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MEMORIAL DAY 2011 WEEKEND FLEA MARKET

SPECIAL ISSUE NEWSLETTER

The Saftler's Memorial Day 2011 weekend fund raising Flea Market was a great success with 48 Whitman Club members and 24 area HAMs participating. A special thanks to all who participated and helped to make this fund raising and social event such a success. The weather cooperated while we generated funds for the Club, put **WA1NPO** On-The-Air, and had a chance to have an eye ball to eye ball QSO with many members and area HAMs.

The Club auction / Flea Market was shifted to, and held at, Saftler's parking lot for the first time in 1976. This means that Saftler's has been supporting the efforts of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club for over 35 years. A special thanks to **Eric Saftler** and to the **Saftler** family members before him and to all the Whitman Club members, past and present, who have worked behind the scene to make it happen. To **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** who secured the Flea Market permit from Saftler's and the Mutual Federal Savings Bank. To **Paul Burbine N1VTI** for greeting the early vendors at 5:30 a.m. and coordinating the setup. To **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** for placing ads in the local newspapers, securing insurance riders, ordering the sanitary facilities, and supplying soda, water, and ice. To **Paul Moss KB1MTW** for transporting equipment to and from the Club house and our early morning support team of **John Duprey KB1SVY**, **John Murphy KB1PHN**, **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** and **Tom Wilson W1ICU**.

SUNDAY MORNING CREW



The Sunday morning crew, seen left to right, are: **Jim Ford NM1F**, **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**, **Bruce Billings K1CWS** and his wife **Loraine SWL**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI**, **Adam Vaughn SWL**, with **Karen Trask KB1UBX** in front, **John Duprey KB1SVY**, **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG**, **Tom Wilson W1ICU**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** and **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH**.

THE PARTICIPATION WAS FANTASTIC

The participation was fantastic with at least 48 Whitman Club members able to come out and stop by the club table. Logged in were:

NI1X	Bruce Hayden	N1VTI	Paul Burbine	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
KB1UBX	Karen Trask	KC1FZ	George Davis	W1ICU	Tom Wilson
KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	K1CWS	Bruce Billings	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf
NM1F	Jim Ford	KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	KB1SVY	John Duprey
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	W1AY	Brad Wilson	N1COP	Bob Woodbury
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	KB1PFL	Jim Madden	N1WIG	Sam Webber
W1JT	Jim Tovet	KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KB1QEM	John O'Neill	W1HA	Walt Johnson
WA1YZH	Dave Gurney	K1VU	Bob Johnson	K1AWB	Steve Laroe
WQ1L	John Coombs	N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	N1OGP	Frank Hayes
WA1UMT	Dave Darois	KB1ODS	John Chase	N1NO	Dave Hammond
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1PHN	John Murphy
N1SON	Bill Tracy	N1AMX	Tony Carlozzi	K1EF	Evelyn Foley
KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	K1XRB	Peter George	KB1RXQ	Dino Casieri
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	KB1UTA	Laura Valler	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey
N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	KB1REQ	Jeremy Breef-Pilz		
W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser				

There were 24 area HAMs who were able to stop by the Flea Market and made them selves known at the Club table and I am sure we missed a few. Those checking in were:

N1GCT	Mike Dibella of Arlington	K1NOK	Bob Marchese of Scituate
K1VV	Bob Doherty of Lakeville	KB1OCB	Belonny Michel of Holbrook
K1RV	Pi Pugh of Abington	N1NVV	Pete Curley of Plymouth
N1EH	Gene Harrington of Plymouth	N1MJP	Samatha Harrington of Plymouth
N1VPU	John Dunn from Maryland	K1UCY	Allan Dunn of Holbrook
W1WCF	Walter Fitzgerald of Raynham	K1WCC	Henry Brown of East Falmouth
KC1HO	Steve Johnson of Plymouth	N1KQZ	Doug Cugini of Taunton
KB1KDI	Nancy Cugini of Taunton	N1PRK	John Wittey of Berkley
K1QJF	John Lenkauskas of Brockton	KB1ODL	Glyn Staples of Halifax
N1KQR	Paul Foley of Brockton	N1KQV	Steve Snow of Marlborough
KB1VIY	Lou Stone of Halifax	W1TAV	Steve Belcher of E. Bridgewater
KB1SRO	Judy Attaya-Harris of Plymouth	KB1UHV	Anthony Attaya-Harris Plymouth

EXPANDING PACKET CAPABILITIES

Jim Tovet W1JT reports that he has just set up a new Packet Station at his home QTH in Holbrook that is on 145.01 MHz.

The station includes a Bulletin Board and suite of other features that include Chat Rooms, Nodes that can connect country wide and internationally, and WinLink that can support E-Mail.



Brad Wilson
W1AY

Jim Tovet
W1JT

Elayne Tovet
KB1IKH

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). On Memorial Day Weekend we operated the WARPSN Net from the Flea Market Club Station with **Karen Trask KB1UBX** as the Net Control Operator.

In May we had 5 sessions with an average of 17 area HAMS checking in each week and 16 messages were sent. One RADIOGRAM message was sent from the Flea Market to past member **Bruce Beaman K1HTN**, who is now living in Ossipee, NH.

Also In May, **John Chase KB1ODS** checked in from Telegraph Hill on Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard. **Phil Temples K9HI** checked in via EchoLink from Baltimore, Maryland. **Juergen DL1 NBR** checked in via EchoLink from Germany and **Jim Wolf N1JCW** checked in via EchoLink from Texas.



Karen Trask KB1UBX
WARPSN Net Control Operator
at the Flea Market

During May - **Steve Rudin W1WSN** checked in via EchoLink from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Not able to attend the Flea Market but able to check in with **WA1NPO** via 2-Meters were

KB1OEP Mike Supple

KC1ML Mark Loring

W1JGR John Ruppel

QSL CARD OF THE MONTH

Kermadec Island - In the South Pacific

Al Craddock WA1ZKK could not make the Flea Market because he and his son were visiting relatives in Georgia. **Al WA1ZKK** said that his son helped him send this QSL card along to us.

Al Craddock WA1ZKK made contact with **ZL8X** on Kermadec Islands which is located in the South Pacific – about 8000 miles away – during a November 2010 DXpedition.



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW ??

Stan Rydell KB1VGN reports that he picked up a YAESU FT-8800 transceiver and had help installing a Diamond 50A 2-Meter / 440 MHz vertical antenna on the roof of his home QTH – clear of the chimney and up about 25 feet high.

Stan KB1VGN also reports that he now has no problem hitting the Whitman REPEATER from his home QTH in Hingham.



Stan Rydell
KB1VGN

Pete Curley
N1NVV

TWO CLUB MEMBERS SET UP VENDOR TABLES



Jim Ford NM1F & Emily SWL



Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Jim NM1F was selling radio gear. **Richard KB1TEH** was selling guy stuff and a few radio parts while he got his first sun burn of the year. Congratulations to **Richard KB1TEH** who upgraded to General Class in June.

PUTTING WA1NPO ON-THE-AIR

Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV is shown helping the Whitman Club members make local contacts using the Whitman Club 2-Meter Base Station set up at Saftler's Flea Market. The 2-Meter Club Station logged in 78 contacts.

Evelyn Foley K1EF was heard talking to **Frank N10GP** from the Flea Market. Other special arranged contacts, made via EchoLink from the Flea Market, were from with **Chin 9M2CW** in West Malaysia and **Gunner Odom N1RIT** in New Boston, Michigan.



Evelyn Foley K1EF
Anthony Attaya- Harris KB1UHV

HAM RADIO DELUXE

Joe Casieri KA1JBE has been operating his home station remotely using HAM Radio Deluxe software for control and skype software for receiving and transmitting audio.

Joe KA1JBE reports that he has a computer at home running software programs that interfaces with his transceiver. With this system he can change bands remotely. **Joe KA1JBE** operates from a laptop computer in a remote location and can also access the DX Cluster and his personal log book and submit contacts to Log Book of the World. The system can operate antenna rotors as well.



Laura Valler KB1UTA
Joe Casieri KA1JBE
Dino Casieri KB1RXQ

THE MEMORIAL DAY FLEA MARKET WAS A GREAT SOCIAL



John Dunn N1VPU
Allan Dunn K1UCY



George Davis KC1FZ
Bob Johnson K1VU

Seen Left to Right

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Jim O'Rourke WG1L

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF

Jim Madden KB1PFL



ON THE MOVE

Bob "Whitey" Doherty K1VV reported he is planning a move to Cape Cod and stopped by the Flea Market to donate two power supplies to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club to loan out to new HAMs getting started. **Whitey K1VV** reports that his tower and beam are down and sold - so he must mean business.

Paul Moss KB1MTW is the coordinator of the Whitman Club equipment and is shown thanking **Whitey K1VV** for the donation.

Whitey Doherty K1VV →

Paul Moss KB1MTW →



Jim Madden KB1PFL is shown with his wife **Marife** and his almost 2 year old son **Michael**, who was born on Field Day 2009.

Jim KB1PFL reports he just made a spud gun launcher for **Jim O'Rourke WG1L**. If anyone else is looking for help building a spud gun, I am sure **Jim KB1PFL** would be more than willing to help.

WELCOME BACK: **Sam Webber N1WIG** was visiting from his new QTH in South Windom, Maine. **Sam N1WIG** reports he is living just outside Portland, Maine near Sebago Lake and is working on getting some antennas up.



Jim KB1PFL & Sam N1WIG
Marife & Michael

A PIECE OF HISTORY

DECEMBER 8, 1941 FCC

NOTICE TO ALL AMATEUR LICENSEES

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG discovered that he had purchased a piece of history when he opened a box containing log books and QSL cards that came with a couple of tube radios that he had purchased at the Flea Market.

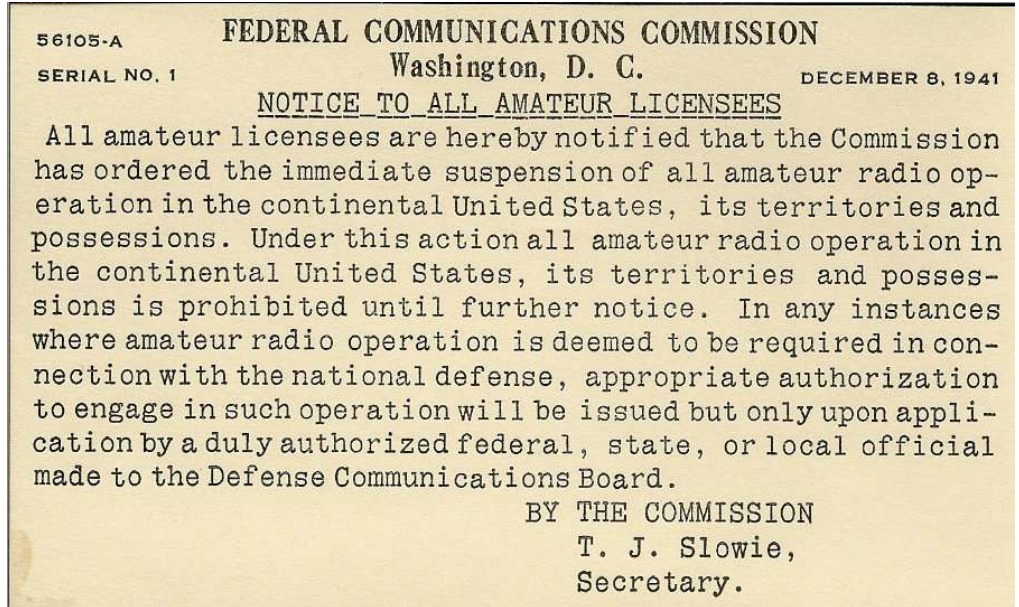
The log book belonged to **Richard Packard W1HLI** (Silent Key) and contained the attached Notice from the FCC to suspend all amateur radio operation effective immediately and dated December 8, 1941.

Richard Packard's W1HLI SK log started in 1933 and actually stopped on November 11, 1940. The log resumed on June 2, 1946.

Richard Packard W1HLI SK worked for the Foxboro Company and was a former member of the Foxboro Company Amateur Radio Club.



Adam Vaughn SWL
Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG
Dave Gurney WA1YZH



10-METER IMAX 2000 VERTICAL ANTENNA

Jim Tynan KC1JET reports that he put up a 10-Meter vertical - an IMAX 2000 bought at NearFest - and that his first HF contact outside of Massachusetts was with South Carolina. **Jim KC1JET** has joined the local Friday night 8 p.m. 10-Meter SSB Net on 28.485 MHz.

John Coombs WQ1L reports that he has been spending time in his green house and garden tending to his famous tomatoes that really get around.



Jim Tynan KC1JET
John Coombs WQ1L



Loren Pimentel N1IQI
Warren Dickie WA1YKF & Dawn



Belonny Michel KB1OCB
Bob Woodbury N1COP

BUILDING RADIOS FROM SCRATCH

Jim Ford NM1F is shown showing **John Murphy KB1PHN** and **Paul Burbine N1VTI** a transmitter he built.

Jim NM1F reports: "The Transmitter is built in a cabinet from a Hallicrafters S-94 30-50MHz low band receiver that I got at a Saftler's Flea for \$10.00. I built it with the Idea of matching a Hallicrafters S-38B receiver that I have. It is a popular circuit of the fifties and I got it from a 1953 Handbook. It uses a 6AG7 oscillator, 6L6 final, rectifier tube and voltage regulator tube. Crystal control but could be used with a VFO. It uses a link coupled output that requires only one tuning control. As I didn't want to add any holes in the cabinet, everything was made to fit the existing holes. The black wrinkle paint is from an auto parts store and matches the S-38B pretty well. This is set up for 40-Meters only but you could add band switching or plug in coils to cover other bands using the same basic circuit. It tests out good, but I have not actually had it on the air".



Jim Ford
NM1F

John Murphy
KB1PHN

Paul Burbine
N1VTI

IT'S A CLASSIC

John Duprey KB1SVY has a collection of old motor scooters and arrived on **Michelle's SWL** 1964 Fuji Rabbit S-601 Superflow. Not bad for a 47 year old scooter.

John KB1SVY reports: "I have a 1957 VW Sedan (Bug) with optional "rag top" sun roof. For vintage scooters I have:"

1. 1958 Vespa VNA
2. 1964 Vespa VNB
3. 1958 Mitsubishi Silver Pigeon C-76
4. 1964 Fuji Rabbit S-601 Superflow (**Michelle's**)
5. 1957 TWN (German Triumph) Tessy Luxus
6. 1956 Zundapp Bella R-154
7. 1963 Lambretta Li 150S
8. 1965? Pav 40 Single wheel motorcycle luggage trailer.



John Duprey KB1SVY

ITEMS FOR SALE

Dave Whitney AD1R reports that he has some items for sale:

The Icom 735 with CW filter is available for \$325

Astron 20A with no meters for \$80

The Ten-Tec Omni D is available for \$225

Bencher chrome/black key for \$75

MFJ Multi-reader #462B for \$60 plus misc. mikes, D104, Shure, Yaesu.

The Ten Tec Omni V with upgrade is available for \$525

Maybe a MFJ cross needle roller inductor tuner if I can convince myself

Contact **Dave Whitney AD1R** at 781-294-8994 or whitneymvp@aol.com



Dave Whitney
AD1R

HOW MANY HAMS DOES IT TAKE TO PROGRAM A RADIO ??

Karen Trask **KB1UBX** was having difficulties programming her Yaesu FT-1900R mobile rig and called in the “EXPERTS”. Remember – an “EXPERT” is just a local boy away from home.

Karen **KB1UBX** reports: “I purchased a Yaesu FT-1900R through the mail from HRO. Paul **KB1MTW** installed it in my car at his QTH. I had grabbed the wrong Operating Manual so we were not able to program it that day. I tried to program it when I got home but the LED display was not making sense. It read a strange set of letters and numbers that I could not find in the manual. I tried the factory reset sequence without success. One of the guys at **K1USN** tried to program it but I was short on time that day so **Jim W1JT** offered to program it at Saffler’s Flea Market.



Jeremy KB1REQ
Paul KB1MTW
Stan KB1VGN
Pi K1RV
Karen KB1UBX
with Jim W1JT and Jim KB1PFL in the car

Well, I think at least 5 or 6 Club members tried their hand at it without success. Telling a HAM that something can't be programmed is like waving a red cape in front of a bull.

I believe that **Jim Tovet W1JT** was in the driver's seat when the picture was taken. Finally **Jim Madden KB1PFL** offered to take the manual home to study it. At the next club meeting he also offered to take the radio itself home to work on it. He was able to program it after a little experimenting with the factory reset buttons. He said that he fiddled with the sequence that was opposite of what the manual said.

So that's the story. Yet another example of how great HAMS are. Always ready to lend a hand and persevere till the job is done. A fine group effort and lots of fun!”

73 – From: Karen KB1UBX



Patrick Laroe SWL
Steve Laroe K1AWB



Dave Darois WA1UMT
and wife Mary



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
Peter George K1XRB



Jeff Tracy N1SOM with girlfriend
Dianne and her son Anthony and
her parents Helen & Tony Botteri



Steve Belcher W1TAV
with WA1DOG



Frank Hayes N1OGP

Walt Johnson W1HA



Steve Snow N1KQV
Paul Foley N1KQR
Dennis Foley SWL



Steve Johnson KC1HO
and wife Racann and son Alex


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\$40 both days. For inq.
call: 508-588-3216 or
email wa1np0@gmail.com

Ron Smith N1PXX reports that he is ready to put his HF antenna back up after the contractor finished working in his back yard.

Loren Pimentel N1IQI reports that he has sent an average of 1500 NTS messages during the past two months.



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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 6th at 6:30 p.m.
Whitman Public Library

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