



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

June 2008

# SPECTRUM



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** This is **Paul N1VTI** – The Saftler's Memorial Day weekend fund raising Flea Market was a great success thanks to two beautiful sunny days and lots of participation by at least 38 Whitman Club members and a dozen other area HAMs who stopped by to help out.

A special thanks to all who donated goodies to be sold by the club. Once again we were able to demonstrate amateur radio to the public by setting up a radio room and putting a Whitman Club Station **WA1NPO** "On-The-Air".

In the area of Public Service, **Barbara Anderson KB1NMG** reported that she, along with her husband **Mike KB1QKV** and **Bob Loring K1REL**, participated in a search effort as part of the Brockton Emergency Management Agency team. I helped provide amateur radio communication support for two area road races along with **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Joe Serrilla W1JOE** and **Roy Logan KB1CYV**. As usual, members participated in SKYWARN reporting and first Monday of the month RADIOGRAM Training.



**Paul Burbine  
N1VTI**

On the fun side of amateur radio we had another great Fox Hunt in June. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Barbara Rice K1MRH** had volunteered to be the Foxes this time. **The Bruce N1IX** came in first and has volunteered to be the Fox next time.

The Whitman Amateur Radio Club will be participating in Field Day 2008 over the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This years event will be held on the East Bridgewater Old Colony YMCA property. I hope to see you there. Your help and support is needed. Come on down and take a turn operating one of the club stations. This is a great chance for new HAMs to operate one of the club HF Field Day stations that is under the control of a higher class control operator.

**73 From: Paul N1VTI**

## **SAFTLER'S FLEA MARKET**

Shown in front of the Whitman Club table are L. to R. **Roy KB1CYV**, **Ray KB1ODU**, **Bob K1REL**, **Jeff N1SOM**, **Dave WA1UMT**, **Paul N1VTI**, and **The Bruce N1IX** along with area HAMs **Paul Foley N1KQR** and **Steve Snow N1KQV**

See the Saftler's Flea Market Special Issue newsletter.



**Some of the Saftler's Flea Market crew**

**SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF June 4, 2008 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 at 6:30 p.m.



**Jeff Lehmann  
N1ZZN Sec.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Thirty-seven members and two guests were present, including the four elected Officers and two Directors. A quorum was present.

<b>KA1EUI</b>	<b>Jim Tovet</b>	<b>KA1KIJ</b>	<b>Bob Azanow</b>		
<b>KA1PJX</b>	<b>Don Keene</b>	<b>KB1CYV</b>	<b>Roy Logan</b>		
<b>KB1CHW</b>	<b>John Coombs Jr.</b>	<b>KB1ETW</b>	<b>Jim Halpin</b>		
<b>KB1KVL</b>	<b>Ken Kavaljian</b>	<b>KB1MJL</b>	<b>Al Marshall</b>		
<b>KB1MTW</b>	<b>Paul Moss</b>	<b>KB1NAX</b>	<b>Joan Smith</b>	<b>KB1NMG</b>	<b>Barbara Anderson</b>
<b>KB1ODS</b>	<b>John Chase</b>	<b>KB1ODU</b>	<b>Ray Bolduc</b>	<b>KB1OEP</b>	<b>Mike Supple</b>
<b>KB1OSV</b>	<b>Matt Paine</b>	<b>KB1PFL</b>	<b>Jim Madden</b>	<b>KB1PHN</b>	<b>John Murphy</b>
<b>KB1QKV</b>	<b>Mike Anderson</b>	<b>KB1QKW</b>	<b>Chris Laroe</b>	<b>KB1TOM</b>	<b>Tom Wilson</b>
<b>SWL(Guest)</b>	<b>Colben Laroe</b>	<b>K1AWB</b>	<b>Steven Laroe</b>	<b>K1MRH</b>	<b>Barbara Rice</b>
<b>K1WGU</b>	<b>Bob Bass</b>	<b>KC1FZ</b>	<b>George Davis</b>	<b>N1FRE</b>	<b>Bill Hayden</b>
<b>N1OGP</b>	<b>Frank Hayes</b>	<b>N1OYH</b>	<b>Carl Davis</b>	<b>N1PXX</b>	<b>Ron Smith</b>
<b>N1SOM</b>	<b>Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>N1VTI</b>	<b>Paul Burbine</b>	<b>N1ZZN</b>	<b>Jeff Lehmann</b>
<b>NM1F</b>	<b>Jim Ford</b>	<b>W1GRC</b>	<b>Gary Cumiskey</b>	<b>W5IRW</b>	<b>Jim Gilbert</b>
<b>WA1UMT</b>	<b>Dave Darois</b>	<b>WQ1L</b>	<b>John Coombs</b>	<b>WG1L</b>	<b>Jim O'Rourke</b>
<b>WA1YKF</b>	<b>Warren Dickie (Guest)</b>				

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for May was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Ken KB1KVL** made a motion seconded by **Barbara K1MRH** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made by **Barbara K1MRH** seconded by **Joan KB1NAX** that the May Secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

**NEW MEMBERS:** **Paul KB1MTW** made a motion that **Steve Laroe K1AWB**, **Chris Laroe KB1QKW**, **Bruce Billings K1CWS**, **Jim Tovet KA1EUI**, and **Tom Wilson KB1TOM** be accepted as new members. **Bob K1WGU** seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**HONORARY MEMBER:** **Bill N1FRE** made a motion that **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** be accepted as an honorary member for his efforts in securing a new repeater location. **Jim NM1F** seconded the motion and it was approved. The REPEATER will be relocated soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Roy KB1CYV** reported that there will be another Fox Hunt on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. on 146.565 MHz. **Jeff N1ZZN** discussed more possibilities for a contest where members would attempt to contact as many other members as possible. It was decided that a \$50 HRO gift certificate would be an appropriate prize for the winner. Details of the contest will be forthcoming at next month's meeting. Generators for Field Day were discussed. **Jim KA1EUI** and **Gary W1GRC** both have generators that can be used as backups as necessary. **Jeff N1SOM** will bring a grill for cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner at Field Day. **Ray KB1ODU** reported that there will be a special traffic NET for Field Day stations on Saturday night (June 28<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 p.m. The NET will be on the MMRA system, and is available locally on the 145.250 (PL 77.0) Norwell REPEATER. Antennas for field day were discussed, noting the need for 1 or more verticals to compliment the wire antennas. **Roy KB1CYV** reported that there were 150 runners with 8 Radio Team HAMS participating in the Camp Yomechas road race in Middleboro.

**SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF June 4, 2008 Cont: de N1ZZN**

**ELECTION:** The positions for the 4 officers all won re-election. **Roy KB1CYV** won the position for the Board of Directors.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Bill N1FRE** reported that he has been in contact with **Bridget Burns**, one of the Directors at Marshfield Fair, about once again holding our special event there. **Jeff N1ZZN** will look into getting the information about the event published in QST before the event, which is held for 10 days in late August. **Jeff N1ZZN** reported that he and several other area hams have been experimenting with the 900 MHz (33 Centimeters) HAM band. There is now a REPEATER on 927.475 MHz in Marshfield, as well as others in Taunton, Plymouth, and others.

**CLUB ANTENNA ANALYZER LOCATION:** Paul's KB1MTW QTH

**NET CONTROLS:** 6/8: Ray KB1ODU 6/15: Jeff N1SOM 6/22: Ron N1PXX 6/29: Paul KB1MTW

**CLOSE:** President **Paul N1VTI** closed the business meeting at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by **John KB1CHW** seconded by **Paul KB1MTW**. The motion was approved. A social half hour followed.

**WELCOME TO FIVE NEW MEMBERS**



**Bruce Billings K1CWS**  
**lives in Scituate**

**Steven Laroe K1AWB lives in Hanover**

**Chris Laroe KB1QKW lives in Hanover**

**Colben Laroe SWL – Chris's KB1QKW son**

**Jim Tovet KA1EUI lives in Holbrook**

**Tom Wilson KB1TOM lives on Rock Island in Quincy**

**Steve K1AWB** has his General Class license and has been licensed for 51 years

**Chris KB1QKW** has his Technician Class license and has been licensed since in April.

**Colben SWL** (Short Wave Listener) is 8 years old and is studying for his amateur license

**Jim Tovet KA1EUI** has his General Class license and has been licensed for 22 years

**Tom Wilson KB1TOM** has a General Class license and has been licensed for 5 years

**Bruce Billings K1CWS** has his Extra Class license and has been licensed for 51 years.



## THE FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROAD RACE - By: The Bruce N11X



The Franklin Elementary School in Brockton sponsored a 2.2 mile road race, for their students, in D.W. Field Park on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> on a beautiful sunny day. There were about 50 runners / walkers from kindergarden to grade 6. The ages ranging from 6 to 12 years old with plenty of adult supervision.

**Carl Aveni N1FY** – President of the Massasoit Club was asked to put together a team of amateur radio operators and to provide communication support for the race. Once again both Massasoit Club and Whitman Amateur Radio Club members resopended.

Shown in the group photo are L. to R. **Bruce Hayden N11X**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Carl Aveni N1FY**, **Joe Serrilla W1JOE**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** and **Paul Moss KB1MTW**.



**Whitman & Massasoit Club - Radio Team Volunteers**

The Radio Team was positioned around the race course at strategic intersections and reported on the progress of the runners to **Carl Aveni N1FY** who was acting as Net Control. While making a sweep near the end of the race - **Paul Burbine N1VTI** was in position to rescue one runner who was in distress and accepted a ride back to the finish line.



**Paul Moss KB1MTW and his new friend**

There was a cookout after the race and the Radio Team was invited to participate. As you can see **Paul Moss KB1MTW** made friends

with the Moose from Bugaboo Creek Steak House who was entertaining the kids. Operations was on 2-Meter simplex and **Paul N1VTI** got to test out his new "Go-Kit" for the first time.



**Paul Burbine N1VTI testing new Go Kit**

This is a good way to practice your emergency communications skills by relaying messages through a Net Control Operator who manages the traffic on what, in a real emergency, could be a busy simplex frequency.



## PUBLIC SERVICE - A SEARCH FOR CLUES - By: Barbara Anderson KB1NMG

Three members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club were part of a team of about 35 searchers who combed a section of D.W. Field Park in Brockton, near the Avon Reservoir, on Saturday May 24, 2008. The team included several specially trained search dogs along with representatives from the Brockton Emergency Management Agency, the Plymouth County District Attorney's office and students from the Boston University Private Investigator program.



Bob Loring K1REL

Mike Anderson KB1QKV

Barbara Anderson KB1NMG

**Barbara Anderson KB1NMG** reports: "Bob Loring K1REL and my husband Mike KB1QKV and I – all members of The Brockton Emergency Management Agency (BEMA) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) groups, assisted several other groups and search dogs, in the search for Jennifer Fay on

Saturday May 24, 2008 in the Avon, Mass. section of D. W. Field Park. Jennifer has been missing since 1989 when she was only 16 years old. Bob K1REL and Mike KB1QKV were extensively searching the woods while I helped man the radios at the BEMA Command Truck.



Search in progress



Radio Communication Vest

Nothing significant was found. They hope to do more searches for Jennifer, including a water search this fall. After the initial picture with Bob K1REL and Mike KB1QKV in the green CERT vest, BEMA director Mort Schleffer gave Bob K1REL an orange Radio Communications vest and Mike KB1QKV a yellow Radio Communications vest to wear in the woods as they were 2 of the few HAMS with direct radio communications with the command center".

73 From: Barbara KB1NMG

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## NEW ENGLAND ARRL DIVISION CONVENTION and Flea Market -- Boxboro

Mark your calendar: August 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>.

Location: Holiday Inn at the Intersection of Rt. 495 and Rt 111 in Boxboro, Ma.



**YMCA CAMP YOMECHAS 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K / 10K Road Race**  
**and WOODY'S WALK – May 31, 2008 By: The Bruce" NI1X**

**Carl Aveni N1FY** – of the Massasoit Club – put out a call for amateur radio communication support for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Middleboro YMCA Camp Yomechas 5k / 10k Road Race. Once again members of both the Massasoit and Whitman Amateur Radio Clubs responded.

Shown in the photo taken just before the start of the race are L. to R. **Bruce Hayden NI1X, Roy Logan KB1CYV, Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF, Carl Aveni N1FY, Paul Moss KB1MTW**, with **Paul Burbine N1VTI** kneeling, **Pete Curley N1NVV** and **Joe Serrilla W1JOE**.



**Radio Team -- communication support**

The crew were given their assignments by **Carl N1FY** who was Net Control and was located at the Start / Finish line in the Campgrounds. The crew operated on 146.565 MHz simplex with no problems. **Paul KB1MTW** was stationed at the entrance on Rt. 28 in Middleboro. The rest of the HAMS were stationed at strategic intersections around the 6-mile racecourse.

The weather was overcast and cool with a few light showers at the end. The first of the 150 runners finished in about ½ hour while the last place runner finished in about 1-½ hours.

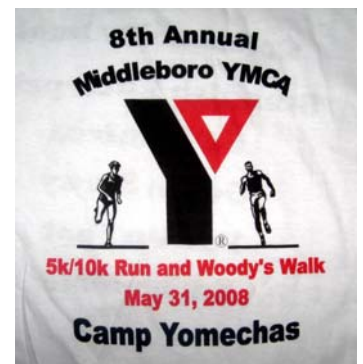
There was a bike race in the area and some of the bike riders followed the YMCA road race signs by mistake. Other than that – there were no incidents to report. After the race **Frank McDonald** – Executive Director of the Middleboro YMCA thanked the HAMS for their support.



**Lorenzo Wood "Woody" on the left**  
**Frank McDonald – Middleboro YMCA Executive Director**

This year the fun run / walk was dedicated to the late **Lorenzo Wood "Woody"** who worked at the Middleboro YMCA after he retired. **Woody** was a special person who touched the lives of a lot of people and was liked by all. **The Bruce NI1X** was a personal friend of **Woody** and, after the race, got to introduce some of the other HAMS to **Woody's** wife **Becky**.

The Radio Team volunteers all received a YMCA Tee shirt with the design shown here. This road race with 150 people participating was a training exercise for the YMCA sponsored Triathlon scheduled for July which will have over 500 participants swimming, on bikes and running.



**Tee shirt design**



**FOX HUNT -- SATURDAY -- June 7, 2008 By: The Bruce NI1X**



Shown in the Foxes Den following the June Fox Hunt are standing L. to R. **Bruce Hayden NI1X**, **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ**, **Chris Laroe KB1QKW**, **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Barbara Rice K1MRH**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** and **John Chase KB1ODS**. In front is **Colben Laroe SWL** and **Paul Moss KB1MTW**.

**The Bruce NI1X** is shown holding a 2-Meter two element directional quad antenna. **Bill N1FRE** is shown holding his tape measure directional beam antenna. Both antennas require attenuators for close in work.

The Foxes were hiding in Whitman in a grassed area on Rt. 58 near the Rotary. **Roy KB1CYV** and **Barbara K1MRH** had volunteered to be the Foxes and were playing a recording of a train going chug, chug, chug and blowing it's whistle in the background (the sneaky Foxes were a little over ½ mile from the train station). **The Bruce NI1X** trusted his equipment and found the Foxes in 25 minutes.

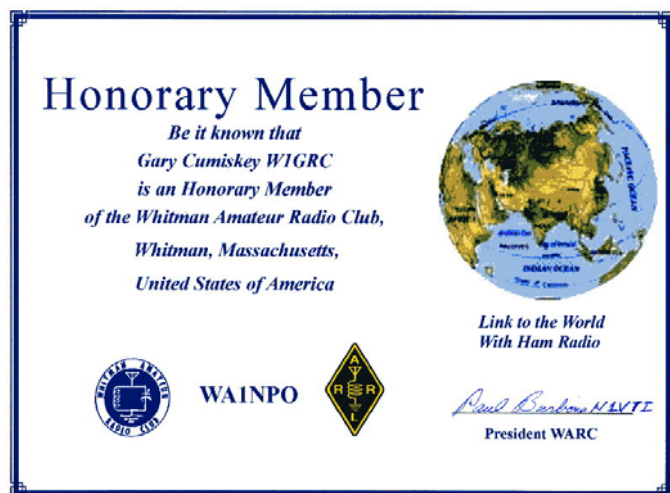
The Fox hides in a public place and transmits for at least 30 seconds every five minutes on 146.565 MHz simplex. The Fox Hunt is usually held on a Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and noon. All you need is a handheld 2-Meter receiver (that has an S-meter) and a few smaller and smaller paper clip antennas to attenuate the signal as you get closer and closer to the Fox's Den.



**Barbara Rice K1MRH**  
**Roy Logan KB1CYV**  
**The sneaky Foxes**

## REPEATER RELOCATION PROJECT

The Whitman Club owns a 2-Meter REPEATER and it is being relocated to a new location on a tower in Whitman. A special thanks to **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** for all his help on this project.



At the June meeting **Bill Hayden N1FRE** gave the following REPEATER update:

### Gary Cumiskey W1GRC & Paul Burbine N1VTI

"The Whitman Amateur Radio Club has enjoyed over 45 years of continuing fellowship. During those years the club has sustained several activities which have provided members and area HAMS with enjoyment as well as purpose. One of those long enduring, almost invisible, activities is the club 2-Meter REPEATER which, through out the years, has been hosted in at least 3 Whitman locations and 2 Brockton locations. We currently have a repeater committee of 4 that have upgraded some major components over the past year. But, for the last several years, working in the background for the good of the club, has been an individual who has secured the donation of material and a new Whitman location for our club repeater that represents thousands of dollars in material and services. This unselfish effort is not only beneficial to club members and area HAMS, but the surrounding communities as well. SKYWARN reports and local RACES activities can now be conducted with renewed confident reliability due to this premier location and system. For this outstanding individual accomplishment, it is with pride and gratitude that our past President **Bruce N1IX** and I are recommending **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** for Honorary Membership in the Whitman Amateur Radio Club."

## FIELD DAY 2008 -- EAST BRIDGEWATER YMCA

The Whitman Amateur Radio Club will participate in a National Emergency Preparedness Exercise, called Field Day 2008, over the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements have been made to hold the Whitman Club Field Day 2008 exercise on the Old Colony YMCA – Camp Satucket property which is located at 635 Plymouth Street (RT. 106) at the intersection of South Street in East Bridgewater (about 1.2 miles East of Rt.18). We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and move down a dirt road to the field out back where we will set up tents along with portable antennas, radios and generators. Talk in will be on the Whitman Repeater 147.225 MHz.

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. on Saturday afternoon and ends at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. We need your help to set up and 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.



## DAYTON OHIO - BIGGEST HAMFEST IN THE UNITED STATES



**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN at Dayton Ohio**  
**Pi Pugh K1RV**  
**Tom Wilson KB1TOM**  
**Bob Marchese K1NOK**  
**Don Greenbaum N1DG**



**Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**

Once again the area HAMs traveled to Dayton, Ohio for the 2008 Hamvention that was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>. This year **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** reports that he drove to New Jersey to meet up with two friends **Nick Langan W2NJL** and **Michael Temme-Soifer KC2MTM**. The next day they set out for Dayton, Ohio and arrived 11 hours later - life is an adventure. **Jeff N1ZZN** teamed up with **Tom Wilson KB1TOM** and the other area HAMs who were supporting **Pi Pugh K1RV** and **J. P. Cunningham W1AI** at their Ham Test On Line Exhibit Booth.

Along with the ARRL EXPO 2008 exhibits booths and seminars there are 500 vendor spaces inside and over 2000 tailgaters outside making this the largest HAM radio Flea Market in the United States. **Jeff N1ZZN** reports he picked up some more 900MHz and 220MHz equipment. **Tom KB1TOM** reports he placed an order for an Elecraft K-3 HF transceiver and eagerly awaits it's arrival.

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## RADIOGRAM TRAINING -- FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

**WHITMAN:** Shown at the Whitman Emergency Operations Center (EOC) following the June RADIOGRAM Training session are **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** seated, **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** and **Jim Madden KB1PFL** who was Net Control for the night.

**BROCKTON:** **Barbara Anderson KB1NMG** and **Mike Anderson KB1QKV** participated with the Brockton Emergency Management Agency.

**WEYMOUTH:** **Ray Bolduc KB1ODU** participated for the Weymouth EMA.

**TAUNTON:** **Rudy Burer KB1LXI** participated at the Taunton EOC along with **Don Burke KB1LXH**, **Greg Glynn W1VFB**, **Barbara Foster KB1KZX** and **Steve Foster KB1KZW**.



**Whitman RACES Volunteers**



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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

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