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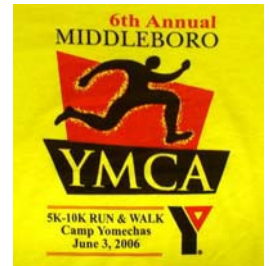
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **The Bruce NI1X** – The Saftler's Memorial Day weekend fund raising Flea Market was a great success with 35 Whitman club members and 18 area HAMS stopping by to socialize, help out at the club table and to help put the Club Station **WA1NPO** On-The-Air. See the Saftler's Flea Market Special Issue.



At least 16 Whitman Club members participated in a State Wide "Hurricane Hope" MEMA / RACES / ARES / SKYWARN / MARS drill held on the first Monday of the month in place of regular RADIOGRAM training session. Others may have participated as home stations.



Paul Moss KB1MTW coordinated an amateur radio exhibit booth at the Old Colony Council Scout Show that was held at Stonehill College on June 10, 2006 that explained the amateur radio adventure to the scouts and put **WA1NPO** On-The-Air. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** also joined the ranks of the Pine Street Clippers and helped cut the grass at the Club House. Thanks **Paul KB1MTW**.



Several Whitman and Massasoit club members volunteered to help provide communication support for a YMCA Road race in Middleboro.

Field Day 2006 is next on the agenda. Field Day is a National ARES emergency communications training exercise and I hope to see you sometime over the Field Day 2006 weekend which will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 24th and 25th. The club members will start setting up antennas, tents, portable radios and an emergency generator at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Ames Nowell State Park in Abington in the rear parking lot. The gate will probably be closed but not locked. This is a great opportunity for Technician class HAMS to experience HF operation under the supervision of a higher class Control Operator. Come on down – try it – you might like it.

OLD COLONY COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING - SCOUT SHOW

The calm before the storm – The set up crew is shown in the amateur radio exhibit booth just prior to the start of the Old Colony Council – Scout Show - held on June 10, 2006 at the Stonehill College Sally Blair Ames Recreation Center (Field House) in Easton, MA.

The set up crew consisted of L. to R. **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** (seated), **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** (seated) and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**.



The Scout Show Set up Crew

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF June 7, 2006 de KB1CYV
(With thanks to Bruce N11X and Paul KB1MTW)

OPENING: The members started gathering at the Whitman Public Library, Whitman, MA around 6:15 P.M. **President Bruce N11X** opened the meeting with a roll call at 6:38P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Twenty-one members / guests were present, including three elected officers and two directors. A quorum was present.

N11X	Bruce Hayden	N1VTI	Paul Burbine	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
N1PXX	Ron Smith	KB1NAX	Joan Smith	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
N1JXS	Al Molin	N1WIG	Sam Webber	KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes
K1VU	Bob Johnson	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	WQ1L	John Coombs
KB1ETW	Jim Halpin	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	KA1PJX	Don Keene
KC1FZ	George Davis	N1NTZ	Ed Meehan	KB1NPH	Bill Anstead
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	N1OIU	Jim Wolf	N1OGP	Frank Hayes

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for May, including details of the Hosstraders and Sattler's events, was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Ron N1PXX** 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 **Bruce N11X** seconded by **Ed N1NTZ** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the May Newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: The WARC is glad to announce that **Jim KB1KFF** is recuperating at home and has been heard On-The-Air and that **Walter K1BZD** is also doing well.

OLD BUSINESS: **Bruce N11X** reported that pictures taken at the Sattler's flea market are available. (Everyone knows that without pictures it didn't happen!) **Bruce N11X** showed a nametag containing the club logo that is available through **Jeff N1SOM**. **Ron N1PXX** offered to help coordinate the first order. **Bruce N11X** announced that **Gil W1GMF** had sent thanks on behalf of the YMCA to the 8 HAMS providing communications for the YMCA 5-10 K road race on June 5th. Help will be needed on July 16th for the much larger Triathlon, also held at Camp Yomechas in Middleboro.

John WQ1L brought in a Certificate of Appreciation from the Whitman-Hanson "Dollars for Scholars" committee for our recent donation. This year's recipient is **Ashley Porter** who will be attending Westfield State College. Sixteen WARC club members reported participating from various locations during the MEMA statewide hurricane drill held on June 5th.

NEW BUSINESS: Congratulations to **Bob K1VU** who showed the first place award he received for the July 1, 2005 20-meter Radio Amateur Canada "Canada Day" contest. **Paul KB1MTW** will be coordinating the club booth at Stonehill College on June 10th for the Boy Scout Exhibit. **Bill N1FRE** reported he had Morse code handouts for this and future events printed up. **Jeff N1ZZN** volunteered to explore ways to send WARC invitations to join letters and membership applications to area HAMS.

ELECTIONS: **Bruce N11X** announced that the ballots counted by **Frank N1OGP** and **Jim WG1L** showed **Jeff N1ZZN** to be the new Board of Trustees member with **Bruce N11X**, **Bill N1FRE**, **Jeff N1SOM** and **Roy KB1CYV** continuing in their current capacities. Thanks to all who participated.

CLUB ANTENNA ANALYZER LOCATION: Bill N1FRE

NEW MEMBERS: Bruce N11X nominated David Darois WA1UMT for membership, seconded by Ed N1NTZ. Bruce N11X nominated Gregory Glynn KB1NLX, David Souza KB1NMP, Barbara Anderson KB1NMG and William Anstead KB1NPH, all recent graduates of Carlos' WP4US Technician class, for membership with dues-waived for the remainder of the year, seconded by Frank N1OGP. Both motions were approved. Welcome to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club!

TECHNICAL TOPICS / FIELD DAY / ROAD RACES: Plans are firming up for Field Day, June 24th & 25th at Ames Nowell State Park in Abington. Jim N1OIU reported his generator is ready to go. The set-up crew will meet at 9:00 A.M. to erect antennas, tents, radios and generator. Field Day is a great opportunity for those with Technician class licenses to operate on the HF bands, so come participate. For those not planning to attend Field Day, communications support is needed for 2 events held that weekend. The American Diabetes Association is holding a bike race in Marshfield and the Multiple Sclerosis Society is holding a road race. Steve Rudin W1WSN has moved to Florida and resigned as club call sign (WA1NPO) trustee. Bruce N11X will assume the position for the remainder of the term, expiring October 7, 2008. Following the meeting Jeff N1SOM turned the newly purchased 2-meter repeater over to Jeff N1ZZN to check out.

NET CONTROLS: 6/4 Roy KB1CYV 6/11 Bill N1FRE 6/18 Bruce N11X 6/25 Jeff N1SOM
Experienced net control operators will gladly assist anyone interested in running a net.

CLOSE: President Bruce N11X closed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. following a motion to close by Ed N1NTZ that was seconded by Paul KB1MTW.

JUNE 3, 2006 - 6TH ANNUAL YMCA CAMP YOMECHAS

5 K AND 10 K RUN & WALK ROAD RACE

Carl Aveni N1FY assembled a group of Massasoit and Whitman Club HAMs to help provide communication support for the 6th annual YMCA Camp Yomechas 5 K and 10 K run & walk Road Race in Middleboro.

It had rained hard overnight and the weather was overcast with a slight mist during the Saturday morning June 3, 2006 race. The HAM crew were stationed all around the 6 mile racecourse and were heard reporting on the progress of the 100 runners. There were no problems or incidents to report.

Shown just before the start of the race were L. to R. Bruce Hayden N11X, Roy Logan KB1CYV, Paul Moss KB1MTW, Phil McNamara N1XTB, Gil Follett W1GMF, Carl Aveni N1FY, Walt Fitzgerald W1WCF and John Mahon N1PYN.



Road Race HAM Volunteers

The next event is a Triathlon that will be held at the YMCA Camp Yomechas on July 16th. This will involve about 500 participants and the amateur radio crew could use all the help they can get. The HAMs will meet at Camp Yomechas at 7:00 a.m. – mark your calendar.

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

HURRICANE DRILL JUNE 5, 2006

Governor Mitt Romney SWL had declared the week of June 5th to be Massachusetts Amateur Radio Week and to kick off the week there was a Massachusetts Statewide Hurricane Drill held on Monday June 5th, 2006 from 7–9 p.m. This MEMA drill involved ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, MARS or other amateur radio operators who just wanted to participate in this worthwhile drill.

Participating in the MEMA Hurricane Drill at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center with **Rick Ferreira KB1KWF** - the TEMA Director and **Peter Ferreira KB1LXG** - the TEMA Assistant Director were 19 TEMA volunteers. Shown standing L. to R. are **Rudy Burer KB1LXI**, **Jim McDermott SWL**, **Greg Glynn KB1NLX**, **Rashid Kpabitey SWL**, **Suleman Seidu SWL**, **Barbara Foster KB1KZX**, **Don Burke KB1LXH** – the Net Control Operator for the drill, **Rick Ferreira KB1KWF**, **Dick Sproul KB1MBW**, **Neil Harrington KB1LXL**, **Steven Foster KB1KZW**, and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. Seated L. to R. are **Mark Levesque KB1NMI**, **Mike Murphy SWL**, **Bob Barbour K1BAR**, **Paula Farrales SWL**, **Peter Ferreira KB1LXG**, **Bob Thompson SWL**, and **George Pereira KB1KZV**. Also participating but not present when the picture was taken was **Dorothy Latour SWL** and **Rose Ferreira SWL**. Seven are Whitman Club members.

Taunton Emergency Management Agency volunteers who participated in the Hurricane Drill



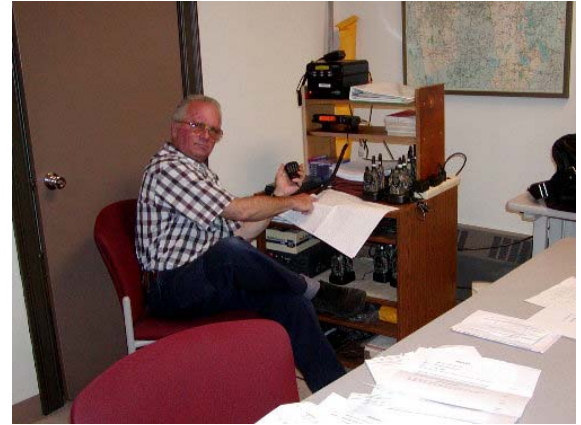
Both 2-Meter and Echolink were used during this exercise. With **The Bruce NI1X** as the control operator – both **Rashid SWL** and **Suleman SWL** were introduced to amateur radio and had the opportunity to speak with **Mike Marinucci N1FRV** in Hernando Florida via Echolink. **Mike N1FRV** promised to send QSL cards to document the contact.

John Miller N1UMJ at MEMA Region II Operations Center was reporting some intermod problems at the Region II Headquarters that required repeating some parts of the messages by the Taunton Net Control.

Participating at the Whitman Emergency Operations Center along with **Bill Hayden N1FRE** who took the pictures – were L. to R. **Erika LaFlamme KB1MTV** (seated), **Cathy Costello KB1MTX**, **Bob Schmitt KB1MTY** and **Gloria SWL**. Also present was **Paul Moss KB1MTW** who served as Net Control. **Bill N1FRE** reported the Norwell REPEATER was unavailable and the WEMA crew had to utilize the backup Bridgewater REPEATER.

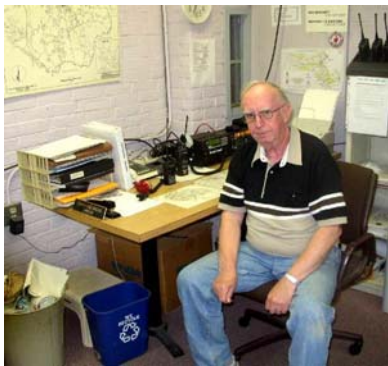


The Whitman Emergency Management Agency Volunteers in action



Paul Moss KB1MTW as WEMA Net Control

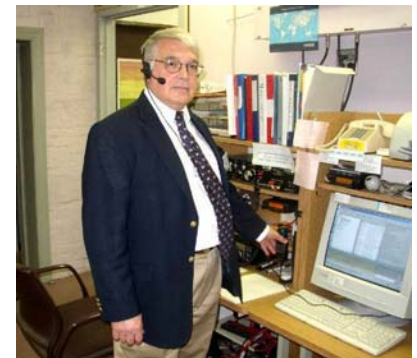
At the Bridgewater Emergency Operations Center **Carl Aveni N1FY** and **Roy Logan KB1CYV** manned the ARES Command Center and handled messages over 2-Meters and Echolink.



Roy Logan KB1CYV at the Bridgewater EOC

By opening the local area ARES Command Center in Bridgewater, **Carl N1FY** was able to involve individual home and mobile stations in the drill while MEMA Region II was dealing directly with the local Emergency Management Agencies.

Responding to a call for ARES support, **Phil McNamara N1XTB** operated out of the Carver EOC.



Carl Aveni N1FY at the Bridgewater EOC

Roy KB1CYV reminds everyone that the local Skywarn Net meets every Saturday night at 8 p.m. on the Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180 MHz pl 67. All HAMs are welcome to participate. The Skywarn Observers were active reporting real live storm damage and flooding reports during the week following the Hurricane drill that saw over 6 inches of water and strong wind gusts in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Peter Ferreira KB1LXG – the assistant Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency reports that all TEMA volunteers will be required to take ICS –100 Introduction to the Incident Command System and ICS – 700 the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The URL address for the ICS courses has been changed to www.learningservices.us/FEMA/LMS

ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING - SCOUT SHOW

The Whitman Amateur Radio Club was one of about 50 exhibit booths that were set up in the huge Field House at Stonehill College on June 10, 2006.

The purpose of the scout show was to introduce Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venture Program Scouts to a multitude of activities that showed off a number of scout skills. Vendors like Coleman were there offering their products and non-profit organizations like the Whitman Amateur Radio Club were there offering activities and information that teach the importance of community service to our nations youth.



Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth



Larry Nelson of WATD & Paul Moss KB1MTW

Paul Moss KB1MTW, a scout leader with Troop 22 in Whitman, was the coordinator for the amateur radio exhibit booth and is shown giving a live radio broadcast over radio station WATD. **Paul KB1MTW** was heard explaining that by setting up a Morse code demonstration and a real live radio room with handouts, the Whitman Amateur Radio Club members were able to offer everyone activities and information about this fascinating hobby of amateur radio that gave a very enjoyable hands on demo of the fun side of amateur radio in action.



Paul Burbine N1VTI
At his 20 Meter Base Station



Ed Meehan N1NTZ
at the 17-Meter Base Station



Bill Hayden N1FRE
Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
Paul Burbine N1VTI



Bill Hayden N1FRE is shown helping some youngsters send their name in Morse code. We had a straight key and oscillator, an antique Morse code sounder and an iambic keyer for show and tell.

RADIOGRAM messages were originated and sent from the exhibit booth to demonstrate how routine traffic is sent through the amateur radio National Traffic System and can be changed to emergency or priority traffic in times of National Emergencies.

Bill Hayden N1FRE
Morse code demonstration **Pg. 6**
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Sam Webber N1WIG
Bob Bass K1WGU

Walt Fitzgerald W1WCF

Club members who were not able to participate but were able to check in with **WA1NPO** were **Don Cahill N2DEC, Roy Logan KB1CYV, Jeff Tracy N1SOM, Don Burke KB1LXH, Jim Wolf N1OIU** and **Ron Smith N1PXX**. HF contacts were made with Canada, Ohio, New York, Virginia, Wisconsin and Michigan and a special contact by **Ed N1NTZ** with **Whitey W1AA** who was putting the Ned's Point Lighthouse "On The Air" the same weekend. There were handouts and interested people were informed of the next Whitman Amateur Radio Club Technician classes that will be held at the Whitman Central Fire Station meeting facilities starting September 13th. Pass the word.

NEW MEMBERS: David Darois WA1UMT holds a general class license and lives in Brockton. **David WA1UMT** stopped by Saftler's and logged in with his Alinco DJ-196 handheld transceiver. **Dave WA1UMT** has been licensed since 1975 and can be heard on the local REPEATERS.

We also have four new members who are all recent graduates of **Carlos's WP4US** Technician Classes that were held in Taunton.



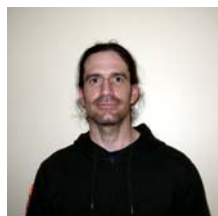
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All the new Technician Class HAMS have expressed a desire to assist the Taunton Emergency Management Agency as volunteers. **Greg KB1NLX** reports that he is on the air with an ICOM T7H handheld transceiver. **Barbara KB1NMG** and **Greg KB1NLX** have already attended one RADIOGRAM training session in Taunton and were able to stop by Saftler's Flea Market to meet some of the other club members. **Greg KB1NLX** was planning to attend the Skywarn training to be held in Attleboro in June. **William KB1NPH** made it to the June 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, July 5th at 6:30 PM
Whitman Public Library

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