



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

July 2012

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – Field Day 2012 was a great success with 40 Whitman Club members and 9 area HAMS able to participate. The Crew made 1113 contacts – double the amount made last year with 45 States, Puerto Rico 5 Canadian Provinces, and 8 Foreign countries. See the Field Day 2012 Special Issue newsletter.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

HAVING FUN: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, July 7th and reported 10 Fox Hunters participating. **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, July 14th and reported 8 Fox Hunters participating. **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** volunteered to be the Foxes on Saturday, July 21 and reported 5 Fox Hunters participating.

Jeff Ayres KB1WKB helped with the set up of one of the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) 2014 operating sites as part of the WRTC 2014 site evaluation process.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** reported that he heard Whitman Club members **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**, **Jim Madden KB1PFL** and **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** participating in the First Monday of the Month MEMA Communication test. **John O'Neill KB1QEM** reports the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club is conducting a monthly communication test between hospitals. The Massasoit Club volunteered to provide communication support for the Middleboro YMCA Camp YOMECHAS Triathlon and **Carl Aveni N1FY** reported 11 area HAMS participating. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Mike Whyers KB1YII** helped provide communication support for the 10K and 5K road race at Gillette Stadium.

MARSHFIELD FAIR: Our next project is to set up and staff an Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and operate the Special Event Station **NN1MF** at the Marshfield Fair from August 17th thru August 26, 2012. Your help is needed and all area HAMS are welcome to participate. Free vehicle and personnel passes are available to anyone who signs up for one or more 4 hour shift. Sign up with **Bill Hayden N1FRE** at wf.hayden@verizon.net who is maintaining the schedule and coordinating the distribution of passes.

Come to the next meeting and share your radioactive adventures with the other members present. We will have a few more donated items to auction off.

NEW MEMBER: **Mike Whyers KB1YII** lives in Bridgewater and passed both his Technician and General Class license in June.

Mike KB1YII reports that he picked up a Kenwood TS-830 (a solid state hybrid with tube finals). Next project is to build and install an HF dipole antenna.

Mike KB1YII operated at the Whitman Club Field Day site and helped provide communication support at the 5K & 10K Road Race held at Gillette stadium.



Mike Whyers KB1YII →

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2012 de N1VI

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **John KB1SVY** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman, MA.



ATTENDANCE: 57 members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and four Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1SVY	John Duprey	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser		
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	KB1REQ	Jeremy Breef-Pilz		
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1YFQ	Wayne Robertson		
KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	SWL	Mike Petrou (Guest)		Karen Trask
N1VI	Karen Trask	N1RES	Robert Settle (Guest)		N1VI
KB1MTW	Paul Moss	SWL	Michelle Duprey		
NI1X	Bruce Hayden	SWL	Colben Laroe	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy
W1AXB	Matt Paine	WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	N1JCW	Jim Wolf
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	K1XRB	Peter George
K1EF	Evelyn Foley	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	W1AY	Brad Wilson
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	W1JT	Jim Tovet	KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet
KB1WKB	Jeff Ayres	W1JGR	John Ruppel	KB1QEM	John O'Neill
KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico	K1REL	Bob Loring	KB1PFL	Jim Madden
WI1G	John Murphy	K1AWB	Steven Laroe	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock
KB1ODS	John Chase	WA1UMT	David Darois	KB1IUU	Bill Spear
KB1WLX	Billy Robinson	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze
N1SON	Bill Tracy	N1WIN	Ron DiBella	W1SM	Al Drollett
KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes
N1FRE	Bill Hayden	NM1F	Jim Ford	N1LG	Ron McKim
KB1MJL	Al Marshall	KB1OEP	Mike Supple	KB1YII	Michael Whyers
N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	N1OYH	Carl Davis	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey

TREASURERS REPORT: The treasurer's report for June was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made by **Jeff N1ZZN** seconded by **Jim KC1JET** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Brad W1AY** seconded by **Bill N1FRE** that the June secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: **Elayne KB1IKH** reported that a get well card was sent to **Pete Carlson N1POO**.

OLD BUSINESS: Field Day was discussed with **Paul N1VTI** suggesting the need for a horizontal gain antenna. Several other antenna ideas were suggested from among the group. **Paul N1VTI** has offered his QTH as a meeting place to continue the discussion with the antenna committee members.

YMCA: **Brad W1AY** made a motion seconded by **Richard KB1TEH** that the donation to the YMCA be increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00. The motion was approved.

Antenna rope: **Bill N1FRE** made a motion seconded by **Charlie KB1WSZ** that the Club purchase more antenna rope as the current stock is in short supply. It was further discussed that the entire Club inventory of supplies should be assessed. A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** and seconded by **Paul N1VTI** for the inventory. The motion passed. **Charlie KB1WSZ**, **John KB1SVY**, and **Jeff N1SOM** offered to assist in the process.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2012 Cont: de N1VI

NEW BUSINESS: Marshfield Fair: A sign up sheet was passed around by **Bill N1FRE**. He asked that people please consider taking a shift or two. The Club is looking for a minimum of two members per shift. There are 24 shifts during a 10 day period. Parking passes will again be available. We will again be located by the Birds of Prey exhibit. Several ideas were discussed as to how to better attract the attention of folk attending the Fair to our booth. **Bruce N1X** made a motion seconded by **Jeff KB1WKB** that \$100.00 be appropriated to the Marshfield Fair for the application fee. A second motion was made by **Bill N1FRE** seconded by **Jeff KB1WKB** the amount be increased to \$200.00. The motion was approved.

Name Tags- **Jeff N1SOM** made it known that name tags with the Club Logo could be available if enough Club members were interested. A sign up sheet was passed around. Addendum - **Jeff N1SOM** sent an email to club members that the name tags would cost \$10.50 apiece and that checks or money orders made out to WARC could be sent to his QTH as soon as possible. If your name was not on the sign up sheet please give him a call or send an email so that he will know to expect your check as well.

Fox Hunt: **Bruce N1X** reports that a Fox Hunt will be held this coming Saturday in Bridgewater with **Richard KB1TEH** as the fox.

New Member - **Michael Whyers KB1YII** was presented to the club for consideration by **John KB1SVY** seconded by **Bill N1FRE**. The motion was carried.

NET CONTROL: 7/15 - **Ross W1EKG** 7/22 - **Jeff N1SOM** 7/29 - **Bill N1FRE**

CLOSE: **John W1IG** (old **KB1PHN**) made a motion seconded by **Steve K1AWB** to close the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

AUCTION: After the meeting the Club auctioned off some radio equipment donated by **Evelyn Foley K1EF**. Also **Al Marshall KB1MJL** had some radio test equipment for sale.

CLUB AUCTION AND SALE

Evelyn Foley K1EF donated some radio equipment to be auctioned off at the July meeting. **Al Marshall KB1MJL** brought along a few items for sale.

Paul Burbine N1VTI picked up a Yaesu FT-411 2-Meter handheld (battery does not hold a charge). **The Bruce N1X** picked up a HeathKit tube tester

Billy Robinson KB1WLX picked up an Allied Radio Shack Model AX 190 Receiver with matching external speaker that is a pre warc receiver for 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80-Meters, that tested OK

Warren Dickie WA1YKF picked up a President 2510 10 Meter Mobile that puts out RF but has no audio.



Billy Robinson
KB1WLX



Evelyn Foley
K1EF

Area HAM **John Alley W1DMD** gave some miscellaneous parts to **The Bruce N1X** that will be donated to the Whitman Club table at the next Flea Market. **The Bruce N1X** gave **Paul N1VTI** some beam parts to experiment with and **Gary W1GRC** an old 6-Meter radio to experiment with.

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2012

Bruce Hayden NI1X volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, July 7, 2012 and was hiding in the parking lot behind the Bridgewater Library. The **Bruce NI1X** started off at 25 Watts and soon dropped to 5 watts on a vertical antenna.



Jeff Ayres KB1WKB

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV

Sly The Fox

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Kevin Dykes KB1MOC

Bruce Hayden NI1X

First place goes to **Richard KB1TEH** in a time of 37 minutes. **Richard KB1TEH** started up north and showed us his GPS track and beam headings on his laptop computer as he zeroed in on the Fox's Den.

Second place goes to the team of **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Bob Brown SWL** in a time of 1 hour and 27 minutes. **Kevin KB1MOC** has a new job position that frees up weekends for Fox Hunting.

Third place goes to the team of **Judy KB1SRO** and **Anthony KB1UHV** in a time of 1 hour and 37 minutes. The Fox hunters could hear the Bridgewater center church bells in the background when the Fox transmitted but **Anthony KB1UHV** suspected a tape recorder.

Making the top teams possible, and using the full allotted time, was the team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Jeff Ayres KB1WKB** who could not convince themselves to get out of the East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater areas.

CLUB AUCTION -- AUGUST MEETING

Paul Moss KB1MTW reports that the Club was donated three pieces of test equipment that includes; Heathkit Lab Generator, Heathkit Model 10-102 Oscilloscope, and Knightkit KG-670 R/C Tester. All are from **Dave Darois WA1UMT** and in good shape. The plan is to auction them off at the August meeting.

MIDDLEBORO YMCA CAMP YOMECHAS TRIATHLON By: "The Bruce" NI1X

The Massasoit Amateur Radio Association volunteered to provide communication support for the Middleboro YMCA Triathlon held on Saturday, July 8, 2012. **Carl Aveni N1FY** had put out an open invitation for area HAMs to participate. Members of both the Massasoit Club and the Whitman Amateur Radio Club responded. The weather was clear, sunny and hot with the temperature around 83 degrees by the end of the Triathlon.

PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO TEAM VOLUNTEERS



The Public Service Radio Team volunteers gathered before the race to get assignments. Seen standing L. to R. are **Bruce Hayden NI1X**, **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH**, **Carl Aveni N1FY**, **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF**, **Paul Burbine N1VTI** on the Radio Team Motorcycle, **Bob Loring K1REL**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Pete Curley N1NVV**, **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** and **Roy Logan KB1CYV**.

The Triathlon involved a 1 mile swim in Lake Tispaquin, a 24 mile bike race (four loops around the race course), and a 6 mile run. There were 235 participants with some teams splitting up the swimming, biking and running. The Triathlon started in waves with the elite participants entering the water at about 8:10 a.m. and the lead runner finishing at about 10:20 a.m. in a little over 2 hours. The slower but determined participants took between 4 and 5 hours to finish.

Carl N1FY set up Net Control Base Station at the start / finish line at Camp Yomechas. The rest of the Radio Team volunteers were positioned at the lake and at various intersections around the race course. Communication was by 2-Meter 146.535 MHz simplex. **Carl N1FY** provided reflective vests that has "Radio Communication" printed on them, to all the Radio Team volunteers.

Bill Burke NR1FD also volunteered to participate and asked **Carl N1FY** if he wanted him on the race course or at the Middleboro Emergency Operations Center (EOC) where he is a Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) radio operator. **Carl N1FY** agreed that the Middleboro EOC, where **Bill NR1FD** could monitor Net Control on their amateur radio equipment, would be the best location. There was one incident where it was reported that a participant had something in her eye and the First Aid Team at the Medical Tent said it was beyond their scope and they required additional medical evaluation. The unique thing was - **Carl N1FY** was able to call **Bill NR1FD** at the Middleboro EOC via amateur radio and **Bill NR1FD** dispatched an ambulance to the camp. The participant was treated at the scene and released. The Radio Team was also monitoring the progress of other participants, like one who hit a pothole and fell off her bike, but was OK.

The safety and support of the participants and staff are always our primary concern. _

MIDDLEBORO YMCA CAMP YOMECHAS TRIATHLON By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Bill Burke NR1FD sent up this photo of him at the Middleboro Emergency Operations Center (EOC), taken during the Triathlon.

Bill (Old Call **KA1TXK**) upgraded to Extra in April and changed his call to **NR1FD**

Bill NR1FD reports: "In the photo I am working the Icom IC-207 transceiver on 146.535 MHz SIMPLEX during the Triathlon.

The second radio is the State Motorola on the Bridgewater REPEATER 147.180MHz PL 67.

There are two portables - one on the Middleboro Fire Dept. frequency of 470.700 MHz PL 203.5 and one on the Middleboro Police Dept. frequency of 470.825 MHz PL 103.5

There are two lap tops - one set on Google Earth - Tispaquin Pond area - and the other - my lap top.- was set on Weather Bug for Weather Conditions (not shown in photo)".



Bill Burke NR1FD at the Middleboro Emergency Operations Center

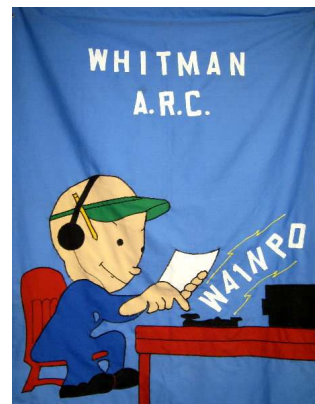
73 From Bill Burke NR1FD

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 June we had 4 sessions with an average of 20 area HAMs checking in each week and 12 messages were sent.



Sending NI1X an update

V-E EXAMS IN BRAINTREE

V-E Exam August 12, 2012: V-E 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 V-E Exams at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson Building located at 85 Quincy Avenue in Braintree. This is the exam location for the **K1USN** 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".

John Murphy (old KB1PHN) has a new call sign WI1G

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FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, July 14, 2012 and was hiding in the Park and Ride on Rt. 104 on the west side of Rt. 24. The Fox was transmitting at 25 watts for the first hour and low power after that.



Greg Glynn W1VFB

Gray Cumiskey W1GRC

Ron Stundze KB1OEQ

Fred Sanford KA1CQD

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Diane Smith KB1QNB

Bruce Hayden NI1X

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

First place goes to **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** in 18 minutes. The Fox was hiding in **Gary's W1GRC** back yard. **Gary W1GRC** reported that he started 10 minutes late, checked out one parking lot at the end of his street before finding The Fox at the Park and Ride a minute later.

Second Place goes to the team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** in a time of 19 minutes. **Roy KB1CYV** said his equipment was working great this time

Third Place goes to **Greg Glynn W1VFB** in 1 hour and 23 minutes. **Greg W1VFB** started at the Middle School in Bridgewater and with his car blocking the signal, got an initial reading heading north in the wrong direction. **Greg W1VFB** reported that he made it to East Bridgewater before turning back and heading towards the Fox's Den

Fourth place goes to **The Bruce NI1X** in 1 hour and 26 minutes. **The Bruce NI1X** started at the ball field in the Scotland section of Bridgewater – a stones throw from the Fox's Den. **The Bruce NI1X** disregarded a strong signal to the west because he thought it was a reflection off his car and headed east in the wrong direction. **The Bruce NI1X** finally circled back and started all over again but then got hung up in the Home Depot parking lot area on the wrong side of Rt. 24

Making the top teams possible was the team of **Diane Smith KB1QNB** and **Fred Sanford KA1CQD** in a time of 1 hour and 47 minutes. **Fred KA1CQD** reported that they came up Rt. 106 from Plymouth and could not hear the Fox until they got into Bridgewater.

WORLD RADIOSPORT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

SITE EVALUATION TESTING By: Jeff Ayres KB1WKB

Jeff Ayres KB1WKB volunteered to help with the Site Evaluation Testing in preparation for the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) that will take place in Massachusetts in 2014. See www.wrtc2014.org

The WRTC is held every four years and will consist of 59 two-person teams of amateur radio operators from around the world in a test of operating skills. You must qualify to participate.

The antenna selected is a Cycle-24 model TX38. It has 8 full size elements (2 elements each on 20 and 15-Meters and 4 elements on 10-Meters) on a 14.5 foot boom. For more info see www.cycle-24.com/antenna.htm. It is mounted on a 40 foot tilt up portable tower along with supports for two dipole antennas. One is a 40-Meter inverted Vee and the other is an 80-Meter inverted Vee.



On the weekend of July 14th **Jeff Ayres KB1WKB** reported that he helped with the set up of one of two antenna sites in the Myles Standish State Forest. **Greg Glynn W1VFB** reported he helped set up a test site in Wrentham at the Big Apple Orchard Farm. Another test site was located at the Mansfield Airport and another was in Medfield. **Al Drollett Jr. W1SM** reported that he checked out the sites at Myles Standish State Forest.



Each operating site looks like a Field Day site

The crew operated during the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) contest, held on the weekend of June 14th to test site performance. The purpose is to ensure that all sites have equal performance. Each site is provided with among other things – identical antennas, identical 40 foot antenna towers, generators, tents and other operating supplies.

To check for equal transmitted signals, the team used a Reverse Beacon Network where some dedicated radios in strategic locations record the signal strength from each station to make sure they are all equal. The tents got hot and if you look close you can see one fan on the table.

The WRTC is going to be looking for volunteers for next year's test, with twice as many stations to operate. **Jeff Ayres KB1WKB** has volunteered to help arrange a follow-up presentation on this WRTC 2014 topic for a future Whitman Club meeting.

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY JULY 21, 2012 By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Roy Logan KB1CYV and Ron Stundze KB1OEQ volunteered to be the Foxes on Saturday, July 21, 2012 and were hiding on a hill behind the Kingston Elementary School off Second Brook Street in Kingston under the shadow of the Wind farm and just over the hill from the Kingston Commuter Train Station.



Kevin Dykes
KB1MOC

Ron Stundze
KB1OEQ

Walter Fitzgerald
W1WCF

Roy Logan
KB1CYV

Bruce Hayden
NI1X

First place goes to the team of **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Bob Brown SWL** in a time of 35 minutes. **Kevin KB1MOC** knows the territory.

Second place goes to **The Bruce NI1X** in a time of 1 hour and 41 minutes. Signals were great but **The Bruce NI1X** had a hard time telling front from back direction with the attenuator in line.

Making the top teams possible was **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF** who took the full allotted time.

HELLO FROM SAN DIEGO

Jim O'Rourke WG1L reported that he talked with **Bob Schillinger KR6EC** who he tries to visit once a year in San Diego, CA. and that **Bob KR6EC** and his wife **Ethel** are doing well. **Bob KR6EC** reported that the radio club that he was associated with has disbanded.

LET THE FUN BEGIN

Steve Cohn N1NQR was originally licensed in 1992 and upgraded to General Class in November and Extra Class in January.

Steve N1NQR purchased his first HF transceiver - a YAESU FT-950 - and brought it to the **K1USN** club house to connect it to an HF antenna and check it out. His first contact on HF was with Special Event station **K2L** in South Carolina during the 13 Colonies On-The-Air Special Event.

ANTENNA PARTY: The **K1USN** Crew had given **Steve N1NQR** a G-5 RV dipole to try out and get him on the air.



Steve Cohn N1NQR testing his new rig
at the K1USN club house

HAMS ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND - ANTENNA PARTY

On Saturday, July 21st Paul Moss KB1MTW, Jeff Ayres KB1WKB, Pi Pugh K1RV, Bill Needham K1WN, Tom Wilson W1ICU, Karen Trask N1VI and Brad Wilson W1AY all helped Steve N1NQR replace the G5-RV with a Buckmaster Off-Center-Fed Windom.

As you can see there were four modified Spud Gun Launchers all competing to see who could shoot the line over the tallest tree.

Steve N1NQR reports the antenna is working but may need a little tweaking to get 6-Meters to work.



Paul
KB1MTW

Pi
K1RV

Tom
W1ICU

Jeff
KB1WKB

Marshfield Fair 2012 <> August 17th thru August 26th

<> ATTENTION ALL HAMS <>

WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR TO HELP THE WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB REPRESENT THE EASTERN MASS AREA AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITIES BY JOINING US AT OUR LIVE HAM STATIONS AND DISPLAY BOOTH AT THE MARSHFIELD FAIR THIS YEAR.

Get on the schedule now <> Free passes are available for all those participating each day, (a pass w/ free inside parking) to anyone willing to spend a 4 ½ hr. shift helping out at the booth.

We have slots for 80 + hams. Last year we exceeded 90 hams filling the 10 day schedule. Also, we can always use help setting up <> Thursday 8/16 @ 10:00 and breaking down on Monday 8/27 @ 09:00.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE'S SUPPORT. NO EFFORT IS TOO SMALL. CONTACT BILL N1FRE, wf.hayden@verizon.net OR JEFF N1ZZN, n1zzn@comcast.net YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED TO SEE IF WE CAN FIT YOU INTO THE SCHEDULE YOU DESIRE.

OUR BOOTH WILL BE MANNED EVERY DAY TO HAND OUT AMATEUR LITERATURE AND TALK TO PATRONS ABOUT OUR FASCINATING HOBBY. OUR RADIO ROOM OPERATIONS WILL BE ON THE AIR EVERY DAY WITH HF COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS VHF & OTHER INTERESTING MODES OF OPERATION.

IN ADDITION WE WILL HAVE ON DISPLAY SEVERAL INTERESTING SHOW AND TELL ITEMS.

<>RADIO GRAMS SENT TO ANY WHERE IN THE USA WILL BE OFFERED TO ALL AS WELL !!

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH COMMUNICATION TEST



Doug Forbes Jr. MEMA Local coordinator
Bruce Hayden N11X



Mike Leger N1YLQ
MEMA Radio Officer

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) conducts a Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) communication test on the first Monday of the month.

MEMA plans to transition from RACES to an Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) that uses MEMA radios for communication. Each city or town will have MEMA radios and REPEATERS have been installed to facilitate communication with Framingham.

Mike Neilsen W1MPN reports that this transition has been put off until fall. See "RACES Update" dated 6/28/12 on the ARES Web page www.ares.ema.org



John Miller N1UMJ

Amateur Radio (RACES) will still be used by the cities and towns involved with the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant Evacuation Plan. Amateur radio's strength is in situational awareness and incident reporting as demonstrated by SKYWARN reporting during local storms. During the upcoming hurricane season the cities and towns will attempt to use State resources when contacting Framingham Headquarters. Amateur Radio will be used as a backup communication system.

In July **Jim Madden KB1PFL** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** were heard checking in from the Hanson Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and **Paul Moss KB1MTW** checked in from the Whitman EOC. **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** checked in from home for the Taunton Emergency Management Agency. **John O'Neill KB1QEM** and the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club have been conducting communication drills between hospitals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

USCG - Special Event – Call sign K1CG - August 4th See August QST page 95.
Whitman Club member **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** will be a Special Event Operator.

MARSHFIELD FAIR: August 17th thru 26th See notice on Page 10.

BOXBORO: August 24th thru 26th 2012

ARRL New England Convention. Holiday Inn – Boxborough, MA.



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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 Knights of Columbus, which is
located at 1195 Bedford Street
(Rt. 18) in Whitman, Mass.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, Aug. 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus

Club REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67

Club IRLP Node 8691

Club EchoLink WA1NPO-R Whitman MA USA -- Club EchoLink Node 484193

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