



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – we were saddened to hear that **Gil Follett W1GMF** became a Silent Key on April 11, 2012. Our condolences to **Gil's W1GMF SK** wife **Judi** and his family and friends.

Congratulations to **Laura Valler KB1UTA** who upgraded to General.

FOX HUNTING: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, March 24th and reported 9 Fox Hunters participating. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, April 7th and reported 10 Fox Hunters participating.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

HAVING FUN: **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** reported at least 6 Whitman Club members attending the March 25th Framingham Flea Market.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **Jim Tynan KC1JET** reported that he, along with **Jim O'Rourke, WQ1L** and **Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ**, helped provide communication support at the Boston Marathon. **Bruce Hayden NI1X** reported 7 HAMS helped provide communication support for a road race in Brockton and **John O'Neill KB1QEM** reported 8 HAMS helped provide communication support for a road race in Plymouth. **John Murphy KB1PHN** helped provide amateur radio support for a Search Dogs Northeast training exercise.

PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO: **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** reported that he, along with **Jim Tovet W1JT**, **Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ** and **Jim Tynan KC1JET**, operated from the Special Event Station **KM1CC** at the Marconi Maritime Center in Chatham, MA.

Come to the next meeting and share your radioactive adventures with the other members.

From: John Duprey KB1SVY

SILENT KEY: **Gilbert M. Follett Jr. W1GMF** of Abington became a Silent Key in April at the age of 75.

Gil W1GMF was active with the Bridgewater EOC as a member of the Massasoit Club's primary team. **Gil W1GMF** also maintained the Massasoit Club Web site.

Gil W1GMF started and coordinated the South Shore Fox Hunts, coordinating Fox Hunts every Saturday, for many years.

Gil W1GMF maintained a Brockton Packet Node and was administrator for a local National Traffic System (NTS) Packet Bulletin Board computer system. **Gil W1GMF** maintained a packet Web Site and coordinated the area packet network information. **Gil W1GMF** was forwarding thousands of NTS messages a month. **Gil W1GMF** touched the lives of many people and will be missed by family and friends.



Gil Follett W1GMF
Silent Key

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2012 de KB1UBX

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by President **John KB1SVY** at 19:00 hours at the Whitman Knights of Columbus.

ATTENDANCE: 46 members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and two Directors. A quorum was present.



Karen Trask
KB1UBX

KB1SVY	John Duprey	KB1SRO	Judy Attaya-Harris / Guest		
N1OYH	Carl Davis	W3EVE	Steve Schwarm / guest		
KB1UBX	Karen Trask	SWL	Michelle Duprey / guest		
N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	KB1WLX	Bill Robinson / guest		
KB1PFL	Jim Madden	SWL	Fred Biutwell / guest		
NI1X	Bruce Hayden	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser		
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	KB1WEC	Pete Capraro
KB1MTW	Paul Moss	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke
KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	N1NO	Dave Hammond	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	N1COP	Bob Woodbury	K1WGU	Bob Bass
N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
W1JT	Jim Tovet	KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	KB1WKB	Jeff Ayres
W1AY	Brad Wilson	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	KB1ODS	John Chase	WA1MWF	Larry Leblanc
KB1OEP	Mike Supple	KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes	N1JCW	Jim Wolf
KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	N1SON	Bill Tracy	NM1F	Jim Ford
K1AWB	Steve Laroe	KB1PHN	John Murphy	KB1IUU	Bill Spear
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie				

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for March was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Bruce NI1X** make a motion seconded by **Jim KC1JET** that the treasurers report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was make by **Brad W1AY** seconded by **Jim W1JT** that the March secretary's report be approved as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: It was reported that **Gil Follett W1GMF** was in the hospital at the time of our meeting. We later received notice from **Bruce NI1X** that **Gil W1GMF** had become a Silent Key on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the age of 75. **Bruce NI1X** has sent a more detailed notice to all club members in remembrance of **Gil W1GMF** and his many contributions to the club as well as to the hobby of Ham Radio for so many years

Barbara K1MRH has let the club know that she will no longer be able to continue in the role of Health and Welfare. **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH** has volunteered for the post.

Jim KC1JET thanked the Club for the card we sent during his recent recovery from surgery.

OLD BUSINESS: **John KB1SVY** bought a new projector for the Club **Jeff N1ZZN** reports that there is nothing new on the cases he is researching.

John KB1QEM states that more volunteers are needed for the upcoming races. They are April 22nd at Miles Standish Forrest, May 6th in Halifax, June 16th in Hingham, and Sept 8th in Plymouth. Please contact **John KB1QEM** if you wish to participate. **Carl Aveni N1FY** is looking for volunteers on April 21st to help the Massasoit Club with a race at the YMCA in Brockton.

The Canopy search continues. **Paul KB1MTW** will pick one up with a budget of \$200.00

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2012 Cont: de KB1UBX

NEW BUSINESS: Bruce NI1X reports that a Fox Hunt will be held this weekend.

NEAR-Fest will be held on May 4th and 5th this year. We will have a table. No tickets are available as yet.

Field Day-The YMCA property is available for our use. Bruce NI1X will apply for the W1N call sign.

Tape measure beam workshop to be held at Ron's KB1OEQ house on Sat. April 28th at 09:30. The cost is \$5.00 and there is room for 6-8 people.

Nominations for officers are due. Positions available will be announced at the next meeting. Jeff N1ZZN was nominated for the position of Board of Directors by Gary W1GRC. John KB1SVY was nominated by Bruce NI1X. Bill N1FRE made a motion for the slate of current officers to remain the same. The officers agreed unanimously to accept. It was agreed that nominations may continue at the May meeting.

Two new members were voted in: Peter Capraro KB1WEC and William Spear KB1IUU. A motion was made by Jim W1JT seconded by Roy KB1CYV to accept the new members. The motion carried.

NET CONTROL: 4/8 Steve K1AWB 4/15 Jeff N1SOM
4/22 Roy KB1CYV 4/29 Bruce NI1X

CLOSE; President John KB1SVY closed the business meeting at 19:40 hours on a motion by John KB1PHN seconded by Ross W1EKG. The motion was approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: Steve Schwarm W3EVE gave a presentation on Boston Marathon communication and Ham Radio support.

NEW MEMBERS

Bill Spears KB1IUU lives in Whitman with his wife Cissy. Bill KB1IUU reports that he has been licensed for 10 years and holds an Extra Class license. Bill KB1IUU also reports that he is currently restoring an WWII transmitter.



Bill Spears
KB1IUU

Peter Capraro KB1WEC lives in Duxbury and received his Technician Class license last November. Peter KB1WEC reports that he is using a Yaesu FT-60 handheld in his office that is attached to a whip antenna when in his car.



Peter Capraro
KB1WEC

TAPE MEASURE BEAM WORKSHOP

Bill Hayden N1FRE has scheduled another Tape Measure Beam workshop for Saturday morning (9:30 a.m.) on April 28th at Ron Stundze KB1QEM QTH in Whitman. Reserve a spot by E-mailing Bill N1FRE at wf.hayden@verizon.net Cost of Material is \$5.00 All tools and material supplied. This is a great low cost Fox Hunting antenna. The picture is of John Chase KB1ODS and his tape measure beam.



John KB1ODS

BOSTON MARATHON COMMUNICATION By: Steve Schwarm W3EVE

Steve Schwarm W3EVE gave a presentation on Boston Marathon Communications at the Whitman Club April meeting. The following are notes taken by "**The Bruce**" **NI1X** at the meeting



Steve Schwarm W3EVE speaking at the Whitman Club April meeting

Steve W3EVE reported that in all about 250 HAMS are involved in the Boston Marathon. Most are strategically positioned along the race course with 20 manning the Net Control headquarters that is located on the top floor of a 5 story building on top of a 300 foot hill in Brookline. Great antenna location.

Amateur Radio is supporting the Boston Athletics Association, MEMA, Red Cross, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety Departments of eight municipalities, runners, the press and the public. Initial traffic involves set up and supplies. Primary traffic is First Aid requests. .



**Steve Schwarm W3EVE - Guest Speaker
John Duprey KB1SVY – WARC President**

40 HAMS at the Start Team	110 HAMS on the Course Team
20 HAMS at Net Control	60 HAMS at Finish Team
22 HAMS on Busses	

HAMS are stationed at the State Forest remote parking lot at Hopkinton as spectators and runners transition to busses to be taken to either the Start Line (spectators) or Athletic Village (runners). Divert busses where needed.

HAMS are stationed in the Athletic Village to help runners from all over the world team up with their friends and fellow runners. One HAM is positioned at the Athletic Village First Aid tent.

HAMS are assigned as shadows to follow race officials around the start line at the Hopkinton Commons and keep the officials in contact with each other as they encounter logistics problems, coordinating the staggered start of 26,000 runners. Computer chip timing allows for staggered start of Hand Cycle, Wheel chair, Elite women and men in waves 20 minutes apart.

BOSTON MARATHON COMMUNICATION Cont: By: Steve Schwarm W3EVE

HAMs are assigned to 48 water stations (both sides of the road) and 26 First Aid stations located every mile along the course. Expect few injuries near start and heavy use further down the course. After the start – Each First Aid station can support two (2) Away Teams that are sent out walking among the crowds of people. A HAM is assigned to each Away Team because cell phones may not be working and HAM radio is the only way to call for an ambulance.



HAMs are positioned on 20 busses that are dispatched to pick up injured runners at the First Aid Station along the course . They report runners number and extent of injury – no names.

HAMs are positioned at the Net Control Headquarters. They are monitoring 20 frequencies that include 15 SIMPLEX and 5 REPEATERS. This presents an interesting intermod and desense problems that have to be managed. The shared antenna system is an example of innovative engineering. The ambulance dispatch (two) and State Police dispatch is also located at the Net Control Operations Center.

HAMs are positioned at the finish line in downtown Boston as shadows for a dozen race officials and at the finish line Medical Tent supporting the Red Cross. HAMs provide voluntary registration and logistical support for the medical bus communications, and support medical sweeps of the area. HAMs staff other strategic positions such as working with Boston police to help provide bus traffic control at the finish line.

BOSTON MARATHON -- REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Jim O'Rourke WG1L reports: "I was at the Athletes Village on 2-Meters with **Pi Pugh K1RV**. I was with the announcer (his name is **Peter**) and **Pi K1RV** would send me messages I would pass them to the announcer and he would put them out over the P A system to the crowd of runners".



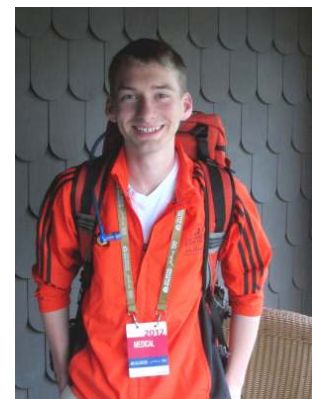
Jim O'Rourke
WG1L

Peter
announcer

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ reports: "2012 was my first year of officially volunteering for the Boston Marathon. I signed up for finish line operations and was assigned to the elite medical transport. We provided supervised transportation to the finish area medical complex for elite runners who dropped out of the race.

As was expected we had a busy day driving between Copley Square and various points along the course. It was shocking to see so many runners who spend so much time training for this event to be incapable of finishing. Another testament to the extreme weather was the extremely high volume of traffic on the infamous Boston Marathon Bus Net.

Communication worked well and thanks to the Waltham repeater we had coverage over the entire course. After the elite transports were suspended I filled in on Finish Area Medical Sweep which covered the area beyond the finish line with medical teams and wheelchairs to bring any runner in need of attention to the medical tents. By the time I took over most of the runners had already finished and the heat had passed so the number of calls had decreased. It was a long 5-9 day, but It was rewarding and I look forward to working the event in the future.



Jeremy Breef-Pilz
KB1REQ

BOSTON MARATHON -- MORE REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Newspaper reports temperatures in the high 80s reduced the official runners from a normal 26,000 runners to 22,000 this year. There were at least 2100 people treated in medical tents. There were reports of 215 people being taken by ambulance to area hospitals.

Jim Tynan KC1JET Reports "I was the shadow for **Ron Krammer** the director of the start vehicle escorts. The vehicles included the lead truck for the runners with a timer clock so that the lead runners could tell their time.



These vehicles also included the Grand Marshall's car and any other vehicle that the BAA allows."

Jim Tynan
KC1JET

Greg Glynn
W1VFB

Don Burke
KB1LXH

Greg Glynn W1VFB reports that he was stationed at the Athletes Village. The TACGroup was well represented.

Don Burke KB1LXH Reports: "I was once again assigned to the Hopkinton Common at the information booth where I shadowed **Dottie Ferrier-Wallace**, the Hopkinton Marathon committee chairwoman. She was a busy woman as she moved from the info tent to the starting line and all points in between. It was great to be part of the communication support radio team.

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (ARES) -- BRIDGEWATER COMMAND CENTER

Carl Aveni N1FY reports that he opened the ARES Regional Command Center at the Bridgewater EOC during the running of the Boston Marathon.



Carl N1FY reports that he was on standby with **Richard Reuss KA1LKB**, **Ed Caron KA1RSY** and **Roy Logan KB1CYV** where they were monitoring 6 channels that included the Boston REPEATER and local public Safety Police & Fire.

Richard
Reuss
KA1LKB

Carl
Aveni
N1FY

Roy
Logan
KB1CYV

Ed
Caron
KA1RSY

Carl N1FY reported that **Mike Neilsen W1MPN** and **Rob Macedo KD1CY** were at MEMA Headquarters in Framingham. All ARES command stations were in communication through an Instant messaging AOL chat room and the EchoLink New England NETWORK node.

The Red Cross and medical personnel were prepared for the high temperatures with cooling pools and extra ice.



Cooling pool - Photo by Jeremy KB1REQ

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012 By: The Bruce NI1X

Bruce Hayden NI1X volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, March 24, 2012 and was hiding in a playground parking lot on Linwood Street in Holbrook, MA. The weather was overcast with a little breeze and the temperature 50 degrees. Great weather for a Fox Hunt.



John Chase KB1ODS

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Ron Stundze KB1OEQ

Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO

Bruce Hayden NI1X

First place goes to **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ** in a time of 42 minutes. **Bob KA1KIJ** lives two miles away and while listening on the Fox frequency at 10 a.m. - found that the Fox was hiding in his back yard. **Bob KA1KIJ** was using signal strength.

Second place goes to our stealth Fox Hunter **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF** in 48 minutes. **Walter W1WCF** was also using signal strength.

Third place goes to **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH** in 56 minutes. **Richard KB1TEH** showed us the GPS plot of his travels on his laptop computer mapping program. **Richard KB1TEH** started in Whitman and reported getting reflections off a nearby cell phone tower as he circled the Fox's Den.

Fourth place goes to the team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** in a time of 1 hr. and 21 minutes. Fifth place goes to the team of **Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO** and her son **Anthony KB1UHV** in a time of 1 hr. and 59 minutes. Arriving shortly after and making the top teams possible was **John Chase KB1ODS** who got hung up traveling through Brockton and overshot the Fox's Den. The Fox was at 50 watts most of the time.



Bob Azanow KA1KIJ

WANTED: **AI Drollett W1SM** is looking for an ICOM IC-375H or IC-375A. You can contact **AI W1SM** at E-Mail AADrollett@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS to area HAM **Bill Burke KA1TXK** who upgraded to Extra in April

BRAINTREE VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS -- APRIL 2012



The Volunteer Examiners (VEs) located behind the table are Left to Right: **John Milne Jr. K1DSW**, **Bill Needham K1WN**, **Tom Wilson W1ICU**, **Brad Wilson W1AY**, **Steve Cohn N1NQR**, **Pi Pugh K1RV**, **Ralph Butler Jr. W1BT**, **Jim O'Rourke WG1L**, **Ron McKim N1LG** and **Tom Holmes AE1TH**.

Bill Needham K1WN reports that the new HAM seated in front is area HAM **Allan Short** of Boston who passed the Technician, General & Extra class test all at the same testing session. **Bill K1WN** also reports that this is the first time in many years that we have had an applicant sit and pass all three license class tests in one session. **Allan** had reported that he had a license years ago and had let it expire.

Congratulations to **Laura Valler KB1UTA** who upgraded to General Class at the Braintree testing session in April.



NEXT VE EXAM MAY 12, 2012: VE Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree. **Bill Needham K1WN** reports: "Walk-ins are no longer permitted. We will be hosting VE exams at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson Building located at 85 Quincy Street in Braintree. This is the new exam location for the Braintree Radio Club sponsors. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them leave me a message at 781-843-4400 or via E-Mail at k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation".

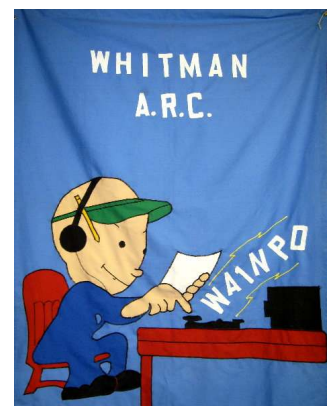
Laura Valler KB1UTA
General Upgrade

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.

In March we had 4 sessions with an average of 22 area HAMS checking in each week and 12 messages were sent.

Checking in via EchoLink were: **Gary Dubinsky KB1STU**, who checked in from Edgewater, Florida and **Juergen EA8/DL1NBR** who checked in from the Canary Islands while on vacation. Also checking in during the month were **Harvey Elfman K1JTV** from Florida and **Jim Tynan KC1JET** from South Carolina.



Sending N1X
an update

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012 By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Roy Logan KB1CYV and Ron Stundze KB1OEQ volunteered to be the Foxes and were hiding behind the Abington Senior Center located off Summer Street in Abington and beside the railroad tracks. Ron KB1OEQ did say he could see a shopping cart.



Ron Stundze KB1OEQ

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Fred Sanford KB1CQD

Sly The Fox

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Bruce Hayden NI1X

Gary Cumiskey W1GRC

Jeff Ayres KB1WKB

First place goes to **Richard KB1TEH** in 2 minutes. **Richard KB1TEH** started at the railroad crossing on Essex Street in Whitman - about a mile from the Fox's Den and must have received a clue from the one minute warning.

Second place goes to the team of **Joe Casieri KA1JBE** and **Dino Casieri KB1RXQ** who started in East Bridgewater and finished in a time of 40 minutes.

Third place goes to the team of **Bruce Hayden NI1X** and **Jeff Ayres KB1WKB** in a time of 47 minutes. **Bruce NI1X** and **Jeff KB1WKB** started at the Whitman K of C parking lot, a little over a mile from the Fox's Den, overshot the Fox's Den and took a half hour to circle back and start to recover by taking a new reading from **Ross's W1EKG** QTH. The Fox was 1 mile away and, as we say, the Fox was in **Ross's W1EKG** back yard.



Dino Casieri
KB1RXQ

Joe Casieri
KA1JBE

Fourth place goes to **Gary W1GRC** in 1 hour and 16 minutes. Coming in fifth and making the top teams possible was **Fred Sanford KB1CQD** who came up from Plymouth. Our Stealth Fox Hunter **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF** did not finish but reported that he actually turned around in front of the Senior Center – while the Fox was not transmitting – and left because it didn't look like there was a parking area behind the Senior Center. Close but no cigar.

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH COMMUNICATION TEST

Taking part in the April MEMA communication test with local cities and towns were Whitman Club members:

Bruce Hayden N1IX – MEMA Region II Net Control Operator
Barry Kennedy N1EZH – City of Taunton RACES operator
Jim Madden KB1PFL – Town of Pembroke RACES operator
Paul Moss KB1MTW – Town of Whitman RACES Operator
Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN – Home station.

Also checking in were 6 HAM operators at Charlton Memorial Hospital and 2 HAM operators at Saint Luke's Hospital.

Jim Madden KB1PFL reports that the town of Pembroke just completed the purchase and installation of a Yaesu FT-8800 2-Meter transceiver and tower mounted antenna at the Pembroke EOC.



Jim Madden KB1PFL
Pembroke EOC

Mike Leger N1LYQ – MEMA Region II Radio Officer, will recommend that hospitals be included in the Monthly MEMA Communication tests in the future. **Mike N1LYQ** also reports that next month the cities and towns will be asked to test backup emergency power along with the SIMPLEX test..

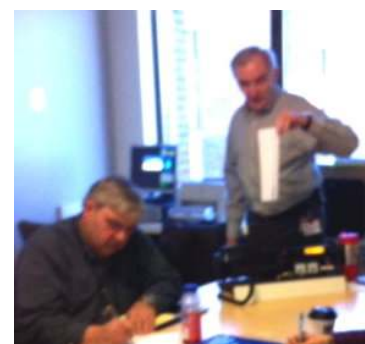
Carl Aveni N1FY – The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Eastern Mass. – was at the Town of Bridgewater Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which serves as the ARES Command Center in this area.

Carl N1FY also reports that the MEMA transition from RACES to Auxiliary Communications Systems volunteers has been moved from April 1st to July 1st.

HOSPITAL COMMUNICATION TEST -- SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012

John O'Neill KB1QEM – President of the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club (SSHARC) reports that some local hospitals are currently conducting REPEATER and SIMPLEX tests on their own and SSHARC held one on Saturday, April 7th with 1 other hospital – Emerson Hospital in New Bedford - participating.

John KB1QEM reports: “The purpose of the Net is to establish a known resource of repeaters and frequencies which may be utilized in the event of an emergency which will allow healthcare facilities to communicate if necessary via amateur radio. Additionally, the communications test will help to identify areas within our system where enhancements may be required to provide reliable communications. Photo by **Carl Aveni N1FY**.”



John
Barbuto
K1BBM

John
O'Neill
KB1QEM

Carl Aveni N1FY – the ARES Eastern Massachusetts Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator - was participating at the South Shore Hospital and **Rob Macedo KD1CY** – the ARES Eastern Mass. Section Emergency Coordinator - was participating from New Bedford as the local REPEATERS were tested. Contact was also made with the Acushnet EOC **WA1EMA**, **Chris W1EAV** In Marion, town of Foxboro EOC, and several individuals in South Eastern Massachusetts.

APRIL 21ST – BROCKTON YMCA ROAD RACE

The Massasoit Club had been asked to provide communication support for the Brockton YMCA 5K Road Race to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. **Carl Aveni N1FY** extended an invitation to all area HAMS to participate.

RADIO TEAM VOLUNTEERS



Allan Cox K1VQ

Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Carl Aveni N1FY

Bob Keene N1LCY

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF

Pete Curley N1NVV

Bruce Hayden N1IX

This race covered surface streets through the heart of Brockton. From the Brockton YMCA , the runners ran south on Montello Street to Perkins Avenue and then returned north on Main street, crossing about 20 side streets along the 3 mile course. This was a well organized race with volunteers in YMCA blue tee shirts at almost every intersection. A YMCA bus followed the last runners providing transportation for the volunteers as it made a sweep of the course.

Carl N1FY was Net Control at the Start / Finish line and the rest of the Radio Team was spread evenly along the course. We saw about 30 runners with the first male finishing in about 17 minutes, first female finishing in about 21 minutes and the last runner finishing in about 40 minutes. There were no incidents to report. The weather was beautiful with blue sky with temperatures in the high 60's.

MAY 4TH & 5TH - NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR RADIO FESTIVAL (NEAR-Fest)

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reports that he has advance tickets at \$10.00 per person and \$10.00 per vehicle for vendor parking. Pick them up at his house or at the May 2nd meeting. Concerning camping details - up-to-date info is on the NEAR-Fest website. www.near-fest.com .

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 93 north to Rt. 101 East. Take Exit 3 Rt. 43 and follow Rt. 43 for 7.3 miles to the Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH.

CHATHAM MARCONI MARITIME CENTER MUSEUM

COMMEMORATES THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC 100 YEARS AGO

The Chatham Marconi Maritime Museum, in conjunction with **Barbara Dugan N1NS** of the Cape Cod National Seashore, and the Falmouth Amateur Radio Association, operated a Special Event Station to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic and staffed exhibits at the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center in Chatham, MA. that was open for the public to see.

Over 40 area HAMs volunteered to help keep the Special Event Station **KM1CC** "On-The-Air" from April 12th thru April 15th. Representing the Whitman Amateur Radio Club, as Special Event Operators, were **Barry Kennedy N1EZH**, **Jim Tynan KC1JET**, **Jim Tovet W1JT** and **Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ**.

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ reports: "Like many other HAMs both locally and around the world I commemorated the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the HMS Titanic by operating a Special Event Station.

On Saturday April 24th I visited the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, a museum in the historic Marconi / RCA wireless receiving station. It is a very impressive place that documents a rich local history involving a maritime tradition with cutting edge technology in both war and peace. The center has established a club that has a very impressive station in the center of the museum, and was well used during this Special Event using the call sign **KM1CC**.



Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ
Michael Spivack K1VTR

The Special Event lasted for four days and I was fortunate to be one of the operators that put the station on the air. I operated 20 and 15 meter SSB. I worked several stations in both the United States and Europe, all were glad to work us and very interested in the role Chatham played in the rescue of the passengers of the Titanic. The most impressive part for me was the antenna arrays that the station had, massive wire antennas that covered several miles. I met many HAMs from the cape area and saw Section Manager **Phil Temples K9HI**, who was operating CW".

Barry Kennedy N1EZH reports: "Band conditions were not great and I ended up chasing a few contacts by the time I was done after 5 hours or so at the Icom 775DSP Transceiver. I left at 1:00 a.m. or so on Sunday Morning.



Barry Kennedy
N1EZH



Jim Tynan KC1JET
at Chatham

The museum is very nice and, although I did not get the "pile up" that some of the daytime operators experienced, I had a great time talking with some of the other people there. I ran into **Andy Niles KB1RSR** and his wife **Sharon** who were just visiting.

Jim Tovet W1JT reports that he operated CW and had a great time.

FRAMINGHAM FLEA MARKET – SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN reported seeing Jim Ford NM1F, selling as usual, along with Bob Azanow KA1KIJ, Warren Dickie WA1YKF, Gary Cumiskey W1GRC and Jim Tynan KC1JET.

Jim Ford NM1F reports: The "Framingham Flea was good, very busy. I picked up a 2 Meter Mirage Amplifier, 160 Watts, for my Kenwood TS-790 SSB. I hooked up the new 2 Meter amplifier and it works well".



Bob Azanow
KA1KIJ

Warren Dickie
WA1YKF

Gary Cumiskey
W1GRC

Gary Cumiskey W1GRC reports: "I picked up a Heathkit GW-11 CB set from 1962 in wonderful condition, with 3 xmit channels. I have a friend I grew up with that had bought one new back then, in the early 60's, when we were in CB. It was his first CB. We went into HAM later. I sent it to him for old time memories. He was very surprised and happy.

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN reports: Both Jim Tynan KC1JET and I got a great deal on Kenwood NX-700 commercial digital radios To use with the IDAS / NXDN repeaters in Norwell, Plymouth, Taunton, and Swansea.



Jeff Lehman
N1ZZN



Jim Tynan
KC1JET

Jim Tynan KC1JET reports that he has several IDAS / NXDN transceivers and is willing to sell his new radio. Jim KC1JET is asking \$250.00 for the Kenwood NX 700.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND QSO PARTY May 5 thru 6, 2012

4 p.m. Saturday, May 5th until 1 a.m. Sunday, May 6th
9 a.m. Sunday, May 6th until 8 p.m. Sunday, May 6th .

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ reports: "First of all, last year's New England QSO Party results came out just in time for this year's contest. All the details are at www.neqp.org. I placed second in Bristol County behind a multi-operator effort by the K1ZZN club.

This year's QSO party is on May 5 and 6, (NEAR Fest weekend) and is open to all HAMs. All the counties in New England act as multipliers, that means that there will be plenty of stations that are looking to work you! For stations in New England, stations earn points for working stations in as many states, provinces and foreign countries as possible. It is a pretty relaxed contest and you would be surprised how successful you can be with a casual effort."

SEARCH DOGS NORTHEAST -- TRAINING EXERCISE -- MARCH 25, 2012

Rick Emond KB1TEE had put out the word that he would like about 8 area HAMS to participate in the March 25th Search Dog Training Exercise at the Wheaton Farm conservation Land on Bay Road in Easton, MA. Along with **Rick's KB1TEE** wife **Patty**, there were 7 Dog Handlers and 11 Search Dogs participating. **Rick KB1TEE** is the Operations Officer.

Responding were WARC member **John Murphy KB1PHN** and area HAMS **Greg Glynn W1VFB**, **Don Burke KB1LXH** and **Bill Burke KA1TXK**.

Don Burke KB1LXH reported that he dressed in camouflage and hid up in a tree stand as an unconscious hunter. **Don KB1LXH** reported that the dogs were not fooled as one dog circled the tree and then went back and led his handler back to the tree.

Don Burke KB1LXH also brought 23 Boy Scouts and a few parents. **Rick KB1TEE** reports that one exercise is to challenge the dogs to pick out one individual scout, mixed in with all the other scouts, by first giving the search dog his scent off the Scouts hat.

Greg Glynn W1VFB reports that he brought his granddaughter and they hid in the woods as lost and immobile people and were found by the search dogs who returned to their handler and led him back to where **Greg W1VFB** was hiding.



Rick Emond KB1TEE & Handler



**The scout has been found
Good Job**



**Greg Glynn W1VFB setting up
a backup command post radio station**



**Bill Burke KA1TXK at the mike
John Murphy KB1PHN & Molly**

Bill Burke KA1TXK was the Incident Commander. **Bill KA1TXK** had four (4) frequencies available on the 51 MHz business band for dog handlers to communicate on. **Bill KA1TXK** was also operating as Net Control on the HAM frequency 146.430 MHz SIMPLEX to talk with **Greg W1VFB** and **Don KB1LXH** where the dog handlers could not hear them. More HAMS would be helpful to handle the communication and message relays between the exercise victims and Net Control while the dog handlers independently concentrate on the job at hand. Murphy's law – the generator ran out of gas and there were ticks in the woods.

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John Murphy KB1PHN brought his hunting dog Molly. John KB1PHN reported that Molly did very well as she was put through her first, basic, search dog training exercises. Molly looks very attentive in the photo.



Edward Stacchurski – President of Search Dogs Northeast – thanked the participants saying “When called, the effectiveness of our services often falls back on the experience gained in training. We appreciated everything you did to better prepare us”.

ROAD RACE -- CHARGE POND -- MILES STANDISH STATE FOREST -- APRIL 22ND

John O'Neill KB1QEM reports that the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club was asked to provide communication support for an Earth Day Road Race that was held on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Charge Pond in the Mikes Standish State forest. The proceeds will go towards putting recycle equipment in the Plymouth Public Schools.



John KB1QEM extended an invitation to all area HAMs to participate as part of the Radio Team and the following HAMs responded

KB1QEM	John O'Neill	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
KB1WKB	Jeff Ayers	KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico
W1SM	Al Drollett	KB1IUU	Bill Spears
AB1II	Jay Tarantino	KB1UBX	Karen Trask

John KB1QEM reports: “We were fortunate to have the rain hold off long enough to get everyone back to the finish line. The operation went well with no major problems. Of special interest was our cyclist Jay Tarantino AB1II who rode at the back of the pack making sure nobody was left behind. We were able to use both the 147.315 MHz and 146.685 MHz Plymouth REPEATERS due to the generosity of the owners.

Bill Spears KB1IUU

Not only are these races great public service events but it's great to see what you and your equipment will do. You can experience the capabilities and limitations of your equipment and see what needs to be worked on and improved.



Jeff Ayres KB1WKB

John O'Neill KB1QEM

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 18th – MAY 20th Dayton, Ohio -- HAMVENTION

MAY 26TH & MAY 27 - FLEA MARKET: The Whitman Club Memorial Day weekend Flea Market at the Whitman Knights of Columbus parking lot located at 1195 Bedford Street (Rt. 18) in Whitman at the Abington Line.



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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, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus

Club REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67

Club IRLP Node 8691

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