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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – This has been a busy past couple of months with the Marshfield Fair Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and Special Event Station along with the Knights of Columbus Labor Day weekend fund raising Flea Market.. The participation has been terrific. See the Special Issue newsletters.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: Whitman Club members volunteered to help the Massasoit Club to provide communication support for the Brockton D. W. Field Park Triathlon.

Whitman Club members volunteered to help the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club provide communication support for the Run To The Rock Road Race in Plymouth.

Whitman Club members took part in Hurricane Irene communication support last month.

HAVING FUN: **Loren N1IQI** attended the annual National Traffic System (NTS) operators picnic held in Raynham this year. The Fox Hunters are planning a Fox Hunt for Monday, October 10th. **Bill Burke KB1TXA** operated while in Canada. **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** operated from the top of Mt. Washington.

TECHNICAL TOPICS: At the September meeting we had a presentation by **Joe Casieri KA1JBE** of his Remote Base operation using the HAM Radio Deluxe software program. **Paul Burbine N1VTI** gave a presentation on his portable PACKET "Go Kit" at the August Massasoit Club meeting.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: We will hold the next meeting at the Whitman K of C Hall located at 1195 Bedford Street (Rt. 18) in Whitman on the Abington line. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and we can socialize after the meeting.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA: At the October 5th meeting we will be making plans for NEARFest and JOTA.. We have also asked **Dennis Foley SWL** and **Paul Foley N1KQR** to give their presentation on tubes and to show us some of the thousands of tubes in their collection.

73: From: John KB1SVY

SILENT KEY: **Bob Motroni WA1AOH** became a silent key on September 2, 2011 at age 86. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** reported that **Bob WA1AOH SK** was a past member of the Whitman and Massasoit Clubs.

Bob WA1AOH was **Roy Logan's KB1CYV** son **John Logan's N1ZZP** father-in-law. Our condolences to **Bob's WA1AOH SK** family and friends.



Bob Motroni WA1AOH →

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF September 7th, 2011 de KB1UBX

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by president **John Duprey KB1SVY** at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitman Public Library.



**Karen Trask
KB1UBX**

ATTENDANCE: 43 member / guests were present, including 4 Officers and all 4 Board of Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1MTW	Paul Moss	SWL	Colben Laroe - Guest		
KB1UBX	Karen Trask	SWL-	Michelle Duprey - Guest		
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	SWL	Susan Carlozzi-Guest		
KB1SVY	John Duprey	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser		
KB1UTA	Laura Valler	KB1REQ	Jeremy Breef-Pilz		
K1VU	Bob Johnson	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	N1AMX	Tony Carlozzi
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	KB1QEM	John O'Neill
KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	W1JT	Jim Tovet	W1AY	Brad Wilson
KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	KC1JET	Jim Tynan	K1WGU	Bob Bass
KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	WQ1L	John Coombs	N1OYH	Carl David
KB1PHN	John Murphy	K1AWB	Steven Laroe	K1MRH	Barbara Rice
K1REL	Bob Loring	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze
N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	WA1GMH	Fred Reader	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock
NI1X	Bruce Hayden	NM1F	Jim Ford	KB1OEM	Brian McKeen
KB1ODS	John Chase	KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes	KB1QKV	Mike Anderson
KB1PFL	Jim Madden	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for August was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Bruce NI1X** made a motion seconded by **Jim W1JT** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **John KB1QEM** seconded by **Jeff N1ZZN** that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Barbara Rice K1MRH** reported that a sympathy card had been sent to **Brian Weir** – the brother of **Bruce Weir N1XZD** who became a Silent Key last month. A get well card was sent to **Joan Smith KB1NAX** who was in the hospital. A get well card was sent to **John Duprey KB1SVY** who gratefully acknowledged it's receipt.

NEW BUSINESS: It was suggested the we might be able to move our meetings to the Knights of Columbus located on Route 18 on the Abington / Whitman line. It was decided that we will meet next month at the K of C at 7:00 pm to further ascertain if this new space offers enough advantage over our existing meeting place.

The Genesis Club is starting a Rag Chew Net on 3.962MHz on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (new time). All General class HAM operators are invited to participate.

Auction items were located on the back tables for sale at the end of the meeting. Gear that is not auctioned will be brought to NEARFest October 14th and 15th to be offered for sale.

NET CONTROLS: September 11th **John KB1SVY** September 18th **Roy KB1CYV**
September 25th **Jeff N1SOM** October 2nd **Bill N1FRE**

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF Sept. 7th, 2011 Cont: de KB1UBX

OLD BUSINESS: Bill N1FRE reports that the Marshfield Fair was a great success this year. Several ideas were discussed as to how to involve the public in next years event.

CLOSE: The meeting was closed at 6:55 pm by John KB1SVY on a motion by John KB1PHN and seconded by Bruce NI1X

PRESENTATION: Following the close of the meeting Joe Casieri KA1JBE gave a very informative demonstration of computer controlled radio.

REMOTE BASE AND PORTABLE OPERATION

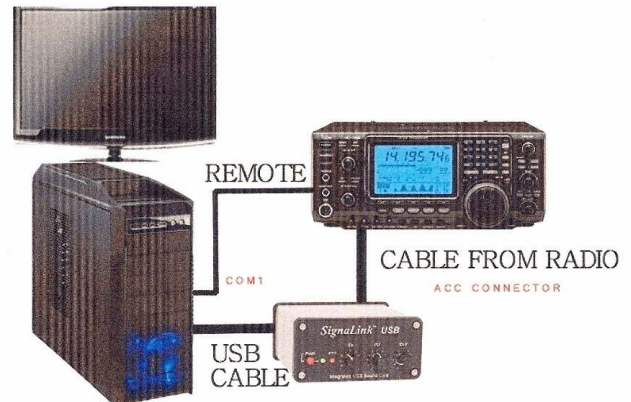
Joe Casieri KA1JBE is shown operating his home Base Station transceiver from his laptop computer at the Whitman Club August meeting.

Joe KA1JBE reports that he uses HAM Radio Deluxe radio control software (it's free software) in his home host computer. The host computer is connected to his transceiver with a CAT cable. The cable is required so that your radio can talk to the computer software. Joe KA1JBE also installed Skype on his home computer.



Joe Casieri KA1JBE
at the September meeting

A radio interface is needed. This interface device will connect your computer sound card to your rig. Joe KA1JBE uses Signalink. It has it's own sound card so that you do not have to use your computer sound card. This connects to your transceiver mike jack. It comes with a USB cable for the Signalink to computer connection. You will have to make up a cable to go from the Signalink to your radio.



For a remote computer, Joe KA1JBE uses a laptop. You also download HAM Radio Deluxe and Skype on this remote access laptop computer.

From the Laptop you can change the radio band and frequency.

The program has a HAM Radio Deluxe log file and Joe KA1JBE has put that log file on QRZ and it updates every time he makes a contact.

It also shows you if Joe KA1JBE is on the air and what frequency he is on.

Joe KA1JBE can access the DX cluster and he can click on an entry and the Remote Base will go to that band and frequency.

For more set up details see the write up on Joe's KA1JBE Web page at www.gsl.net/ka1jbe

HURRICANE IRENE -- UPDATE BY: Bruce Hayden NI1X

HURRICANE IRENE: Whitman Club members helped provide communication support for local shelters and participated in SKYWARN reporting during Hurricane Irene. There were numerous wires down, power outages and roads blocked - all caused by downed trees and tree branches.

The storm started Sunday morning August 28th and was over by Sunday evening with the eye of the Hurricane passing through western Mass. Wind gusts were 58 miles per hour in this area.



Flooding issues in Western Mass. continued through Monday and into Tuesday. Local power outages lasted through the week. The Whitman REPEATER was without power when the backup generator failed. The REPEATER site was checked out by **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** as part of his job. The generator was repaired that day. The Bridgewater, Taunton and Norwell REPEATERS stayed on line.

THE BRUCE NI1X RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING UPDATES FROM WHITMAN CLUB MEMBERS AND AREA HAMS THAT WERE ACTIVE DURING THE HURRICANE.

Bill Burke KA1TXK was at the Middleboro EOC and **Rick Emord KB1TEE** was at home on standby

Phil McNamara N1XTB reports that the Carver Shelter and Carver EOC were staffed by himself (**N1XTB**), **Loren Pimentel N1IQI**, **Al Drollett W1SM**, **Bob Mandeville N1EDM**, **Jeanne Spalding KB1TEI** and **Pete Curley N1NVV**.

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ was at the Mansfield EOC

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN was heard out and about as a mobile SKYWARN observer

Barry Kennedy N1EZH reports: "The Taunton Parker Middle School Gym Shelter was staffed by me (**N1EZH**) with **Rudy KB1LXI** - Asst. Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and **Rick KB1KWF** - Director of TEMA at the TEMA Emergency Operations Center (EOC)".

Don Burke KB1LXI reports: "I worked from my home QTH and was a back up for **Barry N1EZH**. I was a radio Relay Station for the Taunton shelter and the TEMA EOC. I handled no traffic for either. I monitored Taunton police and fire frequencies and relayed several hurricane related issues in Taunton to NWS Taunton WX1BOX. I lost power for about 2.5 hours and went to battery back up".

Paul Moss KB1MTW reports that he was at the Whitman EOC on Sunday. Whitman CERT was called in to distribute food and supplies at the Senior Housing and involved **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ**.

Jim Madden KB1PFL was at the Pembroke EOC from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Dave Spalding N1LUM** was on standby for a second shift that was not needed

Mark Loring KC1ML reported that he was asked to provide backup from home for the Plymouth EOC for **Matt Connors N1ZZR** - the Plymouth EOC Radio Officer.

HURRICANE IRENE -- UPDATE Cont: BY: Bruce Hayden N1IX

John Miller N1UMJ and I (**N1IX**) were on standby and were quite surprised when the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) chose not to staff the Region II Bridgewater Headquarters and operated out of their Framingham Headquarters. Please read the Article "MEMA and Amateur Radio" written by **Rob Macedo KD1CY** – The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Eastern Massachusetts Section Manager – that he posted on the ARES Web page on September 14, 2011 for further explanation of this action. See <http://ares.ema.arrl.org>

John Miller N1UMJ operated as a Red Cross Home Relay Station and reports that a tree branch poked a hole through the roof and took down his G5-RV antenna at his home QTH in Attleboro. Other Whitman Club members operated as Home Stations and were heard providing SKYWARN Observer reports to **Carl Aveni N1FY** who was at National Weather Service Taunton.

HURRICANE IRENE -- UPDATE

TAUNTON EMERGENCY SHELTER OPERATION By: Barry Kennedy N1EZH

We began setup for the Taunton Emergency Shelter in the Parker Middle School Gym at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, 08/27/11, for an opening time of 5:00 p.m. **Rudy Burer KB1LXI** and I (**Barry - N1EZH**) brought the Taunton Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) "Go Kit" in and I set up the ICOM IC-706 MKIIG and accessories along with our RACES information folder. Another TEMA volunteer and myself put up the Diamond X50A antenna in the gym near the rest of our equipment.



I was on the air by 4:00 p.m. and was able to make contact via our Taunton REPEATER on 147.135MHz, and our Taunton TACGroup simplex frequency of 146.430MHz with several area Hams. I was able to get into the Bridgewater REPEATER on 147.180MHz as good, if not better than Taunton, however I was unable to get into the Whitman REPEATER 147.225MHz. I was unable to make contact with our Taunton EOC either on the Taunton REPEATER, nor simplex as we have some communication (antenna issues) to work out there.

Rick - KB1KWF and **Rudy - KB1LXI** were at the Taunton EOC to answer calls on the phone and proceeded from there with those and their other duties as needed. I believe there were four Taunton area clients that stayed overnight at our shelter. I remained at our shelter until approximately 9:30 p.m. when several of the TEMA Volunteers were authorized to leave until the next morning.

On Sunday 08/28/11, I went back to our Emergency Shelter at 6:45 a.m. and made contacts with area HAMs again in preparation of the impending arrival of now Tropical Storm Irene. I was glad when **Tony Pinheiro KB1QIN** came by and brought a large floor fan he found in another part of the school as it was rather warm and muggy in the gym. Fortunately the cafeteria had air conditioning for the volunteers and clients, so most everyone was able to go there at some point during the storm. Meals and beverages were also provided. I was at our radio until we were authorized to stand down approximately 4:00 p.m. that evening as the last two clients were able to go home when their electricity was restored, and no other clients had come to our shelter. **Rudy KB1LXI** helped me take down the antenna, then I packed up the rest of our equipment back into the TEMA "Go-Kit" We then worked with the rest of the TEMA volunteers to pack up the remaining emergency shelter supplies

73 de Barry - N1EZH

HURRICANE IRENE - UPDATE – SSHARC By: John O'Neill KB1QEM

The South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club was activated at 5 a.m. Sunday morning and we had 3 members - myself (**John O'Neill KB1QEM**), **Karen Trask KB1UBX**, and **Bob Keaney KB1UCA** manning the station. Later in the morning we rotated staff when **John Barbuto K1BBM**, **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG**, and **John Murphy KB1PHN** arrived.



**John O'Neill
KB1QEM**

Later in the morning we decided to test our communications capability from the Weymouth High School as it is a Regional Shelter and had been opened. When **Ross W1EKG** and I arrived at the high school we were told by the town Emergency Preparedness and Red Cross staff (it is a Red Cross Shelter) that the school was operating on generator power. Commercial power had been out for some time. They had some lighting, no power at AC outlets, no phones, and wireless phone signals were non-existent or marginal at best within the building. Basically they had no means of communicating with the outside world unless someone went outside the building with a cell phone and even that coverage I found was spotty. **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** put the Whitman Club FT-8800 transceiver into service.

Our visit went from a social "test" immediately into "live mode". Within minutes we were easily able to communicate via 2-meter simplex with our Ham Radio Communications Center at the hospital as well as establishing direct communications with the South Shore Hospital's Emergency Preparedness Manager **Joan Cooper-Zack KB1UBZ** who was located in the hospital's Incident Command Center. **Joan KB1UBZ** notified the Weymouth EOC that we were on site at the high school, would maintain communications from the shelter to the hospital and relay any communications for them. We could also facilitate communications for the Red Cross staff at the shelter by being able to relay messages to their office in Dedham who were on the Sharon repeater. **Ross W1EKG** was relieved at the high school by **Paul N1VTI** who maintained communications until commercial power was restored later in the day.



Paul Burbine N1VTI

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG

Our operations ceased at 5 p.m. Sunday when the storm subsided and other agencies were gearing down for the day. **Al Craddock WA1ZKK** as well as **Bob Keaney KB1UCA** were slotted for additional back up but fortunately were able to stay at home.

73 From: John O'Neill KB1QEM

OCT. 15TH -- SCOUT JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Paul Moss KB1MTW is coordinating Whitman Club member support for the Taunton Area Communication Group (TACGroup) - Jamboree On The Air - Special Event to be held at Camp Norse in Kingston on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Home Stations are also needed to talk with the Scouts. You can contact **Paul KB1MTW** if you want to volunteer your help at: E-Mail pm.moss@comcast.net

PORTABLE PACKET "GO KIT" By: Paul Burbine N1VTI

Paul Burbine N1VTI gave a PACKET presentation at the Massasoit Club August meeting.



Portable PACKET Go Kit



Paul Burbine N1VTI at the MARA Meeting

Paul N1VTI carried in one small canvas bag and a small case. His portable PACKET "Go Kit" included his Lap Top Computer, Yaesu FT-1500 transceiver, Kamtronics KPC 3 Terminal Node Controller (TNC), Mag mount 2-Meter antenna, power supply, and backup battery pack. Paul N1VTI can be up and running within a very short time of arriving at his destination.

OLD HAM IDEAS STILL WORKING WELL By: Bill Hayden N1FRE

<> Portable antenna platform <>

Securely strapped, with a stainless steel hose clamp, to any shape vertical post. Ideal for any magnetic mount antenna, such as a 2 meter mobile or a HAM stick.

This 2 piece unit has a flat 12 gage steel surface and an angle iron welded on a threaded rod that makes mounting simple and stable. A locking nut on the threaded rod holds the platform in a fixed position.

This 2 piece unit breaks down for easy transportation or storage. These materials were re-discovered in the previously used recycled materials bin.



Portable antenna platform



Bill Hayden N1FRE

OCT. 14th & 15th - NEARFest VIII - The New England Amateur Radio Festival (NEARFest VIII) will be held at the Deerfield, NH fairgrounds. **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** has advanced sale tickets. Gates open Friday Oct. 14th at 9 a.m. \$10.00 per person and \$10.00 per vehicle into the Flea Market. Free outside parking. Take Exit 3 off Rt. 101 East and head north on Rt. 43. Deerfield Fairgrounds is located on Rt. 43.

RUN TO THE ROCK ROAD RACE By: John O'Neill KB1QEM

The South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club (SSHARC) volunteered to provide communication support for the Run To The Rock Road Race (actually three Road Races) in Plymouth on Saturday, September 10, 2011. **John O'Neill KB1QEM** – President of the SSHARC extended an invitation to the Whitman Club and Genesis Club and all area HAMs to help out.



**Karen
KB1UBX**

**John
K1BBM**

**John
KB1QEM**

**John
KB1SVY**

**Jim
KC1JET**

**Joan
KB1UBZ**

**Paul
KB1MTW**

The Boys and Girls Club of Plymouth holds an annual “Run To The Rock Road Race” in Plymouth. The director for this road race, **Anne Marie Winchester**, was one of the organizers for the Healthy Heart’s Road Race in Weymouth that the SSHARC recently provided communication support for. In the past, the Plymouth road race staff used a small number of commercial portables for their communications. They were used mainly to synchronize the starting lines with the finish line. Because of the limited number of radios and spotters, knowing the location of the runners and providing assistance to them during the race was difficult. With the growing number of race participants and her positive experience with us at the Healthy Heart’s Road race, **Annie Marie** approached me asking if the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club would assist with communications for the race in Plymouth.



Deb Lahteine

Jim Tynan KC1JET

Paul Moss KB1MTW

John Duprey KB1SVY

John O'Neill KB1QEM

RUN TO THE ROCK ROAD RACE Cont: By: John O'Neill KB1QEM

The "Run To The Rock Road Race" is actually three separate races encompassing a large geographical area of Plymouth. There is a one half marathon, a 10K road race, and a 5K road race. These races all start at the same time finishing at Plymouth Rock on the waterfront. The challenge was that all 3 races have different starting locations. One is in South Plymouth, one in North Plymouth, and the 3rd located at the Boys & Girls Club in the Business Park off Cherry Street. Covering all three races effectively and simultaneously with amateur radio operators was going to be a challenge to say the least.

We accepted the challenge and immediately went to work on how we would get enough volunteers to cover the all the requested positions located throughout Plymouth and provide them with repeater coverage to communicate back to net control which was to be located at Plymouth Rock. To be able to cover all the positions requested, we needed to seek the assistance of area amateurs and clubs. Notices were sent out to the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and The Genesis Amateur Radio Society. I started receiving responses back almost immediately with offers of assistance. We also requested and received permission from the Genesis Amateur Radio Society and Ken Campbell to use their repeaters for the day.

The volunteer participation was terrific:

KB1QEM	John O'Neill	W1SM	Al Drollett	K1BBM	John Barbuto
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	K1RV	Harold Pugh	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
AB1II	Jay Tarantino	SWL	Susan Burbine	W1JT	Jim Tovet
KB1MTW	Paul Moss	KC1ML	Mark Loring	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
K1REL	Bob Loring	KB1UCA	Bob Keaney,	N1FRE	Bill Hayden
KB1UBX	Karen Trask	KB1SVY	John Duprey	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock
KB1UBZ	Joan Cooper-Zack	SWL	Michelle Duprey	KB1IU	Bill Spear
K1JZX	Bill Scott	KB1SRO	Judy Attaya-Harris		

By race day I had enough volunteers to cover all but 3 positions. With some last-minute reorganizing and the cooperation of **Jim Tovet W1JT**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, and **Harold Pugh (PI) K1RV**. I was able to cover all the requested positions. All 3 were located near the starting line of their respective courses. Once the runners had passed their initial position, they covered one of the vacant locations near the end of the half marathon.



John Barbuto K1BBM John Duprey KB1SVY
Net Controls with Paul Moss KB1MTW



Finish Line at Plymouth Rock

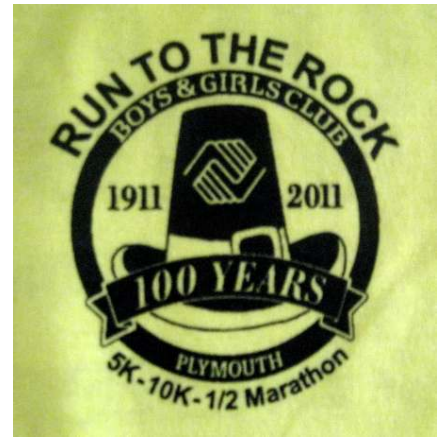
RUN TO THE ROCK ROAD RACE Cont: By: John O'Neill KB1QEM

A few of the volunteers got together at the All-American Restaurant in Plymouth for an early morning breakfast before heading out to their assigned positions and to set up the Net Control station down by Plymouth Rock. The weather was perfect and the scenery down at the rock was beautiful. The sunrise over the boats in Plymouth Harbor, as we were setting up our Net Control Station, was beautiful.

By 8:45 a.m. everyone was in position, ready to go. **John Barbuto K1BBM** and **John Duprey KB1SVY** were at the helm as Net Controls and we were just waiting for the runners. Everything went well. We didn't have any major problems. We had a couple of minor glitches but being the experienced and resourceful group that we are we rebounded quickly.

I think everyone had a good time. The race organizers were very happy having us there to assist them not only in keeping them abreast of runner locations, but more importantly for the safety of the runners on the courses. Sunday afternoon the day after the race I received an e-mail from the race director who stated: "Hi John, It looks like we ended up with approximately 1300 finishers. We are receiving lots of positive feedback from the runners. Your team certainly had a major positive impact on that and they were all so accommodating and easy to work with. I look forward to working with you again. Thank you, **Annie Marie**."

I personally want to thank everyone who helped not only in covering positions along the routes, but also assisted in the logistics of "making it happen", The Genesis Amateur Radio Society, **Ken Campbell**, and The Whitman Amateur Radio Club.



73: From: John O'Neill KB1QEM

QSL CARD OF THE MONTH

The **Bruce NI1X** heard a young voice calling CQ and just had to make contact with **Cameron KJ4EDF** of North Carolina.

Cameron KJ4EDF was first licensed at age 7 and now at age 9 holds an Extra class license.

Cameron KJ4EDF likes Fox Hunting. His pet peeve is HAMS who talk to much, like **The Bruce NI1X** I am sure.

A schedule was arranged for **Cameron KJ4EDF** to contact the Marshfield Fair Special Event station **NN1MF** the next day but conditions were not good and the follow-up contact was not made.

GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA USA

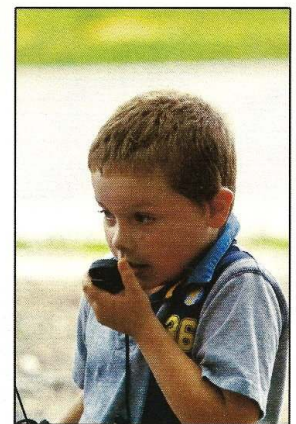
KJ4EDF



Cameron Hasson
1216 Queensgate Street
Gastonia, NC 28054



Gaston County ~ Grid: EM95



Cameron Hasson
KJ4EDF

VE EXAMS IN BRAINTREE: VE Exams are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month in Braintree. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. The next scheduled exam is Saturday, Oct. 9th at 8:45 a.m. in the Watson Building, 85 Quincy Ave in Braintree. Contact **Bill Needham K1WN** at k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation.

NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

OPERATORS PICNIC

Loren Pimentel N1IQI participated in the annual New England National Traffic System Operators picnic arranged by Jim Ward N1LKJ - the Assistant New England Traffic Manager of Raynham and held in Raynham.



John Bowles N1OTC of So. Carver
Jim Ward N1LKJ of Raynham
Loren Pimentel N1IQI

D. W. FIELD PARK TRIATHLON -- SEPT. 25TH -- By: Carl Aveni N1FY

The Massasoit Club has volunteered to provide communication support for the D. W. Field Park Triathlon (bike, boat, and run) held on Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Carl Aveni N1FY has extended an invitation for all area HAMs to participate. The Triathlon benefits the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center.



Roy Logan KB1CYV **Carl Aveni N1FY**
Bob Keene N1LCY **Phil McNamara N1XTB**
Paul Moss KB1MTW

Carl Aveni N1FY set up Net Control at the registration / Finish Line and the rest of the Radio Team volunteers were positioned around the race course. This is a 14 mile bike race that is followed by a 1.7 mile canoe / kayak race that is followed by a 4 mile road race all inside the closed Field Park. There are only two street crossings on South Street in Avon. There were no incidents to report.

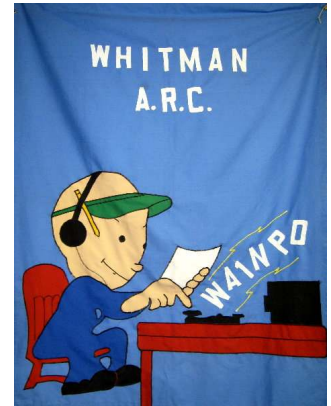
WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

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. We need your updates for the newsletter.

As part of our training, we encourage everyone to practice sending routine RADIOGRAM messages. Make up a National Traffic System (NTS) traffic message and send it to a friend. We also encourage everyone to try your hand at Net Control. Contact **Bill N1FRE** or **Bruce NI1X** for a Net Control handout.

In August had 4 sessions with an average of 15 area HAMS checking in each week and 15 messages were sent.

Gary KB1STU checked in from Edgewater Fl. via EchoLink
Juergen DL1NBR checked in via EchoLink from Germany



**Sending NI1X
an update**

AN EYEBALL TO EYEBALL QSO

Paul Moss KB1MTW had the opportunity to have an eyeball to eyeball QSO with **Martyn Medcalf G1EFL** of Chelmsford, England.

Paul KB1MTW made contact with **Martyn G1EFL** during the Boy Scout World Jamboree in England a few years ago and has been making regular contacts via EchoLink ever since.

Paul KB1MTW was accompanying Whitman Scouts who were touring Northern Germany (Berlin, Hamburg and Düsseldorf) after plans to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden this year did not materialize.

When the Scouts left to go home, **Paul KB1MTW** flew to England where he spent a few days visiting with **Martyn G1EFL** and his wife **Val** at their home QTH in Chelmsford, England.



**Paul Moss KB1MTW
Martyn Medcalf G1EFL**

THE PINE STREET CLUB HOUSE:

The Quonset Hut and property is under the control of the Town of Whitman Conservation Commission. The Whitman Club is on it's fifth 10 year lease and is responsible for maintaining the property and purchasing liability insurance.

The Whitman Club purchases and stores new wire and coax, in bulk, at the Club House and sells it to the members at cost. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** is the Club House coordinator. Contact **Paul KB1MTW** if you want to purchase wire or to borrow Club equipment.



**Paul Moss KB1MTW
at the Pine Street Club House**

HELLO FROM MOUNT WASHINGTON By: Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

I had a great time on Mt. Washington Sept 10th. I met a HAM that was visiting from Germany up there, **Wolf DK5AI**. His wife took a picture of us with both our cameras, so figured that would be a good one for the newsletter. **K1TR** was also up there setting up for the ARRL VHF QSO Party, with rigs and antennas for all bands from 6-Meters through 10 GHz.

The temperature was in the mid 40s most of the day with a steady breeze. The almost unlimited sunshine made up for the cool temps, and made it very comfortable. This was the first time that I drove up the mountain, and the first time I'd been up there at all since 1998 when several members of the Whitman Club went up There for a DXPedition.



Wolf Hellberg DK5AI of Germany
Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

I went up there in my car, which has FM radios for all bands 6-Meters through 900 MHz. I was able to get into our 147.225MHz repeater throughout the day, though the signal level did vary at times. Many other repeaters from our area came in just fine, including my 224.060MHz in Norwell and 927.475MHz in Marshfield. I worked **Warren WA1YKF** on simplex, as well as other hams as far east as Bangor, ME and southwest to Newington, CT.



I plan on going back again next year, possibly with some other HAMs and more antennas to see what else can be worked from there.

73 From: Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

RADIOACTIVE OPERATION IN CANADA

Bill Burke KA1TXK reports that he just spent a week at his summer cottage in Port Elgin, New Brunswick, Canada where he gets to operate HAM radio a few hours a day.

Bill KA1TXK reports he has a Kenwood TS-140 along with a Windom All band horizontal off-center-fed dipole and a Hustler 6 Band VHF vertical at that location.

The Bruce NI1X was calling on schedule on 14.245 MHz but no contact was made. **Bill KA1TXK** will let us know when he is operating from Canada next time.



Bill Burke KA1TXK
in New Brunswick, Canada

OCT. 18th MASSASOIT CLUB MEETING: **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** reports that **Lt. Scott Billings** of the Middleboro Fire Dept. will give a presentation on the Plymouth County Radio System at the Massasoit Club October Meeting. The presentation will be at the Bridgewater Public Library on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. All local area HAMs or other interested people are welcome to attend.



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Meetings are held on the first
Wednesday of each month

The next meeting will be held at the
Whitman Knights of Columbus, which is
located at 1195 Bedford Street
(Rt. 18) in Whitman, Mass.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 5th at 7:00 p.m.
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