



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

September 2007

SPECTRUM



The Voice of the Humble Electron

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **Paul N1VTI** – Saftler's Flea Market was a great success and the participation was terrific. There were 38 club members who were able to show up and help out selling goodies at the club table, socializing and helping to put **WA1NPO** on the air. There were two more members who were able to check in via 2-Meters. With 90 members in the club, that is $40/90 = 44\%$ participation – Good job.

Paul Moss KB1MTW and **Mike Supple KB1OEP** attended the World Scouting Jamboree in England with scouts from Whitman and got to check out their Special Event Station **GB100J**. We presented the Whitman Public Library with 15 additional amateur radio books that compliments the subscription to QST we have been providing right along. We have been helping our members program their new radios and installing antennas.



Paul Burbine
N1VTI

At the next meeting we have some radio kits to auction and we will be explaining Fox Hunting techniques. The Whitman Club is planning a Fox Hunt and cookout on Oct 6th that will be open to all area HAMs. This is the fun part of Amateur Radio – Come and join in the activities.

SAFTLER'S - LABOR DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET - SUNDAY MORNING CREW



As you can see by the flea market picture, the sky was clear and the sun was out. The weather was beautiful with the temperature in the low 80's and a nice breeze both days. The Sunday morning set up crew consisted of – standing L. to R. **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **John Murphy KB1PHN**, **Jim Gilbert W5IRW**, **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Jim Ford NM1F**, **Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL** and **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. Shown seated are **Ron Smith N1PXX** WARC Vice President, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** WARC President and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ**.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 de N1ZZN

OPENING: The members started gathering at the Whitman Public Library, Whitman, MA around 6:15 p.m. **President Paul N1VTI** opened the meeting with a roll call at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Twenty-six members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and three Directors. A quorum was present.

N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	N1PXX	Ron Smith	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
K1WGU	Bob Bass	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	WA1UMT	Dave Darois
KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	N1JXS	Al Molin	KB1PHN	John Murphy
KB1NAX	Joan Smith	N1WIG	Sam Webber	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
K1BAR	Bob Barbour	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1ODS	John Chase
KB1PFU	Dan Chase	KB1PFL	Jim Madden	NI1X	Bruce Hayden
KA1PJX	Don Keene	KB1ETW	Jim Halpin	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke
KB1OEP	Mike Supple	KC1FZ	George Davis	Guest	Marty Nugent
KB1NMG	Barbara Anderson	Guest	Mike Anderson		

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for August was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Jim WG1L** made a motion seconded by **Paul KB1MTW** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved. The report included the financial report on the successful Saftler's flea market held Labor Day weekend. **Ron N1PXX** also reported that \$27 was raised from the sale of soda and water at the club's visit to the Museum of Antiquated Technology in August.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Bruce NI1X** seconded by **Bob K1WGU** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the August Newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: **Joan KB1NAX** reported there was a card available for members to sign for **Jim W5IRW** who will be having an operation in the near future. She also had a card available thanking **Mark Vess** for inviting the club to visit his Museum of Antiquated Technology.

OLD BUSINESS: **Bruce NI1X** reported that we currently have 50% of club members as ARRL members. We still need a couple more people to join before we can apply for reinstatement as an ARRL affiliated club. Several members reported that the Marshfield Fair special event was a success, and it was mentioned that the full report on the fair was given in the Special Event newsletter. **Ron N1PXX** reminded the club that the Massasoit ARA will be helping out with communications for the Triathlon at D.W. Field Park in Brockton on Sept. 23rd. Those participating will gather at 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. and talk in will be on the 147.180 repeater. **Paul N1VTI** brought up possibly inviting **Phil N1XTB** to an upcoming meeting to do his presentation on Winlink, the email over amateur radio system. **Jeff N1ZZN** reported that he will draft letters to send to the town of Hanson and Plymouth County asking if they would be willing to provide a location for our 147.225 repeater. **Jeff N1SOM** will be sending out a ballot outlining the one word change to the by laws. **Paul N1VTI** and **Paul KB1MTW** presented the assorted package of ARRL books to the Whitman Public Library. **Ron N1PXX** suggested that the club provide new books when the question pools are updated.

NEW MEMBERS: **Ron N1PXX** made a motion that **Jim Madden KB1PFL** be accepted as a new member. The motion was seconded by **Bob K1WGU**, and the motion was approved. Welcome to the WARC!

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 de N1ZZN Cont:

NEW BUSINESS: Paul N1VTI reported that there is a renewed interest in fox hunting, and suggested that the club host a hunt. October 6th was decided as a date for the hunt, to be held within the town of Whitman. The fox hunt will run from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon on 146.565. Following the hunt, Paul N1VTI will host a cookout at his QTH in East Bridgewater. A motion was made by Paul KB1MTW and seconded by Roy KB1CYV to allot \$50 for the cost of food following the hunt. The fox hunting DVD produced by Whitey K1VV will be shown at the October meeting. Marty Nugent, a teacher in East Bridgewater was a guest at the meeting. He is asking if the club has interest in demonstrating amateur radio to some students at the high school. Members are welcome to stop by the club house on Saturday, September 22 to check out the items recently donated to the club. The items will be sorted out, priced, and some of the smaller items will be available for sale for a small donation to the club. Jeff N1ZZN reported that the W1QSL bureau contacted him about QSL cards for silent key Bob K1RB. The cards will be sent to the club for display at upcoming public events such as Plimoth Plantation.

CLUB ANTENNA ANALYZER LOCATION: Pine Street club house

NET CONTROLS: 9/9 Roy KB1CYV 9/16 Mike KB1OEP 9/23 Jeff N1SOM 9/30 Ron N1PXX

CLOSE: President Paul N1VTI closed the business meeting at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Paul KB1MTW seconded by Sam N1WIG.

NEW MEMBER: Jim Madden KB1PFL lives in Pembroke and reports that he works in Canton at the Mass. Hospital School where he is a second-class steam engineer on the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift and loves the work and shift.

Jim KB1PFL reports that: " In the 90's I became a auxiliary police officer and became involved with the Pembroke's EOC and the chief recently asked me if I knew any HAM operators who would help us use our 2-meter equipment in order to be able to communicate with the Framingham MEMA HQs. Well to make a long story short I have always had a fascination for radio and short wave and I ended up getting my technician license. I'm not on the air yet but I am saving up for a Yaesu Ft-857D or a Ft-897D. "



Jim Madden KB1PFL

Jim KB1PFL also reports: "Here is a picture of me while we were camping in N.H. at the "Military Vehicle Show" I made my first Ham contact here with my AN/PRC-77 Tactical Radio with Dale KW1I on 51.0 MHz FM. This is the only radio I have at the current time, which I had bought in the early 80's for \$25.00 dollars! Now that ebay exists I got all the accessories for it and it works great but only puts out 5 watts and covers 30 MCs to 76MCs. simplex."

73. Jim KB1PFL

ANTIQUA RADIO FLEA MARKET: Oct 20 Manchester, NH. - NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUA RADIO CLUB The location is the Manchester Bingo Center - \$15.00 at 7:30 a.m. - \$5.00 at 8:30 a.m. - Manchester, NH. From I-293, Exit 1 – go northbound on South Willow Street (Rt. 28). Turn left onto John E. Devine Drive. Time 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE AT HYLANDS PARK, ENGLAND

Special Event Radio Station GB100J was On-The-Air.

Paul Moss KB1MTW and **Mike Supple KB1OEP** spent 10 days visiting London and Paris with Whitman Troop 22. One day was spent attending the 21st World Scout Jamboree that was held this year in Hylands Park, Chelmsford, England. This being the 100-year anniversary of scouting which started in 1907 in England – hence the **GB100J** call sign.

Paul KB1MTW reports: “Echo link wasn’t up at site due to no Internet access, start-up problems. Did get to do a 2-meter simplex connection with the group at the station & an Echolink QSO thru the base station connection to a local club repeater link. Talked to a father & son who are involved in scouting. The British HAMS are having a contest right now to stir-up interest among those involved in scouting to help grow the ham membership. There is a web site www.scouting100award.org that will explain the rules & goals”.

It was reported that there were approximately 40,000 scouts from 200 countries attending the Jamboree. A contact was made between scouts using Special Event Station call **GB100J** and **Clay Anderson KD5PLA** onboard the International Space Station and another contact was made via Echolink with Whitman Club member **Don Burke KB1LXH** in Taunton.



Scott Supple & Koby Ward of Whitman trading patches



HAMS ARE ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND -- ANTENNA CREW

Paul Burbine N1VTI was given a Barker - Williams folded dipole all band HF antenna by **Don Keene KA1PJX**.

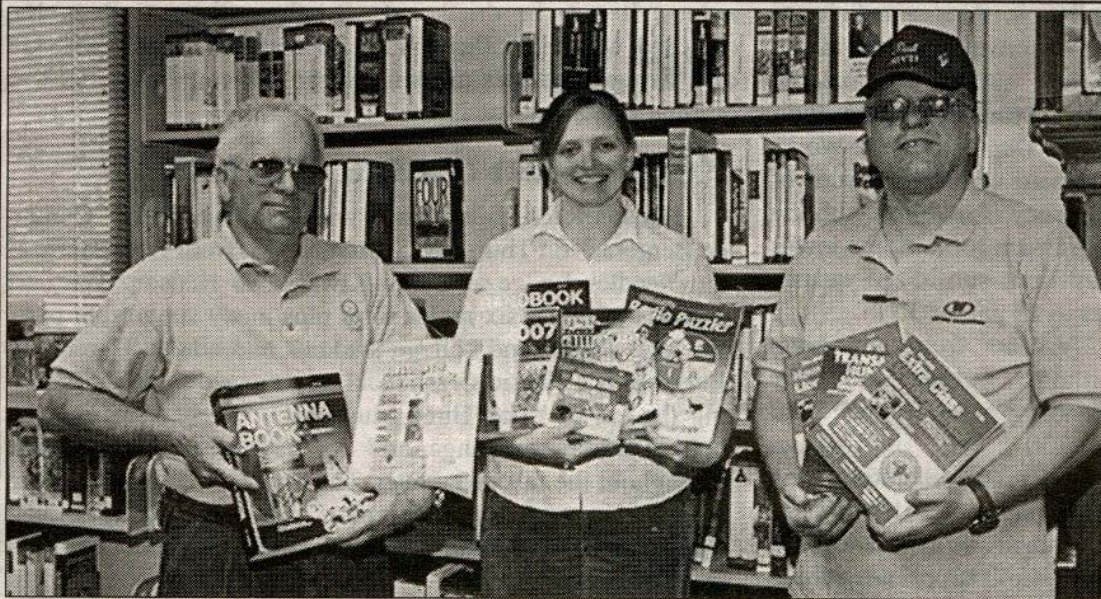
Paul N1VTI needed help raising the 37 – ½ foot mast that holds one end and assembled an antenna crew from Saftler’s Flea Market. Helping out and shown in the picture were L. to R. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** (sitting down on the job), **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**, **John Murphy KB1PHN** and **Paul Burbine N1VTI** with **The Bruce NI1X** taking the picture. Remember – it did not happen if I do not get a picture. The Barker - Williams is strung in a northwest to southeast direction up about 35 feet high.



SCUTTLEBUTT: **Mark Loring KC1ML** reports he has joined Army MARS

Barbara Rice K1MRH was heard checking out a 2-Meter mobile installed in her vehicle with help from **Paul KB1MTW**.

Paul’s N1VTI Antenna Party



Paul Moss, Whitman Amateur Radio board member, KB1MTW, left, and Paul Burbine, Whitman Amateur Radio Club President, N1VTI, present Whitman Library Director, Jennifer Inglis, with newly released amateur radio books.

On Wednesday, September 5, a donation of 15 newly released amateur radio books was presented to Jennifer Inglis, the Whitman Public Library Director. The Whitman Amateur Radio Club meets in the community room of the library on the first Wednesday of each month. The public is always welcome. For 92 years, the FCC has licensed amateur radio operators. Although basically a hobby that

explores electronics and communication, operators all over the country are routinely asked to respond as volunteers, to set up and maintain emergency communications during times of disaster. This generally occurs when electricity, cell phone service and normal communications are rendered unusable. The "HAMS" are able to set up totally independent, portable communications to assist

public safety personnel until the regular systems are back on line. In our New England area there are more than 4000 trained Skywarn weather spotters that are able to report in real time, on the ground, severe weather related conditions to the National Weather Service, (NWS), in Taunton, Mass. This information is used by the meteorologists to confirm or augment their Doppler radar system information.

MEMA RADIOGRAM TRAINING – FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Shown just after the September MEMA RADIOGRAM Training session held at the Taunton Emergency Operations Center on the first Monday in September are: L. to R. **Rudy Burer KB1LXI** – Assistant Director TEMA, **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Don Burke KB1LXH** – Net Control for the night, **Neal Harrington KB1LXL** and **Carlos Wharton WP4US** with **Bob Barbour K1BAR** standing. Five are Whitman club members.

Whitman club members participating at the Whitman Emergency Operations Center were **Mike Supple KB1OEP**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE**. **Bill N1FRE** was Net Control for the month.



TEMA Volunteers

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

THE PARTICIPATION WAS FANTASTIC

The 38 Whitman Club members who were able to make it to the Flea Market were:



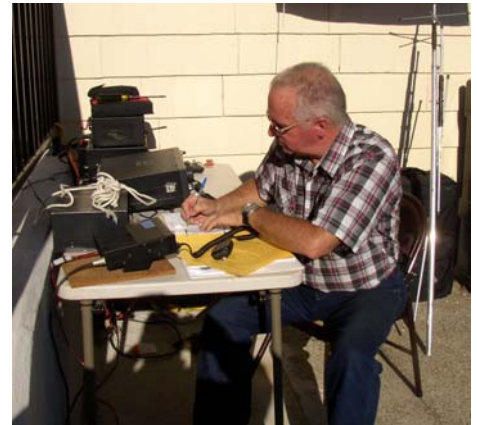
N11X	Bruce Hayden	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1ODU	Ray Bolduc
NM1F	Jim Ford	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	W1HA	Walt Johnson
K1EF	Evelyn Foley	N1OGP	Frank Hayes	N1OEH	Vic Kairis
KC1ML	Mark Loring	KB1MTY	Bob Schmitt	K1XRB	Peter George
K1REL	Bob Loring	K1MRH	Barbara Rice	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	WA1UMT	Dave Darois
N1PXX	Ron Smith	KB1KVL	Ken Kavaljian	N1SON	Bill Tracy
N1NTZ	Ed Meehan	K1BAR	Bob Barbour	N1JXS	Al Molin
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	WQ1L	John Coombs	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze
KC1FZ	George Davis	KB1OEO	Ross Hochstrasser	KB1NAX	Joan Smith
SWL	Pat Kavaljian	SWL	Jay Freeman	K1WGU	Bob Bass
W5IRW	Jim Gilbert	KB1PHN	John Murphy	KB1LXH	Don Burke
N1XZD	Bruce Weir	N1XTB	Phil McNamara		

WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

The **WARPSN** Net meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. on the Whitman REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67. Come join in and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMs and short-wave listeners as well.

As part of our training, we encourage everyone to practice sending routine RADIOGRAM messages. In August we had 4 sessions with an average of 12 area HAMs checking in each week and 7 messages were sent.

Paul Moss KB1MTW was Net Control for the Sunday morning September 2nd **WARPSN** Net and operated from the Flea Market Club Station. Whitman Club members who were not able to make it to the Flea Market but who were able to log in with **WA1NPO** over the two day event via 2-Meters were **Sam Webber N1WIG** and **Jim O'Rourke WG1L**.



**Paul Moss KB1MTW
WARPSN Net Control**

WA1NPO ON-THE-AIR

Bill Hayden N1FRE set up his ICOM IC-756 transceiver and connected it to the club Cushcraft R-6 vertical antenna that was lashed to the railing at Saftler's. Saftler's provided commercial electrical power.

Contacts were made as far away as North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia



Bill Hayden N1FRE

AREA HAMS WHO STOPPED BY AND MADE THEMSELVES KNOWN

N1KQV	Steve Snow	Randolph	KB1MHW	Wes Homes Sr.	Plymouth
N1KQR	Paul Foley	Brockton	KB1EKN	Mark Duff	Hingham
KB1ISG	Geri Duff	Hingham	K1KOD	Kevin O'Donnell	Duxbury
W1VFB	Greg Glynn	Taunton	N1WH	Wes Holmes	Plymouth
KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	E. Bridgewater	N1VPU	John Dunn	Holbrook
K1UCY	Allan Dunn	Holbrook	K1CG	George Manning	Pembroke
W1NMF	Bob Flynn	Marshfield	N1EH	Eugene Harriman	Plymouth
N1BHH	Clyde Ramsdell	E. Weymouth	N1XQX	Dennis Girardi	Weymouth
AE1TH	Tony Holmes	Braintree	KB1MTZ	Matt O'Malley	Whitman
KB1MYQ	Dave Stevens	Weymouth	KB1LHW	Bob Settle	Weymouth
N1MJP	Samantha Harriman	Plymouth	K1CWS	Bruce Billings	Scituate

Seven club members set up five tables at the Flea Market



Jim Ford NM1F & Wes Homes N1WH

Bob Schmitt KB1MTY



Ron N1PXX & Joan KB1NAX Smith



Pat SWL and Ken KB1KVL Kavaljian

MORE LABOR DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET PICTURES



Bob Barbour K1BAR
Paul Burbine N1VTI



Bill Tracy N1SON
John Coombs WQ1L

Also setting up a table was **Bob Barbour K1BAR** and his son **Eric**. **Paul Burbine N1VTI** is shown helping **Bob K1BAR** program his handheld transceiver. Note the new blue club tent behind **Bill N1SON** and **John WQ1L** – handy for sun and rain.



Bruce Weir N1XZD
Vic Kairis N1OEH



Bob Loring K1REL & Mark Loring KC1ML
with Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD of Duxbury



Jeff Tracy N1SOM and friend
Kandi Shaw

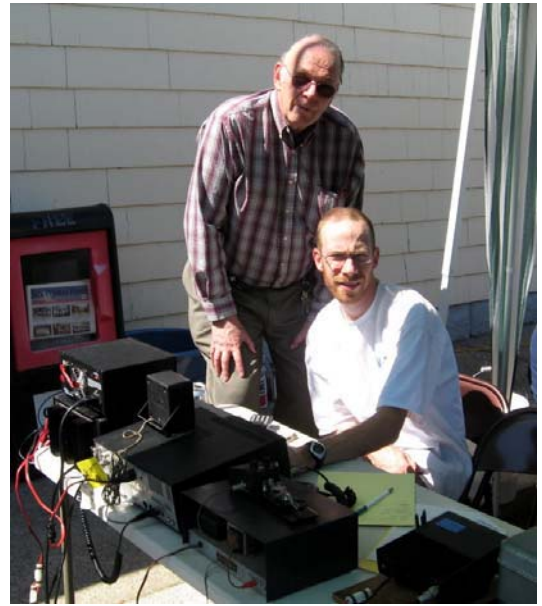


Don Burke KB1LXH and family
Noah, Riley and wife Gina

MORE LABOR DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET PICTURES



Ross Hochstrasser KB1OEO
Ed Meehan N1NTZ
Gerri KB1ISG and Mark KB1EKN Duff



Allan Dunn K1UCY
John Dunn N1VPU



Jean Hayden-Knight of Bridgewater
Bruce Hayden NI1X



Bob Flynn W1NMF of Marshfield
George Manning K1CG of Pembroke
Eugene Harriman N1EH of Plymouth
and his wife Samatha N1MJP

Jean Hayden-Knight SWL – Bruce's NI1X sister stopped by the Flea Market to drop off goodies to be donated that included more MacDonal'd's happy meal toys that were given away to the really little kids who stopped by the Flea Market with their parents. – Great fun – A special thanks to **Paul N1VTI** for getting up early and coordinating vendor setup (bicycle mobile) at the crack of dawn and **Bill N1FRE**, **Ken KB1KVL**, **Jeff N1SOM**, **Paul KB1MTW** and all others who worked behind the scene to make this fund raiser a great success – and then the Flea Market was over.



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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 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
Whitman Public Library

CLUB OFFICERS

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Web Site: <http://www.wainpo.org>

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