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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY – Elayne Tovet KB1IKH** has secured another \$500.00 Harvard Pilgrim Community Sprit 9/11 mini-grant for the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. Congratulations to **Billy Robinson KB1WLX** who upgraded to General Class.



**John Duprey
KB1SVY**

HAVING FUN: **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, August 4th and reported 7 Fox Hunters participating. **Bruce Hayden N1IX** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, August 11th and reported 4 Fox Hunters participating. **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** was a Special Event Operator for the Coast Guard 222 Birthday celebration. **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** attended the local National Traffic System (NTS) summer picnic.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **Bob Callahan W1QWT** reported that he took part in an Anthrax Drill in June with the Town of Scituate with 3 other area HAMs participating. **John O'Neill KB1QEM** reports that the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club participated in a monthly Eastern Mass. Hospital Net on Saturday, August 4th. **Bruce Hayden N1IX** reported hearing 6 other Whitman Club members participating in Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Communication Training in August.

MARSHFIELD FAIR: Our next activity is manning the Marshfield Fair Amateur Radio Exhibit Booth and Special Event Station **NN1MF** between Friday, August 17th and Sunday, August 26th. Then we will hold our Labor Day weekend Flea Market in the Whitman K of C parking lot on Sunday, September 2nd and Labor Day - Monday, September 3rd. Hope to see you there.

From: John Duprey KB1SVY

PRESENTATION: **John O'Neill KB1QEM** gave a presentation, at the August meeting, on the upcoming – September 8th - Run To The Rock Road Race in Plymouth, MA. A video on the 2011 Run To The Rock Road Race amateur radio related activities, prepared by **Michelle Duprey SWL**, was shown to the members present.



John O'Neill KB1QEM at the August meeting with 40 people in attendance

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 1, 2012 BY: Karen N1VI

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by President **John KB1SVY** at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall in Whitman, MA. The members then stood, and facing the flag of the United States, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



Karen Trask
N1VI

ATTENDANCE: 40 members / guests were present, including two elected Officers and four Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1SVY	John Duprey	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser		
N1VI	Karen Trask	KB1YFQ	Wayne Robertson		
K1AWB	Steve Laroe	N1COP	Bob Woodbury, Jr.		
N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	SWL	Peter Cacatelli Guest		
W1IG	John Murphy	SWL	Nick Cacatelli Guest		
KB1PFL	Jim Madden	SWL	Fred Birtwell Guest	NI1X	Bruce Hayden
KB1WKB	Jeff Ayres	SWL	Mike Petrou Guest	N1SON	Bill Tracy
W1OD	Steve Cohen	SWL	Michelle Duprey	W1JT	Jim Tovet
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	N1LQK	Dave Kaplan
KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	KB1QEM	John O'Neill	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	W1SM	Al Drollett
N1RES	Robert Settle	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	N1OYH	Carl Davis
KB1MJL	Al Marshall	KB1ODS	John Chase	KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico
N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	KB1WLX	Billy Robinson
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	KB1OAW	Greg Noyes	KB1OAY	Daniel Noyes

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for July was read by **John KB1SVY**. **Jim KC1JET** made a motion seconded by **Jeff KB1WKB** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** and seconded by **Steve K1AWB** that the July secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Elayne KB1IKH** reports that a get well card had been sent to "The Bruce" **NI1X**.

Elayne KB1IKH also reported that the Club has once again been granted a \$500.00 mini-grant from the Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Foundation. Many thanks to **Elayne KB1IKH** for her efforts to procure this grant for the Whitman Club.

OLD BUSINESS: **Bill N1FRE** presented a Club Flea Market flyer to the members present for approval. He invited comments or suggestions before having them printed out.

Bill N1FRE also requested that members and area HAMS sign up for the Marshfield Fair roster as there are still a few holes in the schedule. The HAM Shack will be on the other side of the Birds of Prey area this year at the fair. **Jeff N1ZZN** and **Jim W1JT** will set up computers with APRS/TNC capabilities. It was suggested that we put a banner on the fence at the entrance to the Fair.

NEW BUSINESS: **Jim KC1JET** suggested that **Paul Moss KB1MTW** be nominated for a lifetime membership. **Paul's KB1MTW** many accomplishments and tireless efforts on behalf of the club were noted. A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** and seconded by **Jeff KB1WKB**. The motion carried.

Bruce NI1X notes that there will be a Fox Hunt this coming Saturday with **Kevin KB1MOC** as the fox.

Jeff N1ZZN reported that the Marshfield 927.475 MHz REPEATER has changed its call sign to **W1ATD**.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 1, 2012 BY: Karen N1VI

NEW BUSINESS Cont: **Charlie KB1WSZ** is looking for the club member who borrowed the Gordon West General Class Upgrade book. He would like to briefly borrow it. If you are interested in upgrading to a General Class license please email or call **Charlie KB1WSZ** as he will be conducting study classes in the Quonset hut in September.

NET CONTROL: 8/5 **Roy KB1CYV** 8/12 **Jeff N1SOM** 8/19 **Bill N1FRE**
8/26 **John KB1SVY** 9/2 **Bruce N1IX** at 10 a.m. at the Flea Market

CLOSE: President **John KB1SVY** closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by **John W1IG** seconded by **Jeff N1ZZN**. The motion was approved.

CLUB AUCTION: Following the meeting an auction of HAM radio equipment was held.

PRESENTATION: **John KB1QEM** then showed a slide presentation of last years Run To The Rock Road Race that was held in Plymouth. Several members of the WARC participated in the HAM radio operations for that race. The slide show and pictures taken at the race were the work of **Michelle Duprey SWL**. Thank you **Michelle SWL** for a beautiful presentation.

THE WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB RECEIVES A \$500.00

HARVARD PILGRIM COMMUNITY SPIRIT 9/11 MINI-GRANT

Elayne Tovet KB1IKH works for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and submitted an application for a Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant in behalf of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. In the photo **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH** is shown presenting the Harvard Pilgrim Community 9/11 Mini-Grant certificate to Whitman Club President **John Duprey KB1SVY** at the Whitman Club August meeting.



The Harvard Pilgrim Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant Program was created to honor men and women lost on Sept. 11, 2001, by giving Harvard Pilgrim and Dell Perot employees an annual opportunity to support organizations in their local communities.

The Community Spirit Award Certificate reads: "This certificate honors and celebrates the exemplary work and commitment of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club as the recipient of a \$500.00 Community Spirit 9/11 Mini Grant from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. This award was recommended by **Elayne Tovet** and presented on this day - July 24, 2012".

Elayne Tovet KB1IKH
John Duprey KB1SVY – Pres. WARC

The Whitman Club has been purchasing radio equipment and assembling 2-Meter and HF "Go-Kits" with funds received from the Harvard Pilgrim Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grants. The "Go Kits" contain all the necessary radio equipment used by first responders who are deployed for portable, short term, operation so that they can be "On-The-Air" shortly after arriving at their assigned location.

CLUB AUCTION -- AUGUST MEETING

Paul Moss KB1MTW reports that the Club was donated three pieces of test equipment that included a Heathkit Lab Generator, a Heathkit Model 10-102 Oscilloscope, and a Knightkit KG-670 R/C Tester. All were from **Dave Darois WA1UMT** and in good shape.

Dan Noyes KB1OAY took home the Heathkit Oscilloscope.

MORE DONATED EQUIPMENT: **Paul Moss KB1MTW** reported that **Paul Swartz N1FWD** has donated two "home brew" vhf antennas, a commercial 10-Meter antenna and a "factory" vhf antenna along with and some antenna parts that, for now, are being stored at the club house.

Dan Noyes KB1OAY →



HONORARY MEMBER

Paul Moss KB1MTW was voted in as an Honorary Member of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club, at the August meeting, for his years of service helping Whitman Club members and area HAMS. **Paul KB1MTW** is one of the special people who are always ready to lend a helping hand.

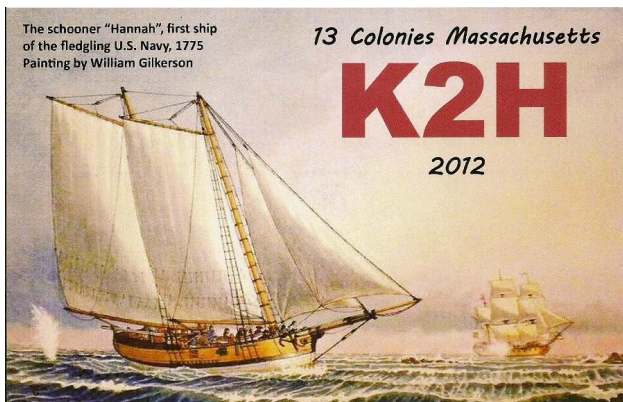
Paul Moss KB1MTW was also made an Honorary Member of the Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society (GARS) of England and was sent a GARS Club Tee shirt.



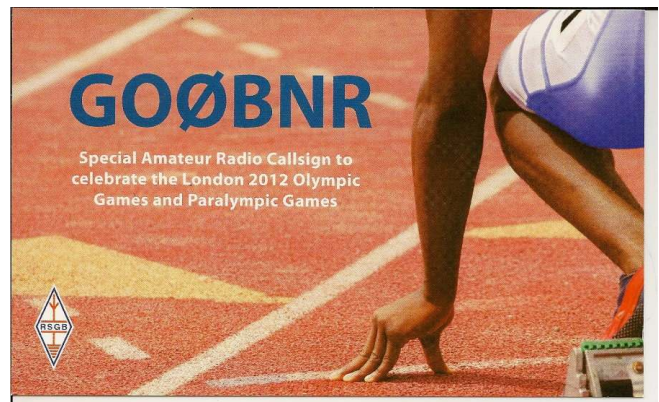
Paul Moss KB1MTW

Paul KB1MTW met the Chelmsford HAMS during the World Scout Jamboree a few years back and has been in regular communication via EchoLink ever since.

QSL CARDS OF THE MONTH



One of the 13 colonies QSL Card



London Olympics QSL Card

The Bruce N1IX along with **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** and **Jim Wolf N1JCW** were heard chasing the 13 colonies Special Event Stations on 20-Meters and 40-Meters during the 4th of July week. The United Kingdom issued special call signs to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic Games.

SCITUATE ANTHRAX DRILL -- JUNE 2, 2012 - By Bob Callahan W1QWT

Bob Callahan W1QWT reported: "The Town of Scituate – Board of Health - conducted an Anthrax Drill on June 2, 2012 that the State requires towns to do. The purpose of the drill to set up for the distribution of an anthrax antidote".

Bob W1QWT reports: "We had members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) teams, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members, and members of the health community group. The ARES members provided communication support. We used the 145.250 REPEATER.

The state gave Scituate a whole bunch of Family Radio Service (FRS) radios which we used to communicate at the dispensing site between the various groups. I (**W1QWT**) was with the Incident Commander at the Jenkins School Dispensing Site

The HAMS were used to provide communication back to the dispensing site from the resident pickup points around town. The residents were bused to the dispensing site from pickup points with large parking lots. **Ralph Butler Jr. W1BT** was stationed at the North Scituate Railroad lot and **Karl Johnson Sr. NS1N** was at the Greenbush Railroad lot.



Standing: Bob W1QWT & Steve SWL
Sitting: Ralph W1BT, Karl NS1N & Bob KB1FBA

The state also gave the health department radios that could communicate with the Town Police Department for security and crowd control issues. **Bob Mahoney KB1FBA** was at Fire Headquarters and **Steve SWL** was on the Security Team".

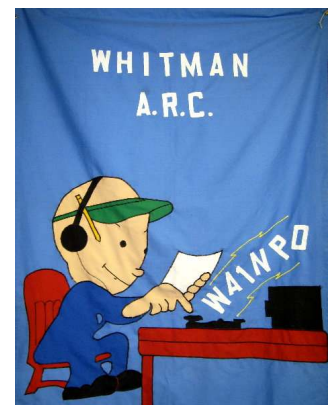
WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

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 July we had 5 sessions with an average of 22 area HAMS checking in each week and 15 messages were sent.

Checking in via EchoLink was **Juergen DL1NBR** bicycle mobile in Germany.



Sending NI1X
an update

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Kevin Dykes KB1MOC volunteered to be the Fox and was hiding in the parking lot of the Hanson Public Works garage on Rt. 58 near the intersection of Rt. 14.



Bruce Hayden NI1X

Ron Stundze KB1OEQ

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Kevin Dykes KB1MOC holding Sly The Fox

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Jeff Ayres KB1WKB

First place goes to **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH** in a time of 14 minutes. **Richard KB1TEH** reported that he started at the intersection of Rt. 58 and Rt. 106 and his initial reading pointed straight up Rt. 58. He stopped in the parking lot next to the Fox's Den where the signal strength was very strong but did not see the Fox at first.

Second place goes to the team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** in a time of 41 minutes. They started at the Whitman Hanson High School and got a good initial reading, pointing towards Hanson, but they lost time by checking out spots on the way.

Making the top teams possible was the team of **Bruce Hayden NI1X** and **Jeff Ayres KB1WKB** in a respectable time of 45 minutes. They started at the K of C parking lot in Whitman and got a good initial reading that was only 10 degrees off. They took a wrong turn and wound up in Hanover before turning south to Hanson. Also participating was **John Chase KB1ODS** who got close but did not finish because his radio quit.



WHITMAN CLUB -- GENERAL CLASS STUDY GROUP

Charlie Amico KB1WSZ has volunteered to coordinate a General Class Study Group in September. This is a home study course. The plan is to meet one night a week for three or four weeks to review the Gordon West instructional audio tapes. Contact **Charlie KB1WKB** at sfccamico@gmail.com to sign up.

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION DRILL

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



Mike Leger N1YLQ
MEMA Radio Officer



Doug Forbes Jr. SWL- MEMA Local coordinator
Bruce Hayden NI1X at Region II

Whitman Club members participating in August were: **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** for the town of Hanson. **Jim Madden KB1PFL** for the town of Pembroke. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** for the town of Whitman and **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** for the City of Taunton.

Bruce Hayden NI1X was a Region II Net control Operator at the MEMA Region II Headquarters (at the Bunker) in Bridgewater, located on the State Prison property.

A SIMPLEX test was conducted to simulate REPEATERS being out of service during a storm. Local power failures during storms will most likely result in HAMs switching to battery backup or emergency generator power. This mode of operation should be tested as well. When the phone and internet lines go down and the cell sites die, amateur radio is the lifeline that gets vital information through.



John Miller N1UMJ
at Region II

Knowing what area towns you can contact on SIMPLEX will facilitate RELAYING messages between towns and to the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Regional Command Center which, in this area, is the town of Bridgewater EOC.

The **WC1MAB** packet station was moved from 145.010 MHz to 145.090 MHz

Paul Moss KB1MTW and **John Barbuto K1BBM** are shown at the South Shore Hospital radio room conducting a monthly Hospital Communication Test on Aug. 4, 2012. Photo by **John O'Neill KB1QEM**.



John Barbuto K1BBM & Paul Moss KB1MTW
at the South Shore Hospital Radio Room

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012

Bruce Hayden NI1X volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, August 11, 2012 and was hiding at the Woodlands Trust - Great River Preserve on Auburn Street in Bridgewater at the Middleboro line. Photo by **Jeff Ayres KB1WKB**.



Richard Metcalf
KB1TEH

Bruce Hayden
NI1X with
Sly The Fox

Roy Logan
KB1CYV

Jeff Ayres
KB1WKB

First place goes to the team of **Roy KB1CYV** and **Jeff KB1WKB** in a time of 19 minutes. **Roy KB1CYV** reported that they started at the old High School in Bridgewater and both their initial readings were southeast pointing right at the Fox's Den. When plotted on a map the direction was right down Auburn Street.

Making the top team possible was **Richard KB1TEH** in a time of 55 minutes. **Richard KB1TEH** reported that he also started at the old High School in Bridgewater but his initial reading was east down Rt. 104. **Richard KB1TEH** reported that he over-shot the Fox's Den, then headed south and came at the Fox's Den from the Middleboro side and found himself up against the "Out Of Service" bridge on Auburn Street at the Taunton River - a stones throw from the Fox's Den. After realizing that "You can't get there from here" **Richard KB1TEH** circled around and approached from the north..

LET THE FUN BEGIN

Bill Needham K1WN is shown congratulating **Billy Robinson KB1WLX** who upgraded to General Class at the August V-E Session in Braintree. **Billy's KB1WLX** next project is to get some HF equipment – maybe at Boxboro.

Photo by **Steve Cohn** (old call **N1NQR**) who reports that he now has a new call sign **W1OD**



Bill Needham K1WN

Billy Robinson KB1WLX

V-E EXAMS IN BRAINTREE



The V-E Examiners at the Braintree testing session in August are standing L. to R. **Bill Needham K1WN**, **Ron McKim N1LG**, **Steve Cohn W1OD** and **Pi Pugh K1RV**. Seated L. to R. are **Billy Robinson KB1WLX** – our new General – along with V-E Examiners **Karen Trask N1VI** and **Brad Wilson W1AY**.

Next V-E Exam – Sept. 8, 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”. Note: If you have to cancel at the last minute, please notify **Bill K1WN**.

RUN TO THE ROCK ROAD RACE IN PLYMOUTH -- SEPT. 8, 2012

John O’Neill KB1QEM reports: “We are looking for Amateur Radio Volunteers to provide communication support for the annual “Run To The Rock” Road Race in Plymouth. This is an exciting event as we cover 3 separate race courses that converge on the finish line at Plymouth Rock.

Amateur Radio public service is interesting and offers a fun experience. The communication load for this event is fairly light, but safety and support for the participants and staff are always our primary concern. It is an excellent event for HAMS, new to public service, that want to gain experience.



John O’Neill
KB1QEM

A 2-meter hand-held portable is needed at most assignments however we do have a few locations that can be covered by a mobile unit. An antenna better than the “rubber duck” that came with your portable radio should be used for all public service events. Be sure you charge your radio’s batteries before the event. Bring an extra battery just in case (Murphy’s Law).

If you can help with this event on *Saturday, September 8, 2012 please reply to me at E-Mail oneilljr@gmail.com and I will send you a sign up sheet”.

Thanks - John O’Neill KB1QEM



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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, Sept. 5th 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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