



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

March 2013

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – Several members reported making temporary repairs to damaged antennas while others said they will wait for better weather.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** reported that 9 Whitman Club members participated in the First Monday of the Month Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency communication test, **John O'Neill K1JRO** reported 9 South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members participated in the First Saturday of the Month Hospital Communication Test. **Bruce NI1X** along with **Phil McNamara N1XTB**, **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** and **Al Drollett Jr. W1SM** helped provide communication support for a Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant Evacuation Drill with local cities and towns.



**John Duprey
KB1SVY**

Bruce Hayden NI1X reported that he, along with **Billy Robinson K1UFO**, **Brad Wilson W1AY** and **Fred Birtwell SWL**, attended an ARES workshop that included talks on tactical communication used at the Boston Marathon and with SKYWARN along with a very interesting talk on the Narrow Band Messaging digital mode of operation.

At the March meeting **Charlie Amico W1CBR** was heard telling some of us about his stealth antenna project and he agreed to write an article about it for the newsletter. **Charlie W1CBR** also reports that he will be holding a second General Upgrade Class in mid May. Come to the next meeting and share your latest projects with the other members present.

73 From John Duprey KB1SVY

THE FIRST OF MANY ANTENNA PARTIES

at Loren Pimentel's N1IQI House

The first of many antenna parties was reported by **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** after he called for help repairing his PACKET antenna that had blown over during the blizzard of 2013.

Tom Wilson W1ICU – on the ladder - reports that he and **Jim Tovet W1JT** – on the roof – were doing their best to keep **Loren N1IQI** on the PACKET airwaves.

The antenna party made repairs to **Loren's N1IQI** 2-Meter vertical on Saturday, February 23rd just in the nick of time - just before the next storm arrived. HAMs are always ready to lend a helping hand. (Photo by **Tom W1ICU**)



**Jim W1JT on the roof
Tom W1ICU on the ladder**

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2013 de KB1CYV

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **John Duprey KB1SVY** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman, MA. (Photo by **Jeff WK1D**)



Roy Logan KB1CYV
Temp. Secretary



Paul Moss **Jeff Tracy** **John Duprey**
KB1MTW V. Pres. **N1SOM Tres.** **KB1SVY Pres.**

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

KB1SVY	John Duprey	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	WK1D	Jeff Ayres	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy
W1MSP	Mike Petrou	N1VTI	Paul Burbine	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel
W1JT	Jim Tovet	WA1ZKK	Al Craddock	WI1G	John Murphy
N1SON	Bill Tracy	KB1OEP	Mike Supple	KB1VGN	Stan Rydell
NI1X	Bruce Hayden	N1LBV	Dan McCarthy	W1CBR	Charlie Amico
KB1YII	Michael Whyer	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	N1JCW	Jim Wolf
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	AG1B	Richard Metcalf	KC1JET	Jim Tynan
W1JGR	John Ruppel	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
W1LJK	Larry Kenney	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	N1OYH	Carl Davis	K1UFO	Billy Robinson
WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	W1AY	Brad Wilson	KA1DON	Don Cahill
W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser	SWL	Fred Birtwell (Guest)		

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for February was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Jeff N1ZZN** made a motion, seconded by **Stan KB1VGN**, 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 **Richard AG1B**, that the February secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The Field Day committee will meet shortly to discuss antenna issues. **Jeff N1ZZN** reported REPEATER crackling problems need to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS: **Ross W1EKG** reported NEARFest will be held on May 3rd -4th. **Bill N1FRE** has obtained flyers promoting the May Club flea-market for members to post in various locations. Efforts will be made to create a vendor email data base. **Paul KB1MTW** reported that the Chelmsford, England Radio Club will be operating a special event station G100RSGB. More information to follow. **Ross W1EKG** made a motion that the Club continue to support the Whitman-Hanson High School "Dollars For Scholars" program. **Bill N1FRE** seconded the motion with the recommendation the donation be as last year. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2013 de KB1CYV

NEW BUSINESS Cont: Jeff N1ZZN reported design work being done for web site use and updated Club patches. Charlie W1CBR is seeking ideas from members on the design of a Marshfield Fair Certificate and of ways to attract the public to our booth. Charlie W1CBR also discussed the possibility of Technician and General license classes later in the Spring. John KB1SVY reported Tim Allen's TV show "Last Man Standing" will be featuring more HAM activity. Several crew members are HAMs and have an active station on the set. Check listings for Friday nights.

NET CONTROL 3/10 Bill N1FRE - 3/17 Jeff N1SOM - 3/24 Jeff WK1D - 3/31 Mike KB1OEP

CLOSE: President John KB1SVY closed the business meeting at 7:33 p.m. on a motion made by John WI1G and seconded by Jim KC1JET. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: After the meeting we received a report from Elayne Tovet KB1IKH that a get well card was sent to Gary Cumiskey W1GRC.

UPCOMING GENERAL CLASSES -- END OF MAY -- FIRST OF JUNE

Charlie Amico W1CBR – our Training Coordinator - has made arrangements to hold General License upgrade classes at the Abington Library starting in the middle of May and lasting several weeks. The text book is the Gordon West General Class and the plan is to listen to the Gordon West instruction CD and have some show and tell operational presentations at each session. The instructional course CD follows the Gordon West book exactly.

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 February we had 4 sessions with an average of 22 area HAMs checking in each week and 12 messages were sent. In February Whitman Club member Loren Pimentel N1IQI sent 446 messages from his home QTH.



**Sending NI1X
an update**

Juergen DL1NBR checked in from Germany via EchoLink and then after the Net, and later in March, he checked in from the State of Georgia while vacationing in the United States.

Kevin O'Donnell K1KOD checked in via EchoLink, after the Net, from Loon Mountain while on a family ski vacation.

Update: Karen Trask N1VI reported that she visited a Tamiami Amateur Radio Club meeting while vacationing in Florida where she played golf while the latest Blizzard hit New England.

Update: Marsha Forde KW1U – the ARRL Eastern Mass. Section Traffic Manager – was awarded the ARRL **George Hart Distinguished Service Award** for her service and dedication to the National Traffic System.

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 **Bruce Hayden N1IX**. One RADIOGRAM message was read and a SIMPLEX test was conducted to simulate REPEATERS being out of service during a storm.



Charlie Amico W1CBR
Sharon REPEATER



Rick Emord KB1TEE
(Bristol County)



John Miller N1UMJ
(Cape & Islands)

There are four Nets. There is the Sector 2A Net (Covering Bristol County) on the Dartmouth REPEATER at 7:30 p.m., the Sector 2B Net (Covering Plymouth County) on the Norwell REPEATER at 8:00 p.m., the Sector 2C Net (Covering the Cape and Islands) on the Dennis REPEATER at 8:00 p.m. and the Sector 2D Net on the Sharon REPEATER at 7:30 p.m.

This month – two Nets were run from Region II Headquarters and two Nets were run from remote stations. **Bruce N1IX**, **Charlie W1CBR**, **Rick KB1TEE** and **John N1UMJ** each covered a separate Net.

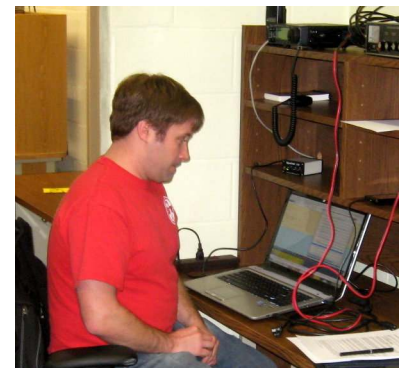
Whitman Club members heard checking in for their local towns Emergency Operations Center (EOC) were: **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** from Whitman, **Jim Madden KB1PFL** from Pembroke, **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** from Hanson and **John O’Neill K1JRO** from the South Shore Hospital.

Don Rolph III AB1PH of East Walpole was Net Control Operator for the MEMA HF Net on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. that operated on 3.930 MHz and logged in Whitman Club member **Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ** of Mansfield. **Don AB1PH** reports: “The problem is finding a clear frequency around the published 3.943 MHz primary frequency”.

Mike Leger N1YLQ – the MEMA Region II Radio Officer - set up an HF station at Region II and made several world wide contacts while experimenting with the PSK-31 digital mode of operation.



Bruce Hayden N1IX
(Plymouth County)



Mike Leger N1YLQ
HF Station

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB UPDATE: By John O'Neill K1JRO

John O'Neill K1JRO reported 9 South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members were present during the First Saturday of the Month (March) Hospital Communication Test.

Bob Keaney KB1UCA was Net Control Operator at the South Shore Hospital and conducted 7 separate call ups on 7 separate local REPEATERS. This month two other hospitals, four local town Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) and three home stations participated. **Bob KB1UCA** then held a SIMPLEX call up with relays as necessary.



John Barbuto KS1Q Trainer
Bob Keaney KB1UCA Net Control

John Barbuto KS1Q is shown helping **Bob Keaney KB1UCA** with the logging. The plan is to rotate the Net Control Operator duty among the SSHARC members so everyone gains experience as a Net Control Operator.

SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PARTICIPANTS

(Photos by **Jim Tynan KC1JET** and **John O'Neill K1JRO**)



Stan Rydell
KB1VGN

Charlie Amico
W1CBR

Jim Tynan
KC1JET

Al Drollett Jr.
W1SM

A fourth antenna which will cover the 222 MHZ band will soon be installed as plans move forward for 222 MHz communications capability from the hospital.

Also brought up for consideration were the anticipated requests for radio coverage at upcoming road races. A sure sign that spring is coming soon!



Jeff Tracy
N1SOM

Paul Moss
KB1MTW



John O'Neill
K1JRO

TECHNICAL TOPICS -- A STEALTH ANTENNA – By Charlie Amico W1CBR

You can have the very best transceiver and without an antenna you have nothing more than an expensive boat anchor. Back in the days of amateur radios birth, HAM operators were known to use bed springs as antennas and they would work the world. Just had to make sure the kids did not touch the bed springs when grandpa was on the radio.

I faced a situation where we have deed restrictions in place for outside antennas. I have very good residents who do not complain about my J-Pole outside the skylight or the mobile antenna mounted on my fence post in the backyard. I found I needed more to really get out. I read many articles on different configurations and came across a gutter system.

I read several articles and figured what's to lose. My gutters are all aluminum and are all one piece formed on site. My downspouts are several pieces all screwed together. The gutter is approximately 25 feet high with an east orientation and 32 feet long and the downspouts are approximately 25 long.



**Out through soffit
and into gutter downspout**



**Attachment to gutter downspout
and shield to ground rod**

I ran a section of 75 ohm coax cable through the attic and out through the soffit and then around the outside of the gutter and down the inside of the downspout to the bottom. I attached the center line of the coax to the gutter itself and the braided line to a 5 foot ground rod I hammered in place. Off the ground rod are 6 radials buried under mulch. The radials are 90", 80", 70", and 60".

During the first week, using my gutter antenna, I worked 21 countries out of Europe, 3 from South America and several States from New England to the west coast as well as the south. I am running a Yaesu FT-450-D with a built in tuner which seems to work great with the gutter system. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help out in any way.



**Charlie Amico W1CBR
On The Air**

73 From Charlie Amico W1CBR

Did you know that there are a little over 700,000 HAMs in the United States alone and as **The Bruce N11X** say "If we all made one contact a day the bands would be jumping".

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE -- WORKSHOP

"FROM TACTICAL TO DIGITAL"

The South Shore District of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), in conjunction with the South Eastern Mass. Amateur Radio Association (SEMARA), hosted a District meeting on March 16, 2013. The host was **Ed Caron KA1RSY**, the South Shore ARES District Emergency Coordinator, and the meeting was held at the SEMARA Cub House in Dartmouth, MA.

The purpose of this meeting was to get South Shore ARES members together for an "eye ball" sit down and enjoy a day of presentations on amateur radio and discuss and ask questions about Amateur Radio Emergency Communications. The theme for this meeting was "From Tactical to Digital".

ARES WORKSHOP HOST AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Left to Right:

Steve Schwarm W3EVE

Rob Macedo KD1CY

Ed Caron KB1RSY

Frank O'Laughlin WQ10

Carl Aveni N1FY



Steve
W3EVE

Rob
KD1CY

Ed (Host)
KA1RSY

Frank
WQ10

Carl
N1FY

BOSTON MARATHON - ARES: The first speaker was **Steve Schwarm W3EVE**, the ARRL Eastern Mass. Section District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) in charge of Field Operations. **Steve W3EVE** is one of the coordinators for Amateur Radio Operations at the Boston Marathon, which is the largest Amateur Radio Public Service event in New England with over 250 HAMs involved. **Steve's W3EVE** presentation was on the "Tactical" side of HAM radio and he discussed the details of the vast operations at the upcoming April 15th Marathon. Once again, it is anticipated that phone circuits will be overloaded and, as an example, in 2004 - 196 ambulance calls were made by amateur radio. More HAM volunteers are needed this year. Visit <http://marc.mmra.org> to sign up.

SKYWARN / ARES / RACES: The second speaker was **Rob Macedo KD1CY**, the Eastern Mass. ARES Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) and SKYWARN Coordinator for the National Weather Service in Taunton. **Rob KD1CY** spoke on the importance of the situational awareness and disaster intelligence gathering ability of the SKYWARN Observers to National weather, the local communities and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The next SKYWARN training in this area will be at the Morton Hospital in Taunton, Mass. on June 17th. Assisting **Rob KD1CY** was **Carl Aveni N1FY** who is an Assistant SEC.

Attending the ARES Workshop from the Whitman Club were L. to R:

Fred Birtwell SWL

Billy Robinson K1UFO

Bruce Hayden NI1X

Brad Wilson W1AY



Whitman Club Workshop participants

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (ARES) WORKSHOP Cont:

NARROW BAND MESSAGING By: Frank O'Laughlin WQ10

The third presentation was given by **Frank O'Laughlin WQ10** and his partner **Dan Howard K1DYO** who gave a very interesting show and tell presentation with their 2-Meter "Go Kits" on the latest digital technology - Narrow Band Messaging (NBMSG).

Fldigi is a computer program intended for Amateur Radio Digital Mode operation using a Personal Computer (PC). You connect your personal computer to your transceiver with a PC sound card. The sound card costs \$100.00 and includes a custom made cable to connect the sound card to your particular model transceiver. Fldigi is multi-mode, and includes all the popular modes, such as PSK-31 and RTTY.

The NBMSG software computer screen layout consists of a message format with the option of selecting one of several standard message forms like the RADIOGRAM format. The software was developed by **David Freese Jr. W1HKJ** and is available free of charge.



Dan Howard K1DYO
and his digital Go Kit

Go to www.w1hkj.com/download.html and download "Windows setup fldigi"

The intent is to pass secure traffic by SIMPLEX between a Shelter and the local Emergency Operations Center. By using two digital "Go Kits" that were operating on 2-Meters – **Frank WQ10** and **Dan K1DYO** demonstrated how you would send Narrow Band digital traffic messages between stations using the Fldigi software. Cape and Islands ARES, under **Frank's WQ10** guidance, is experimenting with this Narrow Band Messaging system to compliment their existing WinLink system. **Frank WQ10** recommends downloading the fldigi software and start getting familiar with the screen setup even before you get your soundcard interface setup with your transceiver.

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 7TH FRAMINGHAM FLEA MARKET: The Framingham ARA will hold its annual Spring Flea Market and Exams on April 7th at the Keefe Technical School in Framingham. Details can be found at: <<http://www.w1fy.org/Flea.aspx>>

APRIL 13TH V-E TESTING SESSION IN BRAINTREE: **V-E Exams** are held the 2nd Saturday of every month, in Braintree. Walk-ins are no longer permitted. The team will be hosting V-E exams at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson Building located at 85 Quincy Ave. in Braintree. Contact **Bill Needham K1WN** at k1wn@aol.com or Tel: 781-843-4400 to confirm a reservation.

APRIL 15th BOSTON MARATHON: Marathon Amateur Radio Communications still needs volunteers to assist with the 2013 Boston Marathon on April 15. Visit <<http://marc.mmra.org>>.

APRIL 20TH – BROCKTON YMCA ROAD RACE: The Massasoit Club has volunteered to provide communication support for this 2nd annual Road Race. **Carl Aveni N1FY** is coordinating the HAMS participating. Contact **Carl N1FY** at E-Mail caave@peoplepc.com if you are able to participate. HAMS will meet at 8:15 a.m. at the abandoned Gas Station on Main Street in Brockton, which is about a block and a half south of the YMCA to get assignments.

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR Cont:

APRIL 20th ANTIQUE RADIO FLEA MARKET: Brookline Event Center – 32 Proctor Hill Road – Brookline, NH. on Saturday, April 20th. Price \$4.00 at 8:30 a.m. (\$10.00 for early buyers - 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.). **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** reports there will be a special Auction at 12 noon – over 100 items from the **George J. Helmer III** collection of antique radios from the 1920s thru 1950s

APRIL 21TH THE FLEA AT MIT: Also May 19th, June 16th, and July 21st (third Sunday of the Month). Located at Albany and Main Street in Cambridge, Mass. See www.mitflea.com for details.

APRIL 27TH SEARCH DOGS NORTHEAST – ALL TEAM TRAINING

See article in Whitman Club February 2013 newsletter. Contact **Rick Emord KB1TEE** at E-Mail kb1tee@verizon.net to volunteer your help.

APRIL 29TH GOOD FRIDAY WALK – HINGHAM, MA.

The Race / walk is 20 miles and begins and ends at the Plymouth River School on High Street in Hingham. Start time is 7:30 a.m. Contact **Jeff Ayres WK1D** at E-Mail jeffayres@verizon.net, who has volunteered to participate for more information.

MAY 3RD & 4TH NEARFest OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET – Deerfield, NH.

In New Hampshire - take Exit 3 off Rt. 101 East and follow Rt. 43 north to the Deerfield Fairgrounds. See www.NEAR-Fest.com for more details.

MAY 11TH SEMARA FLEA MARKET: Tailgate Flea Market at SEMARA Club House 94 Donald Street in Dartmouth, Mass. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013

MAY 17TH THRU 19TH DAYTON, OHIO HAMVENTION

Take pictures for the newsletter.

MAY 26TH & 27TH WHITMAN CLUB MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET

Whitman Knights of Columbus parking lot – 1195 Bedford Street – (Rt. 18 at the Abington line) in Whitman, MA. 7 a.m. start time. Vendor tables \$25.00 for one day. (\$40.00 for two days).

JUNE 1ST MIDDLEBORO YMCA 10K ROAD RACE and Woody's Walk: The Massasoit Club has volunteered to provide communication support for this Road Race which will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at camp YOMECHAS in South Middleboro. HAMs will meet at 7 am at the Dunkin Donuts located at the intersection of Rt. 18 & Rt. 105 in Middleboro to get assignments. Contact **Carl Aveni N1FY** at E-Mail ccaves@peoplepc.com to volunteer your help.

JUNE 17TH – SKYWARN TRAINING – MORTON HOSPITAL – TAUNTON, MA.

Hosted by the Taunton Area Communication Group. Time 7 p.m. in the Margaret Stone Conference room.

JUNE 22ND & 23RD FIELD DAY 2013: The Whitman Club Field Day 2013 will be held on the East Bridgewater YMCA property. Details at the next meetings.

JULY 7TH MIDDLEBORO YMCA TRIATHLON: The Massasoit Club has volunteered to provide communication support for this Triathlon which will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2013 at Camp YOMECHAS in South Middleboro. HAMs will meet at 7 am at the Dunkin Donuts located at the intersection of Rt. 18 & Rt. 105 in Middleboro to get assignments. Contact **Carl Aveni N1FY** at E-Mail ccaves@peoplepc.com to volunteer your help.

JULY 12TH -14TH World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) – Summer set up and testing. See - Cycle 24 - Beam Antenna - next page.

FOR SALE -- THE CYCLE 24 -- TX-38 -- BEAM ANTENNA -- \$800.00

Jeff Ayres WK1D reports: "I just got an invite from the WRTC 2014 Test Team for this summer. They are looking for additional volunteers for this year's testing which will take place on July 12 thru 14, 2013. I had a great time last year, and I am looking forward to it again this year". Contact **Jeff WK1D** at E-Mail jeffayres@verizon.net for more information if you are interested in helping set up the test site antennas and equipment this summer. Also check out www.wrtc2014.org for more details. The antenna selected is selling for \$800.00 at this time.



PLYMOUTH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT EVACUATION PLAN By: The Bruce NI1X

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRADED EXERCISE



The Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant is required to have an evacuation plan for a 10 mile radius around the plant. The host communities, where the residents of Plymouth are to be sent, are the town of Bridgewater, the town of Braintree and the City of Taunton.

The Plymouth Evacuation Plan calls for backup amateur radio communications between the local Emergency Operations Centers and the local Reception Centers, Transportation Staging Areas, the Host Schools and the Mass Care Shelters.

In the City of Taunton, the person responsible for implementing this evacuation plan is **Rick Ferreira KB1KWF** – Director of the Taunton Emergency Management Agency and his assistant **Rudy Burer KB1LXI**.



Rudy Burer KB1LXI

Rick Ferreira KB1KWF

As you can imagine - with 10,000 students being transported to host schools in Taunton and followed by their parents - this is a city wide effort that requires a coordinated plan, implemented by the Taunton Emergency Management Agency and includes participation by the Mayors Office, Police Dept., Fire Dept, Public Works, Municipal Light Plant, Health Dept., School Dept., Red Cross and Taunton Emergency Management Agency volunteers. All departments, including HAM radio, have a representative present in the Taunton Emergency Operations Center.

A Federal Emergency Management Agency graded exercise took place on Thursday, March 21, 2013 during normal working hours. The alert was sent out by selective automated phone calls to all members of the local cities and towns Emergency Management Agency registered primary team participants. You respond to the phone call with your estimated time of arrival.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GRADED EXERCISE

Reporting to the Taunton Emergency Operations Center were **Steve Foster KB1KZW** – the Taunton Communication Officer and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** – one of the two amateur radio coordinators.

The Taunton communication team was monitoring the Boston Edison Communication System (BECOM) radio and dedicated telephone lines.

Amateur radio contact was established with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Region II headquarters located in the Bunker on State prison property in Bridgewater and with other local city and town Emergency Operations Centers. The Taunton 147.135 MHz REPEATER was used and each message included the statement " This is a drill".



Bruce Hayden NI1X
Steve Foster KB1KZW

During a full scale Plymouth evacuation, amateur radio operators would be needed at the Reception Center, Transportation Staging Area, the Host Schools and any Mass Care Shelters that were opened. Many of the local cities and towns are recruiting a primary team of local HAM volunteers.

CARVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PARTICIPANTS

At the same time, Whitman Club members reporting to the Carver Emergency Operations Center were **Phil McNamara N1XTB**, **Loren Pimentel N1IQI**, and **Al Drollett Jr. W1SM**. The Carver team also includes area HAM **Bart Devine KB1TED** of Middleboro. The drill was conducted using the Norwell 145.390 MHz REPEATER for Plymouth county towns.

Phil N1XTB reports: "Carver is in the Plymouth Emergency Preparedness Zone community and has a Transportation Staging Area.

The town of Carver is one of the communities that would get direction from MEMA/MA Public Health whether to shelter-in-place or evacuate".



Phil N1XTB



Loren N1IQI



Al W1SM

Amateur radio (HAMs) volunteer are being asked to commit to, and register with, their local city or town, hospital, or Red Cross organizations as a primary team member. To staff relief operations in South Eastern Massachusetts, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) would be called to supply relief operators from Western Massachusetts and neighboring states. If you want more information on the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and how you can volunteer your services in times of emergencies, you can contact **Phil N1XTB** at n1xtb@powersrvcs.com

Offering amateur radio technician classes to town volunteers is an effective program that as we say "adds another tool to their tool box" so that the volunteers assigned to the local shelters can provide a dual role that included backup amateur radio emergency communication.



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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, April 3rd 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

Club EchoLink Node 484193

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