



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET -- SPECIAL ISSUE

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND -- MAY 25TH & 26TH

The Saftler's Flea Market fundraiser, held over the Memorial Day weekend, was a great success. There were 39 Whitman Club members and at least 15 area HAMs who were able to stop by to socialize, drop off a few donated goodies to be sold at the club table, pick up a few goodies, help man the club table and help put the Club Station **WA1NPO** On The Air.



Some of the Saftler's Flea Market Crew

The sun was out and the weather was beautiful with temperatures in the 70's on Sunday and the low 80's on Monday with a nice breeze both days. The Club's blue sunscreen tent was put to good use. This turned out to be a great social event.

A few of the participants were gathered in front of the club table when this photo was taken. Seen L. to R. are **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Ray Bolduc KB1ODU**, **Bob Loring K1REL**, **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**, **Dave Darois WA1UMT**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** along with area HAMs **Paul Foley N1KQR** and **Steve Snow N1KQV**.

THE PARTICIPATION WAS FANTASTIC: We have 90 members in the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and with 39 members able to participate, that means we had a (39/90) = 43% participation. The 39 Whitman Club members who were able to participate were:

N1FRE	Bill Hayden	N11X	Bruce Hayden	WA1UMT	Dave Darois
KB1ODU	Ray Bolduc	NM1F	Jim Ford	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
K1BAR	Bob Barbour	KB1PFU	Dan Chase	KB1PHN	John Murphy
KB1MTW	Paul Moss	K1CWS	Bruce Billings	WQ1L	John Coombs
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	N1NTZ	Ed Meehan	K1VU	Bob Johnson
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	KB1PFL	Jim Madden	K1REL	Bob Loring
N1PXX	Ron Smith	W1HA	Walt Johnson	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow
N1JXS	Al Molin	KC1ML	Mark Loring	W5IRW	Jim Gilbert
N1OGP	Frank Hayes	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KB1ODS	John Chase
N1FWD	Paul Swartz	KA1PJX	Don Keene	KB1NMG	Barbara Anderson
KB1QKV	Mike Anderson	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser
W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	K1XRB	Peter George	N1SON	Bill Tracy
KB1MTY	Bob Schmitt	KB1TOM	Tom Wilson	K1AWB	Steve Laroe

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 May we had 4 sessions with an average of 12 area HAMs checking in each week and 9 messages were sent.

John Murphy KB1PHN was Net Control for the Sunday morning May 25th **WARPSN NET** and operated from the Flea Market using **Walter's K1BZD** 2-Meter transceiver as a Club Station and using the club's Diamond 2-Meter / 440 MHz / 6-Meter vertical antenna.



John Murphy KB1PHN
WARPSN NET Control

The crew was monitoring both the Whitman and Bridgewater 2-Meter REPEATERS. Whitman Club members who were not able to make it to the Flea Market but who were able to log in with the Whitman Club Station **WA1NPO** over the two day event via 2-Meters were **Loren Pimentel N1IQI**, **Ken Kavaljian KB1KVL** and **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC**.

A special thanks to both **Eric Saftler** and the **Jack Conway Real Estate Group** for letting the Whitman Club hold their Flea Market on their property once again and for supplying 120 volt ac power for the club station.

Bill N1FRE and **Paul N1VTI** and **Jeff N1SOM** had been working behind the scene to secure the Flea Market permits and make all necessary arrangements. **Paul Burbine N1VTI** had volunteered to greet the vendors at 6 a.m. and direct them to their spots. **Bill N1FRE** was heard arriving shortly thereafter.

WHITMAN CLUB STATION -- WA1NPO -- ON THE AIR



Bill Hayden N1FRE at the HF Station

Bill Hayden N1FRE volunteered to set up his ICOM IC-756 transceiver and connected it to his portable BUDDIPOLE dipole antenna. The BUDDIPOLE dipole antenna was set for 20-Meters and mounted on a 20 ft pipe mast that was lashed to the railing. The antenna could be rotated by hand.

Paul Burbine N1VTI volunteered to set up his new 2-Meter Go-Kit and is seen monitoring the Bridgewater REPEATER for checkins. **Paul N1VTI** reports that he plans to build a 6-Meter dipole antenna for Field day.

On Monday morning 20-Meters opened up and **The Bruce NI1X** made 10 contacts in one hour. It was a pile up. Contacts were made as far south as South Carolina, Virginia and Florida and as far west as Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. **The Bruce NI1X** made a special contact with **John Burgholzer K4CDR** in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida who was looking for his friend – Whitman Club member **Frank Hayes N1OGP**.

Another special contact was made by **Bill N1FRE** with **Steve** who was operating the Special Event Station **W9IMS** for the Indy 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. **John KB1PHN** made a contact with the Special Event Station **W4S** at the Strawberry Festival in Virginia Beach, Virginia. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** made a contact with **Rick Hatalski ND4Z** who was operating portable in South Carolina.

Another special contact was with **Mike Marinucci N1FRV** who checked in via EchoLink from Hernando, Florida where he reported 86 degrees and sunny with a nice breeze. **Mike N1FRV** and his wife **Jennifer** hope to be up here for Field Day. Local 20-Meter contacts were made with **Bill N1FRE** in Whitman and **Gary W1GRC** in Bridgewater. QSL card requests have already been received and responded to from **Michael N8GUZ** in Orion, Michigan and **Henry KG4PLT** in Andrews, South Carolina.



**Bill N1FRE & Ray KB1ODU
BUDDIPOLE antenna**



**Paul Burbine N1VTI
and his 2-Meter rig**

SAFTLER'S FUND RAISING FLEA MARKET
FIVE CLUB MEMBERS SET UP VENDOR TABLES



John Chase KB1ODS
Dan Chase KB1PFU



Gary Barbour SWL
Bob Barbour K1BAR



Jim Ford
NM1F



Dave Darois WA1UMT
with Ray Bolduc KBODU



Bruce Billings
K1CWS

Paul Moss KB1MTW is shown assisting **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** – the Whitman Club Treasurer - as they made the rounds and collected set-up fees from the vendors.

Jeff N1SOM also volunteered to bring two coolers filled with soda, water and ice.

Paul Moss KB1MTW volunteered to load his trailer and truck with tables, chairs and goodies from the club house the day before the Flea Market and received help from **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** and **John Murphy KB1PHN**.



Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Paul Moss KB1MTW

AREA HAMS WHO STOPPED BY

N1EY **Bill O'Hara** of Abington
N1VEQ **Jim Brennan Jr.** of Randolph
N1NVV **Pete Curley** of Plymouth
WB1FNX **Phil Cook** of Brockton
KB1QCH **Dan Ryan** of Marshfield
W1WCF **Walter Fitzgerald** of Raynham
KB1QMX **Dave Beauvais Sr.** of Hanson
N1KQR **Paul Foley** of Brockton

KA1DZA **Bob Pratt** of Abington
N1LNX **Jim Armstrong Jr.** of Taunton
N1LRC **Randy Maille** of E. Bridgewater
WA1YKF **Warren Dickie** of Holbrook
KB1LXH **Don Burke** of Taunton
KB1PVW **Brian Kendrew** of E. Bridgewater
N1KQV **Steve Snow** of Randolph
SWL **Dennis Foley** of Brockton



Jim Brennan Jr. N1VEQ
Ray Bolduc KB1ODU
Jim Armstrong N1LNX



Don Burke KB1LXH – Pres. - TACGroup
Bob Pratt KA1DZA

Ray Bolduc KB1ODU is shown with his two friends **Jim Brennan Jr. N1VEQ** of Randolph and **Jim Armstrong Jr. N1LNX** of Taunton. **Jim N1VEQ** and **Jim N1LNX** had picked up a YAESU FT-857D for **Ray KB1ODU** at the Dayton, Ohio Hamvention and **Ray's KB1ODU** first contacts with his new rig were with **The Bruce N1IX**, **Ken KB1KVL** and **Gary W1GRC**. **Jim N1VEQ** also reports he won an ICOM handheld while at Dayton. **Ray KB1ODU** reports that he has connected his FT-857D transceiver to his computer and using the HAM Radio Deluxe software program – he can operate the transceiver through his computer – (no more knobs to turn – just use the mouse). Just type in a call sign and it automatically logs frequency, time and power level on the electronic logbook. **Ray KB1ODU** also reports that he is being called out during large fires in Weymouth as the Communication Officer at the Weymouth Emergency Operations Center (EOC).



Pete Curley N1NVV
Pres. - Massasoit Club



Walter Fitzgerald
W1WCF



Randy Maille
N1LRC

SAFTLER'S FUND RAISING FLEA MARKET -- MORE PICTURES



Frank Hayes N1OGP



Ed Meehan N1NTZ



Bob Schmitt KB1MTY

Frank Hayes N1OGP had made special plans for his friend **John K4CDR** in Ft Lauderdale, Florida to make HF contact with **WA1NPO** while we were operating from Saftler's Parking lot.

Ed Meehan N1NTZ stopped by to donate some goodies to be sold at the club table.

Bob Schmitt KB1MTY just announced his retirement as a call fireman after 47 years. **Bob KB1MTY** joined the Whitman Fire Department in 1961 and was present at the meeting in 1962 when the area HAMs were called in and asked to form a group to help support local Civil Defense activities. That 1962 meeting was the founding meeting of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club.



Roy Logan KB1CYV
Bob Johnson K1VU



Ross Hochstrasser
W1EKG



Jim Madden KB1PFL

Bob Johnson K1VU reports that he downloaded about 11,000 QSOs into the Log Of The World and has received confirmation for 2388 QSOs which include 90 countries and Worked All States (WAS). **Bob K1VU** also reports he put his 80-Meter dipole back up in the air.

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reported that he now has a 2-Meter mobile. Since the Flea Market, **Ross W1EKG** has been heard On The Air around town.

Matt Paine KB1OSV reported in that he has been testing a BUDDIPOLE antenna for a planned portable operation in Nova Scotia.

SAFTLER'S FUND RAISING FLEA MARKET -- MORE PICTURES



Jeff Lehmann
N1ZZN

Bill Tracy
N1SON



John Coombs
WQ1L

Bob Azanow
KA1KIJ



Jim Gilbert
W5IRW



Steve Laroe
K1AWB



Paul Swartz
N1FWD



Bob Loring
K1REL

Ron Smith
N1PXX



Mike Anderson
KB1QKV

Barbara Anderson
KB1NMG

Looks like **Mike Anderson KB1QKV** is looking for his first radio in the candy store catalogue.

SAFTLER'S FUND RAISING FLEA MARKET -- MORE PICTURES



Roy Logan Al Molin
KB1CYV N1JXS



Tom Wilson
KB1TOM

Tom KB1TOM reports that he participated with the **K1USN** gang at the Watson Library for the Museum Ships On The Air weekend.



Gary Cumiskey
W1GRC



Roy Logan Mark Loring
KB1CYV KC1ML



Steve Snow N1KQV
Paul Foley N1KQR
Dennis Foley SWL



Peter George N1XRB

FIELD DAY 2008 - RIDE THE WAVES

The Whitman Amateur Radio Club will participate in a National Emergency Preparedness Exercise, called Field Day 2008, over the weekend of June 28th and 29th.

The object of the exercise is to see how many other amateur radio stations can be contacted in a given 24 hour period that starts at 2 p.m. (EDT) on Saturday afternoon and ends at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.



We need your help to set up tents and equipment and to take a shift operating the Club Station. The Technician Class operators can operate HF under the control of a higher class Control Operator. Come on down and have some fun. A crew will be staying overnight.

Field Day Directions

The WARC will be holding Field Day 2008 on June 28 and 29 in a new location this year on the Old Colony YMCA property in East Bridgewater, MA. **Set up will be Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.**

1. If coming from State Route 18, [North or South], connect and follow State Route 106 East, in East Bridgewater, [sign says toward Halifax] for 1.2 miles, the YMCA property will be on the right across from a small strip mall containing a Dunkin Donut, convenience store and pizza shop.
2. If coming West on State Route 106 [from Halifax], YMCA property will be on the left across from a small strip mall containing a Dunkin Donut, convenience store and pizza shop.
3. **For "BOTH" Field Day entrance -- as you enter the "Y" parking lot-- with the main building on your right, drive onto the field through the double gate in the chain link fence directly ahead. The WARC Field Day site is located straight ahead, bearing slightly to the left in the back. The site is not visible from the parking lot.**
4. If you should become confused, or need direction, "talk-in" will be on the 147.225 REPEATER (PL 67). Someone will help you from there. You should have no problem accessing the Whitman REPEATER in it's new location. It is hard to see in the photo but the REPEATER antenna is now located on the top of a commercial tower in the southeast corner of Whitman.
5. 73's & hope to see you at Field Day this year.



Whitman REPEATER
Tower



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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 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
Whitman Public Library

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Paul	N1VTI
V. President	Ron	N1PXX
Secretary	Jeff	N1ZZN
Treasurer	Jeff	N1SOM
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Director	Paul	KB1MTW
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Web Site: <http://www.wa1np0.org>

Club Repeater Station:

147.225 MHz (CTSS 67 Hz)

449.875 MHz (CTSS 88.5 Hz)

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