



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

July 2006

# SPECTRUM



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** This is **The Bruce N1IX** – Last month we saw over 10 inches of rain in this area and I think most of it fell over the Field Day weekend. See the Field Day Special Issue newsletter. Over the Field Day weekend **Ron Smith N1PXX** and his wife **Joan KB1NAX** helped provide communication support for a bike-a thon in support of Multiple Sclerosis.

In July, several Whitman club members helped the Massasoit club provide communication support for a Triathlon held at the YMCA Camp Yomechas in Middleboro. Whitman Club members also reported participating in the MEMA, first Monday of the month, RADIOGRAM training in both Whitman and Taunton. Also in July, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** reported helping out at the Braintree V-E session.



Next we have the Marshfield Fair Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth to coordinate and help man during the Marshfield Fair. Come to the next meeting and help plan this event that will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>. **Bill Hayden N1FRE** has volunteered to coordinate the 4-hour shift schedule and we will need your help manning the Exhibit Booth and helping to put the Special Event Station **NN1MF On-The-Air**.

Finally, the Whitman Club members were saddened to hear of the passing of **Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF**. We all extend our condolences to his wife **Joan**, his family and friends.

**SILENT KEY:** **Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF** of Rockland became a silent key on July 14, 2006 at the age of 74.

**Jim KB1KFF** had recently retired from Tech-Etch where he had worked as Research and Development Manager for 40 years and just last February gave a very interesting presentation, at a Whitman Club meeting, on how flexible circuit boards were made. Last summer, while at the Marshfield Fair, we learned first hand about **Jim's KB1KFF** bird carving hobby and saw the once in a lifetime photograph he took of a hummingbird checking out his vase of flowers. That picture was on display at the Marshfield Fair Photo Exhibit and deserved first prize.

**Jim KB1KFF** shared our interest in amateur radio and was well known on the local REPEATERS. **Jim KB1KFF** reached out and touched a lot of people via amateur radio and will be missed by all.



**Jim Kenworthy KB1KFF**  
**Silent Key**



**REINSTATED FORMER MEMBER: Pete Carlson N1POO** lives in Bridgewater and was first licensed in 1993 then upgraded to General class in 2003. **Pete N1POO** has a 2-meter rig in his truck and can be heard on the local REPEATERS.

**Pete N1POO** reports that he spent 4 years active duty as a Radioman in the Coast Guard and recently retired after 30 years as a teacher at Brockton High.

Now that he has more time to spend playing amateur radio during normal working hours **Pete N1POO** reports that he has an ICOM IC-735 transceiver and a long-wire antenna and tower available for HF use at his home QTH and is looking for some help getting it on the air.



**Pete Carlson N1POO**

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### **RADIOGRAM TRAINING – FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

In July, with the Taunton EOC closed for the holiday, some of the Taunton RACES crew gathered at the Fremont Street Bunker (**Don's KB1LXH** QTH) to copy the two messages going from the Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the local Emergency Management Agency Directors.

With MEMA Region II headquarters at the Bridgewater bunker also closed, **John Miller N1UMJ** was sending the MEMA messages from his home QTH in Taunton.

Shown at the Fremont Street Bunker following the RADIOGRAM training session were: standing L. to R **Don Burke KB1LXH**, **Bob Barbour K1BAR** and **George Pereira KB1KZV**.

Shown Seated L. to R is **Carlos Wharton WP4US**, **Bruce Hayden N1IX** and **Neil Harrington KB1LXL** who was the Net Control for the night.



**The Taunton RACES Crew  
at the Fremont Street Bunker**

In Whitman, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Paul Moss KB1KBW** and **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** were at the Whitman Emergency Operations Center but were not able to find **John N1UMJ** on the normal Region II frequencies. They checked out the other radio systems and called it a night.

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### **SKYWARN UPDATE: – AREA WIDE STORM RADAR TRACKING**

**Don BURKE KB1LXH** introduced the Taunton RACES crew to <http://www.wunderground.com> a weather radar Internet site that shows the weather and active storm radar tracking in your area by just typing in your area zip code. Check it out – even you can be a weatherman with this fantastic tool.





## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS - BIKE-A-THON - June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2006

Over the rainy and muddy Field Day weekend, **Ron Smith N1PXX** and his wife **Joan KB1NAX** volunteered to help provide communication support for the Multiple Sclerosis Research - Mass Getaway - Bike-A-Thon. The Bike-A-Thon is a 150-mile bike ride that starts in Quincy, MA. travels through Cape Cod and ends in Provincetown, MA. All the participants must raise over \$400.00 in pledges to join and they ride in support of this cause or ride because of someone they know who has been effected by this disease.



**Ron Smith N1PXX**

On Saturday **Ron N1PXX** reports that the race was officially rained out but about 150 riders went out without emergency backup so several teams like **Ron N1PXX** and **Joan KB1NAX** tagged along for safety issues. On Sunday the weather was still horrible but the ride was on. The bike trails turned muddy forcing the riders back on the streets.



**Joan Smith KB1NAX**

**Ron N1PXX** and **Joan KB1NAX** worked as a joint safety team. **Ron N1PXX** on the radios and **Joan KB1NAX** at the medical area.



**RAIN RAIN GO AWAY**

**COME AGAIN  
ANOTHER DAY**



**Ron N1PXX** and **Joan KB1NAX** were stationed at the Harwich, MA Check Point that provided power drinks and power snack bars to the riders. **Joan KB1NAX** was set up at a bike shop that served as a medical tent and also offered mechanical bike repair if needed.

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**FESSENDEN RADIO CELEBRATION:** August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Marshfield at the Historic Winslow House and the Daniel Webster Estate and Heritage Center. **Pi Pugh K1RV** reports that amateur radio will be involved on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Winslow House.

**MARSHFIELD FAIR:** Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> - sign up with **Bill N1FRE** at E-mail [wf.hayden@verizon.net](mailto:wf.hayden@verizon.net) with your 4 hour shift schedule availability so that **Bill N1FRE** can schedule tickets for the HAM volunteers. Monday thru Friday 12 noon thru 10 p.m. Both weekends - Saturday thru Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a set up antenna party tentatively scheduled for Thursday August 17, 2006 and a takedown antenna party scheduled for Monday August 28, 2006. We usually start to close up shortly after the 8 p.m. Fair show starts and we are usually out of there by 9 p.m.

## YMCA CAMP YOMECHAS TRIATHLON - July 16, 2006

The Massasoit Club volunteered to provide communication support for the YMCA Camp Yomechas Triathlon held on July 16, 2006.



**Gil Follett W1GMF**



**Phil McNamara N1XTB - Net Control**

In the group picture are the rest of the Triathlon communication support team, shown just before they donned the reflective vests, like **Pete N1NVV** is wearing, and headed to their individual check points strategically located all around the 6 mile race course. Standing L. to R. is **Pete Curley N1NVV**, **Bob Keene Jr. N1LCY**, **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** and **Roy Logan KB1CYV**. Shown kneeling L. to R. is **Paul Burbine N1VTI** and **Allan Cox K1VQ**.

The weather was hot and approaching 90 degrees and some of the volunteers were on their feet for four hours. Most sought shady areas and some brought chairs. The 320 plus athletes swam 1 mile, bike raced 24 miles and then ran 6 miles.

Many participants thanked the volunteers for being out there as they passed by five times. This including the final participant who may have been in last place in the race but I suspect the gentleman finished in first place in the senior age category.



**The Triathlon Communication Support Team**

One bike was seen being transported back to the starting line with its rider. The water stations were in high demand and **Bill N1FRE** improvised by securing additional water supplies from a friendly neighbor. Communication was by simplex and we had no problems communicating with **Phil N1XTB** who was the Net Control for the event. There were seven Whitman Club members participating.

**Team Hoyt** was seen participating in the road race.



**Team Hoyt**





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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, Aug 2nd 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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