



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

February 2013

SPECTRUM



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – We had our first real cold spell and then we had a wild storm with rain and high winds and finally we had a Blizzard with about 2 feet of drifting snow. As always, the SKYWARN Observers were heard on the Bridgewater REPEATER. Several members were activated to staff Emergency Operations Centers and support shelters operations while others stood by at home while the lights were out in places for up to 5 days.



HAVING FUN: **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** reported at least 8 Whitman Club Members attending the Marlboro Amateur Radio Flea Market on Saturday, February 16, 2013. **John Duprey KB1SVY**

Ross Hochstrasser reports 2 Whitman Club members attending an Antique Radio Flea Market, in a snow storm, on Sunday, February 17, 2013 in Westford, MA.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** reported 8 Whitman Club members participating in First Monday of the Month MEMA Communication training and **Karen Trask N1VI** reported 10 South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members participating in the First Saturday of the Month Hospital Net in February.

At the February meeting, **Jim Tovey W1JT** gave a very interesting presentation and we auctioned off a few donated items. Come to the next meeting and share your radioactive projects with the other members present.

From: John Duprey KB1SVY

NEW MEMBER: **Larry Kenney K1LJK** lives in Holbrook, MA. **Larry K1LJK** first joined us at Plimoth Plantation as a **Short Wave Listener (SWL)** and then passed both the Technician Class license and General Class license at the December V-E testing session in Braintree.



Larry K1LJK says: "My experience at Plimoth Plantation with the HF team in the Administration building inspired the additional push to also get General at the same time after getting a taste of 20-Meters. Thanks go to the HF team and specifically **Jim Wolf N1JCW** for his guidance and patience at the mic & logbook that day".

Larry Kenney K1LJK

Larry K1LJK reports that he has a Kenwood TS-440 transceiver connected to a 10-Meter vertical and his first contact on 10-Meters was with his friend **Joe Amorelli KB1ZBJ** of Plymouth who had also joined us at Plimoth Plantation as a SWL and who also passed the Technician Class license in December at the Braintree V-E session.

Larry K1LJK also reports that he has a Kenwood TS-711 2-Meter transceiver along with a 2-Meter J-Pole antenna and his next project will be to purchase some Club wire and put this 2-Meter Base Station On-The-Air.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6th, 2013 de N1VI

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President **Paul Moss KB1MTW** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman, MA. (Meeting photo by **Jeff WK1D**).



Paul Moss KB1MTW
Vice President

Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Treasurer

Karen Trask N1VI
Secretary

ATTENDANCE: 38 members / guests were present, including three elected Officers and three Directors.

KB1MTW	Paul Moss	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	N1VI	Karen Trask
KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	WK1D	Jeff Ayres	K1VU	Bob Johnson
N1EZH	Barry Kennedy	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock
N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	W1JT	Jim Tovet	KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	W1JGR	John Ruppel	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
N1FRE	Bill Hayden	W1CBR	Charlie Amico	K1AWB	Steve Laroe
W1IG	John Murphy	W1LJK	Larry Kenney	KB1VGN	Stan Rydell
WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	KB1OEP	Michael Supple
W1AXB	Matt Paine	AG1B	Richard Metcalf	KA1DON	Don Cahill
N1SON	Bill Tracy	N1LWK	Ken Desruisseau	W1OD	Steve Cohn
K1UFO	Bill Robinson	N1OYH	Carl Davis	NI1X	Bruce Hayden
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	W1AY	Brad Wilson	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser
SWL	Fred Birtwell (Guest)	SWL	Colben Laroe (Guest)		

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for January was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **John W1IG** made a motion seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** seconded by **Brad W1AY** that the January secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Elayne KB1IKH** reports that sympathy cards for **Norman Roscoe W1CIX SK** were sent to his wife **Jeanne**, and his brother **David W1DWZ**. A thinking of you card was sent to **Carlos Wharton, Sr. WP4US**. Get well cards were sent to **Jim Wolf N1JCW** and **Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO**.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF FEB. 6th, 2013 Cont: de N1VI

NEW BUSINESS: On a unanimous vote, the Club welcomed new member **Lawrence (Larry) Kenny K1LJK**.

Jeff N1ZZN reports that the domain name for the Club's website "**WA1NPO**" is up for renewal. **Phil McNamara N1XTB** is willing to pay the \$60.00 renewal fee in lieu of dues fees for the next three years as he has done in the past. **Jeff N1ZZN** made the motion seconded by **Charlie W1CBR**. The motion carried.

Charlie Amico W1CBR was voted to the position of Training Coordinator for HAM license upgrades. The motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** and seconded by **Al Craddock. WA1ZKK**. The motion carried.

Jeff N1ZZN reported that the Club website had received an email inquiring into HAM radio classes in this area as well as test sites. **Charlie W1CBR** will follow up on that inquiry. **Jim KC1JET** asked about the possibility of classes for the extra-class upgrade. **Charlie W1CBR** will coordinate that as well.

Steve W1OD reports that the V-E session, scheduled for this Saturday, is cancelled owing to the extremely poor weather conditions that are expected across the region.

Paul KB1MTW notes that there are several wooden chairs at the clubhouse that are looking for a good home. If you can use some of them or all of them please contact **Paul Moss KB1MTW**.

NEAR-Fest is coming the first weekend in May. That is May 3rd and 4th. **John Murphy W1IG** is the coordinator for this event.

Brad W1AY notes that the Marlboro HAM Radio Flea Market will be held Saturday Feb. 16th.

Ross W1EKG notes that there will be an Antique Radio Flea Market at the Regency Inn in Westford, MA on Sunday, Feb. 17th from 8 a.m. thru noon. 98 tables have been sold so far!

Jeff N1ZZN started a discussion regarding the possibility of publishing emails, phone numbers, and member names and call signs on the Club's website. A motion was made by **Jeff N1ZZN** seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that the member's call signs and names be published with a link to QRZ. The motion carried.

If you wish to order name tags please see **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**. He needs a minimum order of 10 to order a new batch.

Jim KC1JET reminded us all that the Memorial Day weekend Flea Market is fast approaching and that we should start preparations. **Jeff N1SOM** is the Club's coordinator. **Bill N1FRE** has offered to make flyers again this year. **Roy KB1CYV** suggests placing flyers in the rear deck of our cars. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggested that this year we be sure to get the email addresses of all the vendors to be able to communicate any changes to the venue that might arise.

Jeff N1ZZN notes that the Whitman Club's repeater is working well now but has been crunchy at times. **Jeff N1ZZN** made a motion seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that the club appropriate \$500.00 for parts and a climber as future issues and repairs may arise. The motion carried.

Bruce N1IX reports that he has procured the call sign "**W1N**" for this year's Field Day 2013 activities. Also, no Fox Hunt this weekend – wait for better weather.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF FEB. 6th, 2013 Cont: de N1VI

Jim **WG1L** notes that Jim Halpin **KB1ETW** has an old tri-band antenna for sale and is asking \$50.00. Contact Jim Halpin **KB1ETW** at Tel: 781-337-0067

NET CONTROL 2/10 Jeff **WK1D** - 2/17 Jeff **N1SOM** - 2/24 Mike **KB1OEP** - 3/3 Roy **KB1CYV**

CLOSE: Vice President Paul **KB1MTW** closed the business meeting at 7:35 p.m. on a motion made by John **WI1G** and seconded by Jim **KC1JET**. The motion was approved.

PRESENTATION: Following the business meeting Jim **Tovet W1JT** gave a presentation of old radio equipment and communications.

CLUB AUCTION: Paul Moss **KB1MTW** auctioned off several items donated by Jim Tynan **KC1JET** and Jim **Tovet W1JT**.

TECHNICAL TOPICS -- A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE By: Jim Tovet W1JT

PHONE PATCH: Jim **Tovet W1JT** first showed us his Heathkit HD-15 Hybrid Phone Patch and explained the satisfaction he had experienced while handling phone patches from servicemen to their families back home.

Jim **W1JT** explained that he was a member of the Military Amateur Radio Service (MARS) and has also relayed health and welfare public service messages in and out of hurricane and earthquake disaster zones over the years.



Jim Tovet W1JT
Phone Patch
(Photo By Jeff **WK1D**)



Isopole 2-Meter
antenna

ISOPOLE ANTENNA: Jim **W1JT** showed us an Isopole 2-Meter antenna that looks like it is in brand new condition. This antenna was very popular 20 years ago.

SURPLUS MAGAZINES: Jim **W1JT** also brought a supply of last years QST and CQ magazines to give out.

HEATHKIT RESTORATION PROJECTS: Jim **W1JT** brought in a Heathkit DX-60 transmitter that he plans to take completely apart and then reassemble.

Because Heathkit instruction books are available, Jim **W1JT** compares this to building a kit radio from scratch. You still have to replace old capacitors and resistors and maybe a tube or two but these components are readily available. Jim **W1JT** even went as far as having one chassis silver plated.

This project concept makes kit building available to new HAMS who did not have the opportunity and satisfaction of building a Heathkit when they were still available.



Jim Tovet W1JT
Heathkit DX-60
restoration project

CLUB AUCTION -- DONATED EQUIPMENT -- (Photos by Jeff WK1D)



Jeff Ayres WK1D



Karen Trask N1VI



Jim Tovet W1JT

Jeff Ayres WK1D won the bid for a Kenwood TH27A handheld transceiver that was reported to be "receive only" and was donated by **Jim Tynan KC1JET**.

Karen Trask N1VI won the bid for an ARRL Handbook that was donated by **Jim Tovet W1JT**

Jim Tovet W1JT donated a 17 inch LCD monitor that will be held for possible use at Club Special Events.

BOY SCOUTS TO OFFER AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RATING STRIP

HOT NEWS: The Boy Scouts of America has approved an Amateur Radio Operators strip available to all Scouts and Scout leaders who also hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio license of any class. This strip recognizes the Scouts availability as an amateur radio operator for communication service for events or activities, as well as emergencies. This should help encourage Boy Scouts to get their amateur radio license.



DID YOU KNOW: In April 2012, the Boy Scouts added the requirements to earn a Morse code interpreter strip. An



interpreter strip denotes proficiency in a foreign language, or sign language and now Morse code at 5 wpm. The Morse code interpreter strip, shown above, is placed on the front of the uniform and serves as an immediate, visual clue to others that the wearer is able to perform as an interpreter when needed. **Extra Class Question:** What word does the Morse code on the interpreter strip spell ??

IT'S TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This year, it is important to fill out a membership renewal form to keep your info updated. Dues remain at \$20.00 per year. The Whitman Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated Club with over 50% of its members ARRL members. The Whitman Club will need your ARRL membership status info in order to submit our annual ARRL Affiliated Club update following the annual Election of Officers.

SEARCH DOGS NORTHEAST

SPRING -- ALL TEAM TRAINING -- By: Rick Emord KB1TEE

Rick Emord KB1TEE is planning ahead for a Search Dogs Northeast spring training session to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Erwin S. Wilder Wildland located at the end of Toad Island Road in Norton, MA.

Last year **John Murphy W1IG** brought his dog **Molly**, **Greg Glynn W1VFB** hid in the woods, **Don Burke KB1LXH** brought his sons and their Boy Scout troop and **Bill Burke NR1FD** served as the Incident Commander and Net Control. A good time was had by all. Once again **Rick KB1TEE**, as Operations Officer, would like to invite about 6 to 8 interested HAMS to attend this outdoor activity and help provide communication support that would supplement the Search Dogs Northeast commercial handheld radios.



**Rick Emord
KB1TEE**

Rick KB1TEE says: "I would need the HAMS at 8 am when I am trying to set up people and plan out the day's events. I will be setting out the subjects (lost people) for the searches so that the "scent settles". HAMS will need a 2-Meter portable with extra batteries and if they want to they can bring their go kits. All K9 teams will arrive at 10 am. Everyone must check in with the Officer In Charge (OIC) at base when they arrive".

Rick KB1TEE also says: "Bring your own: lunch, drinks, charged radio, GPS, compass, map tools, chair, and anything else you may need. We will provide donuts, coffee, water bottles, and topographical maps". This is an outside activity in the woods so dress appropriately and bring insect repellent.



Rick KB1TEE & Jasmine

(Photo by Rick KB1TEE)

Contact **Rick KB1TEE** at E-Mail kb1tee@verizon.net if you are interested in participating.

BOSTON MARATHON: Marathon Amateur Radio Communications is now accepting volunteers to assist with the 2013 Boston Marathon on April 15th. Positions are available at the start, along the route, and at the finish line. Visit <<http://marc.mmra.org>>.

NEXT V-E EXAM -- SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013 -- IN BRAINTREE

V-E Exams are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree. Contact **Bill Needham, K1WN**, at 781-843-4400 or via email at k1wn@aol.com Walk-ins are no longer permitted. They will be hosting V-E exams at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson Building located at 85 Quincy Ave. in Braintree. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop a note to **Bill** - k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation.

Pi Pugh K1RV reports: "We still meet for breakfast at **Jamie's** in Braintree every Saturday at 7 a.m. before heading over to the Watson Building to spend the morning at the **K1USN** Club station. Talk-in on 146.535 simplex and on the Norwell 145.390 MHz REPEATER PL 67.

The **K1USN** Radio Room is open for visitors from 8:30 a.m. thru noon every Saturday. We have three HF stations and a VHF/UHF station as well as our vintage Navy station available for demonstration and operation".

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH COMMUNICATION TEST

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) conducts a communication test of amateur radio equipment with the local cities and towns on the first Monday of the month.

In this area - a roll call of towns in Plymouth County was made at 8 p.m. on the Norwell 145.390 MHz REPEATER PL 67 by **Rick Emord KB1TEE** and a SIMPLEX test was conducted to simulate REPEATERS being out of service during a storm.



MEMA REGION II PARTICIPANTS – AT THE BUNKER (Photo by **Jessie Miller SWL**)

Participating in February at the MEMA Region II Headquarters (the Bunker) in Bridgewater on the State Prison property were L. to R. **Mike Leger N1LYQ** - MEMA Region II Radio Officer, **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Charlie Amico W1CBR**, **Rick Emord KB1TEE**, **Steve Lempke WA1MZL**, **John Miller N1UMJ** and **Doug Forbes Jr. SWL** - Region II Local Coordinator.



Jessie Miller SWL
John Miller N1UMJ



Rick Emord KB1TEE



Charlie Amico W1CBR

In Region II there are four Section Nets. In February, **John Miller N1UMJ** checked in with the Cape and Islands Sector 2C Net. **Charlie Amico W1CBR** checked in with the Bristol County Sector 2A Net and **Rick Emord KB1TEE** first checked in with the Sharon Sector 2D Net and then was Net Control Operator for the Plymouth County Sector 2B Net.

Participating for the local towns were **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** at the Whitman Auxiliary Emergency Operations Center (EOC). **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** at the Hanson EOC. **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** represented Taunton from his home QTH. **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** representing Carver from his home QTH.

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH COMMUNICATION TEST Cont:

The MEMA Region II Radio Officer – **Mike Leger N1YLQ** - is looking for area HAMs who are interested in volunteering as Net Control Operators at Region II Headquarters located in the Bunker on State Prison property in Bridgewater, MA. and who will be able to help staff the facility in times of emergencies. If you are interested – contact **The Bruce NI1X** and we will make arrangements to attend a First Monday of the Month MEMA Communication Test session.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

HOSPITAL NET -- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013

Karen Trask N1VI reported that 10 South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members participated in the First Saturday of the month (February 2nd) Hospital Communication Test. The Falmouth Hospital was Net Control this month and at the South Shore Hospital **Jim Tynan KC1JET** was the Control Operator.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PARTICIPANTS



John O'Neill K1JRO

Paul Moss KB1MTW

Stan Rydell KB1VGN

Jeff Tracy N1SOM

Al Drollett W1SM

Bob Keaney KB1UCA

Karen Trask N1VI

Charlie Amico W1CBR

KS1Q John Barbuto

Taking Photo - Jim Tynan KC1JET

During a call up on various local REPEATERS, the South Shore Hospital encountered a problem that was rectified when the radio was switched to an alternate antenna.

Along with testing equipment – the chance to be Control Operator on an organized directed Net is great training. You would practice sending routine messages so that in a real emergency you would know the standard procedures for relaying accurate messages and know how to route traffic expediently through voice, packet, landline, or e-mail as the situation changes. On a complex Net you would be expected to keep track of off-frequency stations that are standing by to take traffic messages. During a real emergency you would have to deal with people on low power who are trying to conserve their batteries and you would probably be restricted to simplex operation.

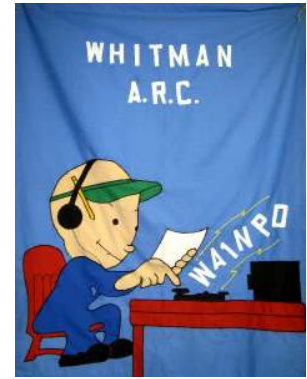
During the Blizzard of February 8th and 9th **Charlie Amico W1CBR**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **John O'Neill K1JRO**, **John Murphy W1IG** and **Joan Cooper-Zack KB1UBZ** were heard operating from the South Shore Hospital. On Friday night, at the start of the Blizzard, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** reported 23 check-ins to the special SKYWARN Net.

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 N1IX** for a Net Control handout.

In January we had 4 sessions with an average of 17 area HAMS checking in each week and 12 messages were sent. In January Whitman Club member **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** sent 660 messages from his home.



**Sending N1IX
an update**

Juergen DL1NBR checked in from Germany via EchoLink

UPDATES RECEIVED:

Richard Metcalf AG1B received a 2-Meter / 220 MHz Wouxun UV3D handheld for Christmas.

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reports that he has finally built a power supply and put his ART-13 Military transmitter (that was used in B29 Bombers) On-The-Air.

Mike Supple KB1OEP put his 2-Meter Ringo Ranger back up in the air.

Bruce Hayden N1IX and **Richard Metcalf AG1B** attended the January 2013 meeting of the Taunton Area Communication Group (TACGroup) at which guest speaker **Vadim Afonkin** gave a video presentation on Radio Directional Finding in Croatia where he won a first place gold medal.

Charlie Amico (old call **KB1WSZ**) has a new call sign **W1CBR**. **Charlie W1CBR** says: "I was an old CBR/NBC NCO while on active duty. CBR stood for Chemical, Biological & Radiological Warfare". **Charlie W1CBR** has a new Kenwood FT-450D transceiver and is "On The Air" with a Hustler vertical antenna (with 20 - 40 & 75-Meter coils) that is mounted on a 10 foot mast and supported by his deck and railing post.

Phil McNamara N1XTB runs a Packet Bulletin Board (**N1XTB-4**) that suffered a brief shutdown in January, caused by a failed power supply, and suffered more problems during the Blizzard of 2013. **Phil N1XTB** also reports: "A new server is being assembled that will support the latest software requirements to serve as a WinLink gateway (**N1XTB-10**)".

TAUNTON EOC: **Rudy Burer KB1LXI** – Assistant Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) reports that the Taunton Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is back On-The-Air after a 2-Meter / 440 MHZ vertical antenna was installed on a utility pole beside the EOC and that he and TEMA Radio Officer **Steve Foster KB1KZW** set up the ICOM IC-706 transceiver as a 2-Meter Base Station.

The Bruce N1IX was given an antique radio receiver by Santa's helper **John Alley W1DMD** – a real radio that glows in the dark. **Ross W1EKG** recognized the radio as a Hammerlund Comet Pro - a general coverage receiver made between 1932 and 1935.

WINTER BLIZZARD OF 2013

Reports of power outages and antenna damage were coming in as a result of the Blizzard of 2013 that started Friday, February 8th and lasted through Saturday, February 9th. Many members reported being without power for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days. A time to hunker down and ride out the storm.

John O'Neill K1JRO reports that he was without power for 62 hours and that his house dropped to 53 degrees inside. Cooking a hot meal was a challenge but in **John's K1JRO** case a propane tank did the job of heating up a pot of tea and warming up some soup. Photos by **John K1JRO**.



Propane tank heater



Linda O'Neill SWL
Tea time



Barry's N1EZH mast, rotor and beams



Karen's N1VI surprise intruder

Barry Kennedy N1EZH sent us the picture of his beam and rotor laying on his deck after the mast snapped during the storm. As you can imagine there were numerous reports from members of tree damage to houses and antenna systems.

Karen Trask N1VI sent us the picture of a branch poking through the ceiling of her bedroom. **Karen N1VI** reports: "It happened at around 11:30 p.m. at night during the height of the storm. It was pretty scary at the time. I've had a roofer over and the hole is fixed on the outside. Just need to get him back to do the inside. All and all I am very fortunate as it could have been much worse.

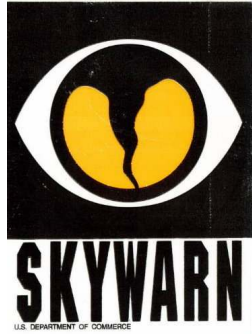
Several members reported operating on generators, which would make a great Technical Topic involving lessons learned along with a review of proper type, sizing, installation, operation and safety. Home battery backup systems were placed into operation and the Whitman REPEATER stayed On-The-Air thanks to a backup generator.

Whitman Club members who are Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members were heard helping out at local Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and local shelters. Other Whitman Club members operated as Home Stations or mobile stations and were heard reporting situational reports (trees down, roads blocked, snow depth) on the Bridgewater REPEATER SKYWARN Net. It was great to hear reports of HAMS helping people in need. HAMS are always ready to lend a helping hand.

MORE BLIZZARD OF 2013 PHOTOS



Jeff N1ZZN 6-Meter beam



Richard's AG1B 2-Meter beam

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN sent us the picture of his antenna mast that bent over in the storm. **Jeff N1ZZN** says: "It had my Comet CX-333 (2/220/440 vertical), 3 element 6-Meter beam, TV antenna, and Davis WX station. Nothing other than the mast itself was damaged. The coax for my HF antenna was also wrapped around the antennas, but neither that or the antenna itself was damaged. I got the vertical and WX station back up in the air on Friday".

Richard Metcalf AG1B sent us the picture of his 14 element 2-Meter beam pointing straight up into the air.

Richard's AG1B electric service was pulled off his house and he operated on generator power for 70 hours. Not a snow plow in sight.



MARLBORO FLEA MARKET - FEBRUARY 16, 2013

Jim Ford NM1F and his daughter **Emily SWL** set up a vendor table at the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club Flea Market in Marlboro - the first Flea Market of the season. Those reporting in were:

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| W1AY | Brad Wilson | K1UFO | Billy Robinson | N1ZZN | Jeff Lehmann |
| KB1REQ | Jeremy Breef-Pilz | KC1JET | Jim Tynan | WI1G | John Murphy |
| K1LJK | Larry Kenney | NM1F | Jim Ford & Emily SWL | | |



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN
Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ



Brad Wilson W1AY
John Murphy WI1G
Billy Robinson K1UFO

MARLBORO FLEA MARKET - FEBRUARY 16, 2013 - Cont:



Jim Ford NM1F reports:
“Very good turnout, very busy,
lots of stuff for sale”.

< **Emily Ford SWL**
< **Jim Ford NM1F**
(photo from last year)

Jim Tynan KC1JET >



BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER UPDATE By: Carl N1FY

Carl Aveni N1FY reports that the Bridgewater Emergency operations Center (EOC), originally located in the basement of the Bridgewater Academy Building in the center of Bridgewater, is being moved to the Bridgewater Middle School located on Prospect Street.

The Academy Building had been scheduled for renovations and plans were in process to relocate the EOC when recently the basement was condemned because of mold caused by leaks in the building. This speeded up the relocation of the EOC. The boxed up radio equipment and furniture was moved on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Carl N1FY reports: “The new radio room is located on the second floor and is three times the size of the former radio room. Plans have been made to have new antennas installed. We are waiting on electrical wiring along with telephone and internet”.

Carl Aveni N1FY sent us the photo taken of himself (**N1FY**) and **Rob Macedo KD1CY** while they were operating at the National Weather Service (NWS) Taunton office during the Blizzard of 2013. **Rob KD1CY** reports: “The Amateur Radio Station at the NWS Taunton office was active for 28 continuous hours”.



Rob Macedo KD1CY
Carl Aveni N1FY

FOR SALE - 900 MHZ RADIO

Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN says: “I’d like to list this radio for sale in the newsletter, would like to get another area HAM on 900 MHz, so wanted to try selling locally.

Motorola MTX9000 B7 (Full Keypad) 900 MHz HT Very Good Condition. Includes 3 Good Batteries (one has clip to hold to radio broken so must be held on with a rubber band), antenna, and charger.

Asking price is \$150, and I will program it with any updates for the life of the radio”. Contact **Jeff N1ZZN** at n1zzn@comcast.net



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ANTIQUE RADIO FLEA MARKET - RADIO XLIV – FEB. 17, 2013 - WESTFORD, MA.

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reports that he is a member of the New England Antique Radio Club (NEARC), who sponsored this event, and helped out as the event coordinator.

Ross W1EKG also reported “This is the biggest Antique Radio Show on the East Coast and was held on February 17, 2013 at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center - in Westford, MA.

The turnout for the show was remarkable considering the weather - It was snowing during the event. We had 58 sellers spread over about 100 tables and 194 buyers”.



Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG



Floor consoles, Atwater Kent, Philco, and many more real radios that glow in the dark

Ross W1EKG reports that he bought a 1942 WWII general coverage U.S. Army Signal Corp BC-779 receiver with its power supply and a 1942 ARB aircraft receiver (also WWII) and some tubes.

Billy Robinson K1UFO also attended with his friend **Fred SWL** and reported that he purchased a Globe Champion 300 AM transmitter.



PLYMOUTH EVACUATION DRILL -- MARCH 21, 2013 -- THIS IS A DRILL

The Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant will be holding a graded exercise involving parts of their Plymouth Evacuation Plan on March 21, 2013 sometime during normal working hours. The graded exercise will involve local Emergency Operations Centers in the host communities of Taunton, Bridgewater, and Braintree.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency MEMA Region II headquarters will be using the Norwell 145.390 MHz REPEATER during this exercise. The Bridgewater 147.180 MHz REPEATER may be used as well. All transmissions will start and stop with “**THIS IS A DRILL**”



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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, Mar. 6th at 7:00 p.m.
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Club REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67

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