14th thru 16th.



The purchase of Club jackets is underway and will be a great ongoing project available to all new members. The new Jackets match the color of the Club Jackets purchased several years ago.

At the October meeting **Jim O'Rourke WG1L** gave a very interesting presentation on the goals and activities of the FISTS CW Club.



At the November meeting I have asked several members to share their experience with inputting data into a computer and downloading the data into a transceiver. This should be a very interesting Technical Topic especially if you have one of the newer transceivers with this feature. Come to the next meeting and share your radioactive activities with the other members.

TECHNICIAN CLASSES IN WHITMAN

Bill Hayden N1FRE is conducting a Technician Class Study Group at the Whitman Emergency Operation Center (EOC) located in the Whitman Fire Station on Wednesday nights. The students will be ready to take the Technician Class license test in November.

Of the nine students actively participating in the license study course, eight are graduates of the Whitman Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course conducted by the town of Whitman last year.

Local amateur radio operators, with their personal radio equipment and readily available 2-Meter and 440 MHz REPEATERS are being recognized as a valuable source of backup emergency communication by Emergency Management Agencies all across the country.



Bill Hayden N1FRE
Teaching at the Whitman EOC

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF October 5, 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 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Nineteen members / guests were present, including three elected officers and one director. A quorum was present.

NI1X	Bruce Hayden	N1PXX	Ron Smith	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
KB1KVL	Ken Kavaljian	WQ1L	John Coombs	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
N1NTZ	Ed Meehan	W1MMM	Bob Sikes	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke
KA1PJX	Don Keene	KB1ETW	Jim Halpin	N1OGP	Frank Hayes
K1MRG	Mike Canney	N1JXS	Al Molin	N1EY	Bill O'Hara III
K1XRB	Peter George	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1KFF	Jim Kenworthy
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann				

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for September was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Ed N1NTZ** made a motion seconded by **Ron N1PXX** 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 **Frank N1OGP** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the September Newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: The WARC wishes to extend condolences to **Ken KB1KVL** and family on the death of his mother.

OLD BUSINESS: **Bruce NI1X** and **Jeff N1SOM** will be placing an order this week for the club jackets requested by the membership. Details on any additional orders will follow. **Ron N1PXX** reported that matching hats (#9104 Royal Blue) can be purchased directly from Rockland Athletics, if desired, for \$15.00.

NEW BUSINESS: **Bruce NI1X** reported that discussions would be held with Plimoth Plantation management relative to resuming our Thanksgiving weekend special event.

TECHNICAL TOPICS: **Jim WG1L** gave an informative presentation on the FISTS CW Club. Additional information for those wishing to enjoy the Morse code aspect of our hobby may be found on their web site www.FISTS.org . A search on **K7QO** will provide links to study materials.

NET CONTROLS:	10/2 Ron N1PXX	10/9 Bruce NI1X	10/16 Bill N1FRE
	10/23 Ron N1PXX	10/30 Jeff N1SOM	

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to close was made by **Ed N1NTZ** seconded by **Paul N1VTI** and **President Bruce NI1X** closed the business portion of the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

NOTE: At the meeting **Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF** requested the use of the club analyzer. **The Bruce NI1X** will see that it is turned over to him.

PRESENTATION ON THE FISTS CW CLUB By: Jim O'Rourke WG1L

Jim O'Rourke WG1L gave a slide presentation on the goals and activities of the FISTS CW club at the October meeting. Following the presentation he handed out copies of The Keynote – the newsletter of the FISTS CW club and showed the members some of his QSL cards, tee shirts and nametags with the FISTS logo on them.

Jim WG1L reported that he has been a member of FISTS since 1997 and has been actively promoting the use of Morse code and encouraging new and old members alike to use Morse code. FISTS was started in 1987 and now there are about 11,000 members worldwide. There are several other club members who are also members of FISTS.

Jim WG1L submitted an article titled “**WG1L's Simple Paddles**” and it was published in The Keynote newsletter Issue 5, 2005. See the article as published below. At past meetings, **Jim WG1L** brought in several of his homemade keys for show and tell.

Of special interest was the Morse code course material being offered by **Chuck Adams K7QO**. See www.k7qo.net For more information about FISTS go to their home web page at www.fists.org



Jim O'Rourke WG1L

WG1L's Simple Paddles

A friend of mine was talking one day about making a set of paddles by machining etc. (lots of work) I told him that I had an idea for a simple set by just taking 2 straight keys and mounting them on a metal base with a metal vertical and placing them bottom to bottom. I removed the large knobs and in place of them I used 2 flat round plastic disks. Here is a photo of my finished project. If you want more photos, I can take the unit apart easily and show a break down of the entire set.

This project is cheap and easy and works great!!

Jim WG1L

The Keynote

Newsletter of FISTS CW Club
The active chapter of the International Morse Preservation Society

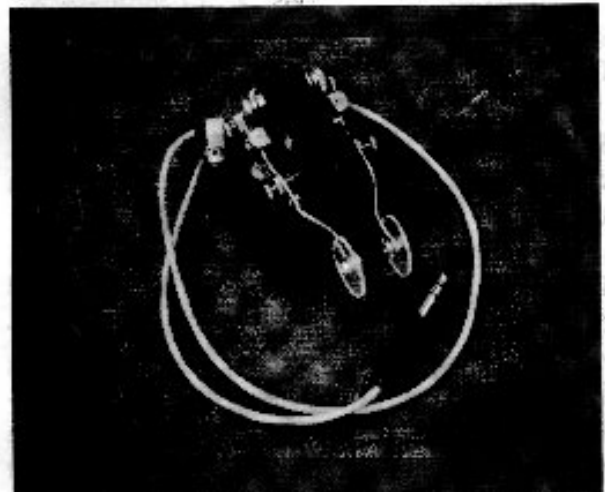
“Accuracy Transcends Speed”



Our Goals:

- Further the use of Morse code
- Engender friendships among members
- Encourage newcomers to use Morse code

“When You've Worked A FISTS, You've Worked A Friend”



HOSSTRADERS TAILGATE SWAPFEST - OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2005

Paul Burbine N1VTI set up a table at the Hosstraders Flea Market in Hopkinton, NH again this year and reported that he sold a lot of goodies and then picked up a YAESU FT-857 Transceiver and a readily fixable 2-Meter / 440 MHz Diamond vertical antenna at a good price. **Paul N1VTI** also volunteered his services as a Volunteer Examiner on Saturday and reported that 26 tests were given and 24 people received a new license or upgrade. Of those 24 new HAMs taking tests, **Paul N1VTI** was pleased to report that 8 took the Morse code test and all passed.



Paul Burbine N1VTI



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN set up and operated Hosstraders Radio Station 103.3 FM on your dial and broadcast music while selling goodies at the same time. The weather cooperated on Friday but Saturday was rained out as the remnants of Tropical Storm Tammie passed over the area leaving over 3 inches of rain by Sunday morning.

John Coombs WQ1L and **Ed Meehan N1NTZ** were seen by **The Bruce N1IX** checking out the goodies. **Ed N1NTZ** picked up a table radio; **John WQ1L** found a machinist-measuring tool at a great bargain and **The Bruce N1IX** picked up a 6-Meter vertical to try on the Magic Band.



Ed Meehan N1NTZ & John Coombs WQ1L



Paul Swartz N1FWD

Paul Swartz N1FWD was seen putting his ticket into the barrel for the drawing.

FALL FROLIC ROAD RACE – Oct. 16th

Gary DeCoster WA1CIM rounded up a crew to help provide communication support and traffic control for the East Bridgewater YMCA 4 mile Fall Frolic Road Race. Shown just before the start of the race are L. to R: **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Joe Serrilla W1JOE**, **Bob Keene N1LCY**, **Bob Mandeville N1EDM**, **Phil McNamara N1XTB**, **Loren Pimentel N1IQI**, **Carl Aveni N1FY** and **Ed Meehan N1NTZ**. Also participating but not present when the picture was taken were **Gary DeCoster WA1CIM** and **Gil Follett W1GMF**.



Fall Frolic Race Crew

FOX HUNTING - SATURDAY MORNING - 10 AM TO NOON

Roy Logan KB1CYV, George Davis KC1FZ and **Bruce Hayden N11X** are seen socializing at the Glass House in Whitman following another successful Fox Hunt in October. **The Bruce N11X** is showing them a 1924 RCA Radiola III radio receiver that he had picked earlier that morning at the Antique Radio Flea Market held four times a year in Nashua, NH.



Roy Logan KB1CYV
George Davis KC1FZ
Bruce Hayden N11X

The Fox transmits on 146.565 MHz for 30 seconds every 5 minutes between 10 am and noon every Saturday morning. Listen in from your home QTH, or mobile if you are on the road, and let the Fox Hunters know if you can hear the Fox in your backyard. That day, the Fox was hiding in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Whitman, right behind **Bill's N1FRE** house. The Fox Hunters coordinate the start of the hunt on the Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180 MHz.

RADIOGRAM TRAINING

Taking part in the first Monday of the month RADIOGRAM training at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center were L. to R. **Don Burke KB1LXH, Barbara Foster KB1KZX, Dick Sproul KB1MBW, Steven Foster KB1KZW, Neal Harrington KB1LXL, John Miller N1UMJ, Rudy Burer KB1LXI** and **Carlos Wharton WP4US. Peter Ferreira KB1LXG**, the assistant Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency took the picture. (Couldn't figure out how the timer works)



The Taunton RACES volunteer crew

At the same time, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** took the four messages going to the Town of Whitman Emergency Management Director from his home QTH.

RADIOGRAM training is held on the first Monday of the month. The training sessions are sponsored by Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and in this area are held on the Taunton REPEATER 147.135 MHz PL 67 at 7:30 pm for Bristol county and on the Norwell REPEATER 145.250 MHz PL 77 at 8:00 pm for Plymouth county. Listen in – its good practice.

CLUB JACKETS: If you have not done so already – Club members are encouraged to pick your size and send \$20.00 along with your order to **Jeff N1SOM** and let **Jeff N1SOM** place the order for additional Jackets. If in doubt, I strongly advise you to stop in to Rockland Athletics and try one on for size. The Jacket selected is "The Triumph Jacket" #9551 and the color is royal blue.

HATS: You can purchase a matching hat with your name and call sign engraved on it. One hat selected is #9104 Royal Blue and we were quoted a price of \$15.00. The orders for a hat are independent of the club jackets and you would place that order yourself or better yet - let Santa know.



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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, Nov. 2 nd at 6:30 PM
Whitman Public Library

President	Bruce	N1IX
V. President	Bill	N1FRE
Secretary	Roy	KB1CYV
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Web Site: <http://www.wa1npo.org>

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