



The Whitman Amateur Radio Club, Inc. September/October 2013

SPECTRUM



The Voice of the Humble Electron

Founded 1962

Bruce Hayden NI1X- "The Bruce" - SK October 6, 2013

SILENT KEY: Long time Whitman Club member, **The Spectrum Editor**, and one of the main reasons the club exists today, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** became a Silent Key on October 6, 2013.



Bruce Hayden NI1X

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This is **John KB1SVY** – A tribute to “**The Bruce**” NI1X.

By now I guess most of you have heard that NI1X “**The Bruce**” became a silent key on October 6th.

The very first time I came to a meeting of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club, it was **Bruce** who welcomed me and made a point of telling me all the great things the Club does. **Bruce** was a welcoming and kind hearted person, who exemplified what a HAM should be. People like **Bruce** happily give their time and service to help out others and the community without expecting anything in return. He was one of the Key Members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. He helped keep the Club running through good times and bad. He put out, almost singlehandedly, one of the best club newsletters I have ever seen. He was always a friendly and helpful voice on the radio and a helping hand at Club and community events.

Bruce was always ready to take his radios out for a Fox Hunt, for which his excitement was evident. Whether he was hiding out as the Fox, or hunting down the Fox, **Bruce** enjoyed every second of the hunt.

Although I have only known **Bruce** a few years, I will miss him, and I know the Club will miss him. The Club will never quite be the same without him, but we will continue to grow and thrive and carry on the legacy of **Bruce** and others who have made the Whitman Amateur Radio Club one of the largest and best groups in New England. 73 **Bruce NI1X**, Godspeed my friend, I will see you in the next logbook.

John Duprey KB1SVY

EDITOR'S NOTE: We would like to dedicate a special October issue to the memory of **Bruce Hayden NI1X**. Please send your thoughts, memories, comments, and pictures to **Jeff Ayres WK1D** at: wk1d@arri.net, who is temporarily serving the Club as Acting Editor, and is assisted by **Steve Cohn W1OD** and **Larry Kenney K1LJK**.

Please send all future information for *The Spectrum* to **Jeff WK1D** at wk1d@arri.net.

HAVING FUN: Rick Emord **KB1TEE** hosted a Barbeque and QSO party = BBQSO at his house in August with **Bruce Hayden N1IX**, **Barry Kennedy N1EZH**, **Bill Burke NR1FD**, **Pete Curley N1NVV** and **Jim Wolf N1JCW** in attendance.

PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO: **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** set up an amateur radio table at the Cranland Airport for the August – Fly-In -Breakfast - with 12 area HAMS participating.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **John O’Neill K1JRO** reports that the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club helped provide communication support for the three (3) Run To The Rock Road Races held in Plymouth, MA. on Saturday, September 7, 2013 with about 30 area HAMS participating. Participating in the Monthly MEMA Region II Communication Test were **Bill Hayden N1FRE**, **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN**, **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC**, **Barry Kennedy N1EZH**, **Bill Hart KB1ZJW**, **Jim Madden KB1PFL** and **Bruce Hayden N1IX**. **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** was Net Control for the monthly **ARES Net** on the linked REPEATERS.

SILENT KEY: Long time Whitman Club member **Vic Kairis N1OEH** became a Silent Key in August.

Vic N1OEH was a graduate of **Bob Schillinger’s KR6EC** class of 1993. When **Vic N1OEH SK** who lived in Brockton was diagnosed with serious medical problems a few years ago, he moved to Berlin, NH to live with son **Patrick SWL**. **John Coombs WQ1L** met with **Vic N1OEH SK** when he visited Brockton on occasion. **John** received numerous telephone reports that **Vic** was enjoying his stay in New Hampshire with his son. Our condolences to **Vic’s N1OEH SK** son **Patrick**, and his family and friends.



Vic Kairis N1OEH , Silent Key

SECRETARY’S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF September 4, 2013 de W1CBR

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)



Paul Moss
KB1MTW
Vice. Pres

Charlie Amico
W1CBR
Secretary

Jeff Tracy
N1SOM
Treasurer

John Duprey
KB1SVY
President

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF Sept. 4, 2013 Cont: de W1CBR

ATTENDANCE: 44 members/guests were present, including four elected Officers and three Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1MTW	Paul Moss	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	W1AY	Brad Wilson
W1CBR	Charlie Amico	N1ISS	Mark Sullivan	K1UFO	Billy Robinson
N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	KC1ACG	Fred Birtwell
KB1SVY	John Duprey	N1OYH	Carl Davis	N1JCW	Jim Wolf
WA1ZKK	Al Craddock	KC1FZ	George Davis	N1BMT	Rob Tricomi
W1JT	Jim Tovet	W1IG	John Murphy	KB1ZJW	Bill Hart
KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	N1VTI	Paul Burbine	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser
N1VI	Karen Trask	N1SON	Bill Tracy	W1JGR	John Ruppel
SWL	Michelle Duprey	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes
WK1D	Jeff Ayres	NM1F	Jim Ford	KC1JET	Jim Tynan
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KA1CQD	Fred Sanford	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
N1EZH	Barry Kennedy	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	K1LJK	Larry Kenney
W1MSP	Mike Petrou	N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	WA1YKF	Warren Dickie
AG1B	Richard Metcalf	KA1DON	Don Cahill	K1VU	Bob Johnson
SWL	Bob Bek Guest - invited to come to the meeting at the Marshfield Fair.				

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for August was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded that the August secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The club put up for sale some pre-owned HF gear, which netted the club \$130.00.

A discussion ensued concerning the proper use of the repeater, including proper signing in and out, and ensuring that other HAMS using the repeater are not "stepped on."

Marshfield Fair

The 2013 Marshfield Fair was a tremendous success as indicated by the special edition of The Spectrum, published by "**The Bruce**" **N1IX**. It is available on the Club's website. During the fair several people approached Club members asking about HAM Radio courses, and **Charlie W1CBR** is looking into holding a Technician course in November. **Charlie W1CBR** is hoping he can hold the course in a facility at no charge to the Club. A suggestion was made to have a sign-in book or sheet at future events so that visitors can provide their names and contact information, to enable us to do a proper follow-up. **Bill N1FRE** made a motion to donate \$100.00 to The Marshfield Fair. This was seconded and approved. **Bill N1FRE** offered to accompany **Charlie W1CBR** to the Fair meeting to present the check. **Charlie W1CBR** also announced that two radiograms were sent to military personnel serving in combat from the club's station at the Fair. A total of 273 contacts were made with 16 countries. **Charlie W1CBR** reported contacts were way up from last year despite the band conditions. The old equipment on display seemed to draw a considerable interest this year. Having "hands-on" exhibits and operating radios outside the building seemed to draw in more people. Using speakers instead of headphones allowed more people to hear and observe to better absorb more of

Flea Market

Jeff N1SOM reported that due to the poor weather conditions and the low turnout, the K of C did not charge us for use of the grounds. **Jeff N1SOM** also reported a change will be made in the days for next year's Flea Market, and the Club will be asking for pre-payment of booth space by the vendors, which would allow them to move inside the hall in case of bad weather. The Spring Flea Market will be held the weekend before Memorial Day to hopefully bring in more people. **Jim Tovet W1JT** offered to manage the Flea Market as a business venture. Many more details will be forthcoming. **Ross W1EKG** conducted a survey of the vendors in May, and it was a 50/50 split of whether the Flea Market should be held on a Sunday/Monday or a Saturday/Sunday. It was suggested we book the hall early to ensure we have the date. A suggestion was made to hand out Flea Market fliers at the next year's Marshfield Fair to the vendors there, to try to attract some of the local vendors. It was also proposed that **Jim W1JT** develop a plan for the Flea Market and to take control of the event, as well as securing the commitments from the membership to provide help. This was seconded and approved.

Net controls for the Cranland Airport booth were announced and **Ross W1EKG** reported the event was a huge success. It helped that many pilots were also HAMs and took to the skies with some of our members for photos. Thank you **Ross W1EKG!**

A motion was offered that **Juergen DL1NBR** and **Chin 9M2MCW** be made honorary members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. This was seconded and approved. Certificates have been created and are in the process of being printed for mailing to them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff N1ZZN reported that the repeater purchases from last month for Raspberry will need a few more dollars. A proposal for additional funds was made, seconded and approved.

A request was made for donations for the upcoming **NEAR-Fest** as the club has nothing to sell off!

Jeff N1ZZN will put a notice in QST for the **Plimoth Plantation** operation.

Following the raffle of the Baofeng radio, a motion was made by **John KB1SVY** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH** reported that a card and flowers were sent to **Billy Robinson K1UFO** on the passing of his father, a card was sent to **Vick Carus W1OEH** family.

NET CONTROLS

for the month of September are:

9/8	Bill Hayden N1FRE
9/15	Paul Burbine N1VTI
9/22	Jeff Tracy N1SOM;
9/29	Jeff Ayres WK1D

NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the K of C in Whitman.

RAFFLE - BAOFENG RADIO

Billy Robinson K1UFO bought a Baofeng 2-Meter/440 MHz handheld transceiver for about \$50.00 (brand new, in the box) and offered to raffle it off at the Club meeting, to raise money for the Club.

Billy K1UFO made his money back, and the Club pulled in about \$140.00 - What a great idea!

The lucky winner was **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH**



(Photo by Jeff WK1D)

Billy Robinson K1UFO **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH**

NEW MEMBERS

Mark Sullivan N1ISS of East Weymouth, holds a General Class license.

Don Wettergreen KC1ALO of Abington, right, passed the Technician Exam at the September VE session at K1USN/Braintree. He is shown receiving his certificate from **Ralph Butler W1BT**.

(Photo by Jeff WK1D)



Don Wettergreen, KC1ALO
Ralph Butler W1BT

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF October 2, 2013 de W1CBR

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



Paul Moss
KB1MTW
Vice. Pres

Charlie Amico
W1CBR
Secretary

Jeff Tracy
N1SOM
Treasurer

John Duprey
KB1SVY
President

ATTENDANCE: 42 members and 1 guest were present, including four elected Officers and 3 Directors. A quorum was present.

N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser	N1SON	Bill Tracy
KB1CYV	Roy Logan	KB1ACG	Fred Birtwell	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	K1WGU	Bob Bass	KB1SVY	John Duprey
WK1D	Jeff Ayres	N1OYH	Carl Davis	N1CFB	Chris Babbitt
N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	KC1FZ	George Davis	N1ISS	Mark Sullivan
W1JT	Jim Tovet	KA1CQD	Fred Sanford	KB1OEP	Mike Supple
KB1IKH	Elayne Tovet	KB1OEQ	Ron Stundze	W1AY	Brad Wilson
AG1B	Richard Metcalf	KB1SRO	Judy Attaya- Harris	K1WGU	Bob Bass
K1UFO	Billy Robinson	WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	KB1MJL	Al Marshall	W1JGR	John Ruppel
N1FRE	Bill Hayden	W1SM	Al Drollett	W1OD	Steve Cohn
W1CBR	Charlie Amico	K1AWB	Steve Laroe	GUEST:	
KB1ZJW	Bill Hart	W1IG	John Murphy	SWL	Patrick Laroe
KB1MOC	Kevin Dykes	KB1LJK	Larry Kenney		
N1JCW	Jim Wolf	KC1ALO	Don Wettergreen		
KA1DON	Don Cahill				

Just a reminder: Please be sure to sign the Meeting Log sheet, as that is the only way to be listed as attending the meeting. In the past a member or two have not been listed as attending. A double check of the log sheet showed they were not listed on it.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Before the start of the meeting, **John KB1SVY** turned the meeting over to **Mr. Toomey** of the **Knights of Columbus**, who spoke about their charity and that tickets were available for the charity. They have supported it for many years. We thanked the K of C for their support of **WARC** activities.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF October 2, 2013 Cont: de W1CBR

The **WARC** received two Thank You notes from the **Dollars for Scholars** winner and the Principal of **Whitman /Hanson Regional High School** for our support of the scholarship.

We also received a letter of thanks for our donation of \$200.00 from the East Bridgewater YMCA

Two applications for Club membership were presented to the Club for approval: **Mark Sullivan N1ISS**, and **Don Wettergreen KC1ALO**. A motion was made to accept the new members. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for September was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary's report was delayed due to illness and will be reported in the September/October's Spectrum. The BOD was aware of the delay in advance.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Elayne Tovet KB1IKH reported that two cards were sent to **Bruce Hayden NI1X**.

A note from John: KB1SVY

The clubs generator has been repaired at a cost of \$101.52
Billy has another HT for a club raffle after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEAR-Fest is in October. **Ross W1EKG** has tickets available and thinks he can get us a much larger area set aside for the Club table

There should also be space for two large campers this year. Any donations for the Club table will be appreciated

NEW BUSINESS:

With the illness of "The Bruce" **NI1X**, **John KB1SVY** asked for someone to step forward to take charge of the upcoming Plimoth Plantation Project, **Bill N1FRE** said he would do it, and **Charlie W1CBR** will help **Bill N1FRE** with the project details. **Bill N1FRE** will send a letter to the Director of the Plimoth Plantation. The Club has been there over 20 years.

JOTA:

Paul KB1MTW spoke about **JOTA** (Jamboree On The Air), over the weekend of October 19 and 20th from **Camp Norse** in Kingston. They will need help for the base stations and a 2 meter station, from 9AM to about 3 PM. Jump in and let the kids have a contact on both the Whitman and Plymouth REPEATERS. The Bridgewater REPEATER is back up, but not up to par. There are several problems they are working out. Everyone is welcome down at the camp. Several people will be willing to help at the camp.

Middleboro Fire Station Event is Oct 13, **Charlie W1CBR** will be working on the project as last year under direction of the "The Bruce" **NI1X**. **Jeff W1KD** will help out.

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF October 2, 2013 Cont: de W1CBR

Jim Havens W1GQN from East Bridgewater put on a demo for HAM Radio. He is putting on a Technician Class. We are talking about a class of our own in November. The location and dates will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Judy KB1SRO stated that the Plymouth Club will be giving a General Class.

“**The Bruce**” **NI1X** has been transferred back to New England Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital.

Richard Metcalf AG1B stated that he saw **Bruce NI1X**. He is weak and loved the cards. Several people have called him and he has enjoyed it.

Newsletter: **Jeff WK1D** has stepped forward as Acting Editor, with **Steve W1OD** and **Larry K1LJK** assisting.

John WI1G made a motion to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

RAFFLE - BAOFENG RADIO

Billy Robinson K1UFO brought another Baofeng 2-Meter/440 MHz handheld transceiver and raffled it off at the Club meeting.

The lucky winner was **Fred Birtwell KB1ACG**.

NET CONTROLS: for the month of October are:

10/6	Roy KB1CYV
10/13	Jeff N1SOM
10/20	Ross W1EKG (From Cranland Airport, which is the last one of the year.)
10/27	Bill N1FRE
11/3	Mike KB1OEP


NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the K of C in Whitman.

HONORARY MEMBERS CHIN 9M2CW AND JUERGEN DL1NBR


Pak Kooi Chin 9M2CW from West Malaysia and **Juergen Lochner DL1NBR** from Germany have been awarded honorary memberships in the Whitman Amateur Radio Club. Welcome to our Club!

HONORARY MEMBER


Be it known that
Pak Kooi Chin 9M2CW
Is an Honorary Member of
the Whitman Amateur Radio Club,
Whitman, Massachusetts
United States of America



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WAINPO




President WARC

HONORARY MEMBER


Be it known that
Juergen Lochner DL1NBR
Is an Honorary Member of
the Whitman Amateur Radio Club,
Whitman, Massachusetts
United States of America



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WAINPO



President WARC

BBQSO AT RICK KB1TEE'S HOUSE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013

Rick Emord KB1TEE hosted the second annual Taunton Area Communications Group Barbeque and QSO party = BBQSO at his home QTH in Middleboro and sent out an open invitation for all to attend. There were grills available for cooking, and **Rick KB1TEE** had six antennas available for making QSOs. There were two HF Base Stations in operation on 20 and 40-Meters and two 2-Meter Stations in operation monitoring the Whitman REPEATER. (Photos by **Bruce N11X** except as shown)



Rick Emord KB1TEE

Patty Emord SWL

Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Bill Burke NR1FD

Jim Wolf N1JCV

Rick Emord KB1TEE

Pete Curley N1NVV

Bruce Hayden N11X

Rick KB1TEE cooked local corn on the cob on the grill. It was delicious! Everyone brought their own food to cook.

BBQSO AT RICK KB1TEE'S HOUSE ON SATURDAY, AUG. 17, 2013 Cont:



The weather was beautiful this year for the BBQSO

(Photo by Barry N1EZH)



Bill Burke NR1FD
at one of the 2-Meter Base Stations



Pete Curley N1NVV **Jim Wolf N1JCW**
at the 40-Meter Base Station

Bill Burke NR1FD made contact with "The Bruce" **NI1X** while he was on his way to the BBQSO. **Bill NR1FD** is using **Rick KB1TEE's** 2-Meter Go Kit that includes a Yaesu FT-8100 transceiver.

Jim Wolf N1JCW brought his HF Go Kit which includes a Yaesu FT-450 Transceiver. **Jim N1JCW** made a few 40-Meter contacts with **Lighthouses On The Air**

BBQSO AT RICK KB1TEE'S HOUSE ON SATURDAY, AUG. 17, 2013 Cont:



Barry Kennedy N1EZH at his 2-Meter Base Station



Bruce Hayden N1IX on 20-Meters
Rick Emord KB1TEE - Computer logging

Barry N1EZH brought his handheld Kenwood THF6A transceiver and was heard making contact with **Mark Vess KC1ACF** who was operating the Marshfield Fair Special Event Station **NN1MF** with **Greg Glynn W1VFB**, and **Mike Petrou W1MSP** both in Taunton, and **Chris Babbitt KB1LOO** who was mobile on his way home from work.

The **Bruce N1IX** made contact using **Rick KB1TEE's** Yaesu FT-450D transceiver on 20-Meters with **Jim Tovet W1JT** while trying to make contact with the Marshfield Fair Special Event station **NN1MF**. The **Bruce N1IX** operated on 17-Meters and 20-Meters and made contact with a lighthouse in Curacao and a Special Event Station in Illinois along with two other home stations in Wisconsin and Minnesota.



Pete Curley
N1NVV

Barry Kennedy **Bill Burke**
N1EZH **NR1FD**

Bruce Hayden (Photo by
N1IX Rick KB1TEE)

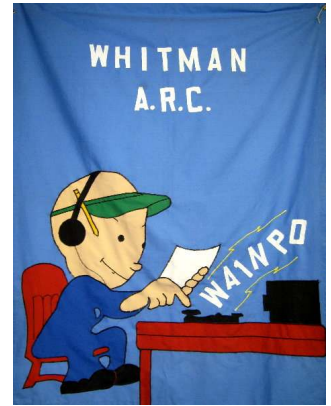
A special thanks to **Rick KB1TEE** for hosting another great social event. Look for us again next year.

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** for a Net Control handout.

On Sunday, August 18, 2013 **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** volunteered to be WARPSN Net Control and operated from the Cranland Airport – during their Monthly Fly- In Breakfast.



**Sending N1X
an update**

On Sunday, September 1, 2013 **Charlie Amico W1CBR** volunteered to be the WARPSN Net Control and operated from the K of C facilities in Whitman, MA. during the Club's Labor Day weekend Flea Market.

In August we had 4 sessions with an average of 24 area HAMS checking in each week and 11 messages were sent. Whitman Club member **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** sent 501 NTS messages from his home QTH in August.

John Chase KB1ODS checked in from Telegraph Hill in Oak Bluff on Nantucket

Juergen DL1NBR checked in via EchoLink from Germany while **Ross W1EKG** was at Cranland Airport.

Chris Babbitt (old Call **KB1LOO**) has a new call sign **N1CFB**

Jim Tovet W1JT and **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** gave a class on RADIOGRAMS at the Genesis Club Meeting in August.

CRANLAND AIRPORT FLY IN BREAKFAST -- AUGUST 17, 2013

On Sunday, August 18, 2013 **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** was Net Control for the Whitman Amateur Radio Public Service Net (WARPSN). **Ross W1EKG** operated from Cranland Airport where they were holding their monthly Fly-In Breakfast, with about 300 people in attendance.

(Photo by Larry K1LJK)

Ross W1EKG reported that there were 11 Whitman Club members and several area HAMS in attendance. **Ross W1EKG** also reported a record 33 HAMS checked in to WARPSN Net and 3 messages were sent.

The Whitman Club members that showed up to socialize while they checked out the antique cars, motorcycles and airplanes were:



Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG
WARPSN Net Control
and information table
Cranland Airport

KC1ACF	Mark Vess	K1UFO	Billy Robinson
WI1G	John Murphy	N1VI	Karen Trask
KB1IUU	Bill Spear	W1AY	Brad Wilson
KC1ACG	Fred Birtwell	K1LJK	Larry Kenney
KB1LOO	Chris Babbitt	W1ICU	Tom Wilson

Also attending were area HAMS **Bob Marchese K1NOK** and **Don Benecchi K1DC**.

Larry Kenney K1LJK reports: "This is a great way to feed yourself and your different interests at the same time! For me, the antique and specialty cars were a real treat".

(Photo by Mark KC1ACF)



<u>Fred Birtwell KC1ACG</u>	<u>Billy Robinson K1UFO</u>
<u>John Murphy WI1G</u>	<u>Helen Vess SWL</u>
<u>Ross W1EKG</u>	<u>Mark Vess KC1ACF</u>

(Photo by Larry K1LJK)



<u>Don Benecchi K1DC</u>
<u>Karen Trask N1VI</u>
<u>Bob Marchese K1NOK</u>
<u>Tom Wilson W1ICU</u>

CRANLAND AIRPORT AERONAUTICAL MOBILE BY: Mark Vess KC1ACF

Mark Vess KC1ACF went aeronautical mobile and took pictures of the Whitman crew from 500 feet in a Cessna 172 piloted by **Greg**.



(Aerial photos by Mark KC1ACF)

Mark Vess KC1ACF reports: "the Whitman Amateur Radio Club had an information table at Cranland Airport to recruit more members and offer information about amateur radio.



(Photo by Ross W1EKG)

I flew in a small Cessna plane to capture the event that day. I also operated my Yaseu portable hand held radio while airborne describing the view to my fellow operators. What incredible fun! We call this "**amateur radio in the sky**".

All kinds of light planes flew in for a great breakfast and good company. Lots of antique cars **Mark Vess KC1ACF & Pilot Greg** showed up as well".



Ultra-light

(Photo by Mark KC1ACF)



Antique car

(Photo by Ross W1EKG)



Biplane & owner

(Photo by Mark KC1ACF)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET Sept. 1, 2013

On Sunday – **Paul Burbine N1VTI** was at the K of C at 5 am. With rain and sounds of thunder, the crew decided to set up inside with four vendors present. **Mark Vess KC1ACF** set up several tables of goodies to sell. **Jim Ford NM1F** set up his table as usual.

Charlie Amico W1CBR was Net Control for the WARPSN on Sunday September 1st and operated from the Flea Market.

Jeff Tracy N1SOM was the Flea Market Coordinator and had taken care of advertisements in the paper and arrangements with the K of C in Whitman.

Whitman club members participating:

N1FRE	Bill Hayden	WK1D	Jeff Ayres	W1CBR	Charlie Amico
K1UFO	Billy Robinson	NM1F	Jim Ford	KA1CQD	Fred Sandford
K1JRO	John O'Neill	W1JT	Jim Tovet	W1AY	Brad Wilson
WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
KB1SVY	John Duprey	WI1G	John Murphy	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann
W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel	KA1JBE	Joe Casieri
KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy
N1JCK	Diane Kennedy	KB1ZJW	Bill Hart	K1LJK	Larry Kenney
W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser				

Area HAMs participating: **KS1Q** **John Barbudo** **KB1TEE** **Rick Emord**



Helen Vess SWL in back
(Photo by Mark KC1ACF)

Larry Kenney K1LJK
Billy Robinson K1UFO
Brad Wilson W1AY
Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG

Mark Vess KC1ACF reports: “Our flea market was a personal success for myself and others despite the constant rain that came down that day. While we felt bad that this was not going to be a profitable day, what happened inside that empty hall was still fun for those who braved the elements to spend the day”.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FLEA MARKET Cont: Sept. 1, 2013

Mark KC1ACF also reports that: "Inside the hall, several groups of HAMs gathered together at the podium to hang out and talk about all things important. Peals of thunder rumbled outside as no effort was made to set up sales outside. The Club awnings were set up and one lone operator manned the damp post for several hours. Even this brave soul retreated as the thunder broke overhead."

There were a few tables selling to a captive audience and during the morning some wet buyers came in to survey the wares presented. **Mark KC1ACF** enjoyed a few brisk selling moments as his wife, **Helen SWL** took in all the cash. Thanks to his fellow operators, **Ross W1EKG** and **John Murphy WI1G** and several others, he enjoyed a modest profit for his week's effort loading all this good stuff... I mean, valuable electronic wares into the van and onto the tables. **Mark KC1ACF** and **Helen SWL** filled five tables with his inventory, a personal record for the veteran flea market couple. All of the items in the group photo belonged to **Mark KC1ACF** and **Helen SWL** except the table in front. **Mark KC1ACF** and **Helen SWL** express their thanks to the Club for the opportunity to sell their wares



Ron Freddy SWL - Vendor

Billy Robinson K1UFO on the guitar

As the morning went on, **Billy Robinson K1UFO** spotted a guitar at a vendor's table. He went over, taking up the instrument and talked with the vendor. Turns out they both played and they had some selections that they commonly knew. Before long, **Billy K1UFO** launched into a soulful country song and was soon joined by the vendor. **Billy's K1UFO** deep baritone voice never wavered as they both serenaded the hall with their duet. It was a real nice moment ending with applause from everyone!! Word is – there is a video of their performance.

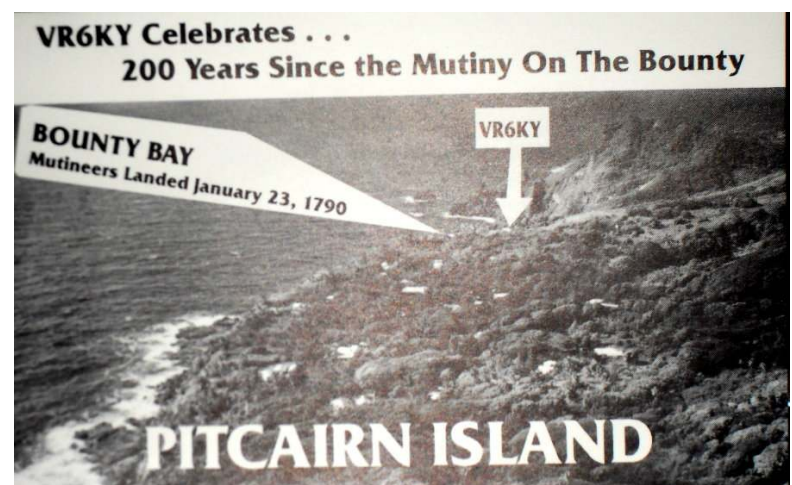
Early afternoon saw all the vendors packing up and the day coming to a close. It was a great day for those that came, not with monetary value but with a comradery that was enjoyed by all".

Tom Christian VP6TC - Voice of Pitcairn Island - SK at age 77 July 7, 2013

Tom Christian VP6TC was a great-great-great-grandson of Fletcher Christian, who led the mutiny on the British ship Bounty in 1789.

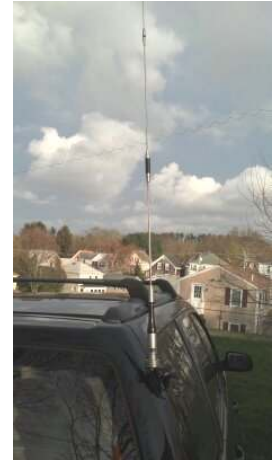
"**Tom Christian** — along with the late **King Hussein** of Jordan — was the most popular contact in the ham radio world."

Jim WG1L reports: "Here is my card from Pitcairn Island from one of the relatives of **Tom Christian**."



Richard Metcalf AG1B picked up a 900 MHz mobile rig, available for \$25.00 from **Bob Holland N1SYC** in Plymouth who had about 40 leftover units for sale at the time.

CUSTOM FIT MOBILE INSTALLATION By: Chris Babbitt N1CFB



Chris Babbitt N1CFB

Chris Babbitt N1CFB reports: My 2005 Subaru Forester mobile installation came out very clean thanks to Subaru's dash-pod and the Proclip/Chris Babbitt Mic mount. I had to make a few adjustments to the Proclip and it's perfect.

The radio is a Kenwood 281A 2-Meter 65 Watts and the antenna is a Diamond SG7500NMO Super Gainer Vhf/Uhf on a Comet RS730 NMO mount. I was skeptical about the thin wire coming out of the mount, but it works great.

Thanks and 73's **Chris** (old **KB1LOO**) new call sign **N1CFB**

MOBILE INSTALLATION PARTY By Fred Birtwell KC1ACG

I just wanted to acknowledge 2 of the Club members for helping me install my new Kenwood TM-281A, 2 meter radio in my vehicle this past Monday (02 SEP 2013).

I want to recognize **Billy Robinson K1UFO** for doing the installing and wiring, and **Joe Casieri KA1JBE**, for his technical assistance and advice.

My vehicle is a 2003 Nissan Pathfinder and I am using a Diamond mobile antenna and associated brackets to mount to the roof luggage racks.



Fred Birtwell KC1ACG
(Photos by Billy K1UFO)

Billy Robinson K1UFO

Thanks - From: **Fred Birtwell KC1ACG**

MIDDLEBOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

Rick Emord KB1TEE reports: “On October 13th 2013 the Middleborough Fire Department fire prevention open house will take place. We are hoping to get HAMs to come and talk about what they do and how it fits in with public safety.

The open house gets around 300 kids adults and starts at 1200 – 1500 (12-3). Please have the attendees contact me at kb1tee@verizon.net. “

A CHANCE HF CONTACT

Jeff Ayres WK1D : Yesterday afternoon (Sept 1, 2013) I was setting my KX3 up for use with software I learned about from **Tom W1ICU**. I had the radio & computer on the kitchen table. Just to have an antenna on the radio, I strung an end-fed long-wire antenna out onto our screen porch. I fastened the end to a bracket a couple of feet above my head, and worked on the computer-radio setup. Then I turned the volume up, and heard lots of activity on 20. One HAM was quite loud. I hooked up the microphone, tuned the radio to the wire, and sent my call. Within a minute, I was talking with **N4BCD**, from Fayetteville, TN, in the Tennessee QSO Party!



(Photo by Jeff WK1D)

UPCOMING RACE

Sept 22 Brockton D. W. Field Park - contact Carl N1FY

Greg W1VFB: This is the Second Annual Run with the Mayor's Road Race. The race is on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd.

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

Temp was 63 degrees. Beautiful day.

Number 30 HAMs – some Walpole area HAMs.

3 medical assist and one lost child (fast runner) who got separated by about 4 minutes from his parents.



(Photo by Judy KB1SRO)



(Photo by Judy KB1SRO)

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



(Photo by Jeff WK1D)



(Photo by Jeff WK1D)



(Photo by Jeff WK1D)

Barry Kennedy N1EZH says: "Run To The Rock – 5K, 10K, ½ Marathon" Race The weather was great and could not have been a better temp for the runners. Everything seemed to run very smooth between the HAM Volunteers and Net Control, with only a couple of calls for assistance at some locations. I was at the Corner of Court and Cherry Streets for both the 5K and 10K Races. There was a Boys & Girls Club Volunteer to help Cheer On the runners along with a Plymouth Police Officer who held the traffic as runners went through the Intersection. Everything went very well at my location. There were approximately 600 runners for the 5K Race, however I am not sure how many there were for the 10K (A lot of runners went by though!) or the ½ Marathon".

73 de Barry – N1EZH

Meet up at McDonald's prior to the Run to the Rock race:

Some of the volunteers met at the McDonald's at exit 5 off Route 3 to get outfitted with their Volunteer T-shirts. Among those who were there:

(Photo by Barry N1EZH)



Rick Emord KB1TEE

(Photo by Barry N1EZH)



Paul Burbine N1VTI

Jeff Tracy N1SOM

Paul Moss KB1MTW

**John O'Neill K1JRO
distributing**

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

Also picking up their T-shirts were:



(Photo by Rick KB1TEE)

**Jeff Tracy N1SOM,
Paul Moss KB1MTW,
John O'Neill K1JRO – distributing T's**

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.

A roll call of towns in Plymouth County was made on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 8 p.m. on the Norwell 145.390 MHz REPEATER (PL 67) by **Jessica Miller KB1ZWZ**, one of the MEMA Region II Net Control operators.

A SIMPLEX test was conducted to simulate Repeaters being out of service during a storm.

Steve Lempke WA1MZL

Doug Forbes Jr. SWL
MEMA Region II
Local Coordinator

Jessica Miller KB1ZWZ

James Miller SWL

Rick Emord KB1TEE (back)

Patty Emord SWL (front)

John Miller N1UMJ

Mike Leger N1YLQ
(MEMA Region II
Radio Officer)



MEMA Region II Headquarters – Volunteers – In the Bunker
(Photo by Rick KB1TEE)

MEMA - FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH COMMUNICATION TEST – Cont:

Whitman Club members heard participating were **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** from home for the City of Taunton, **Bill Hayden N1FRE** and **Paul Moss KB1MTW** from the Whitman Auxiliary EOC, **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** and **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** from the Hanson EOC, **Bill Hart KB1ZJW**, **Jim Madden KB1PFL** from the Pembroke EOC and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** - a home relay station. All went well in spite of the fact that the Norwell REPEATER had been relocated to a temporary location in Pembroke.



John N1UMJ at the Mike
Rick Emord KB1TEE at the Mike
(Photo by Rick KB1TEE)



Jessica Miller KB1ZWZ at the Mike
(Photo by Rick KB1TEE)

APRS

(Photos by Jim KC1JET)

These photos show some of the messaging capabilities of the APRS system:



From Jim KC1JET to Jeff N1ZZN
At the Marshfield Fair



From Jeff N1ZZN at the Marshfield Fair to
Jim KC1JET

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Serving on the airwaves

Ham radio hobby keys emergency communication

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WHITMAN — Thunderstorms largely washed out the Whitman Amateur Radio Club's annual Labor Day Weekend Flea Market, but not the group's determination to

practice their shared avocation and raise awareness for what they do.

They come to the club from all over the South Shore to share their common interest in ham radio and to serve the public as an information con-

duit during times of emergency. Some, like Vice President Paul Moss of Whitman are also members of groups such as the Whitman Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT).

"I've been interested in

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ham radio for a while," Moss said. "Then I retired a number of years ago and had the time to get involved with it."

When Ham Radio Club member Bill Hayden taught a ham radio class for the CERT group, Moss took part and later passed his exam for a technician's license.

"We provide an extra link between the CERT group and our own base station so we

can provide communications between the town of Whitman and the MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) headquarters."

Ham operators across the country have provided such communication links in emergencies such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when New Orleans was completely blacked out to local emergencies. Locally they assisted emergency efforts in February's blizzard

when power outages affected cell phone transmission on the South Shore.

"Amateur radio can get through when nobody else can," Moss said. "We can send text messages over amateur radio."

A recent drill conducted by South Shore Hospital's ham radio club practiced the texting technique over the airwaves, according to Moss.

"You can also send pic-

tures," he added. "Television is one of the things amateur radio can do. It's not commercial-grade television by any means, but pictures can still be sent – either standard TV or still images."

The hospital could use the technology to securely send vital medical information to shelters.

Interest in ham operation is growing "to a degree," but Moss said the club would like

more people to know about it and consider joining. As the older generation of hams is dwindling it's hard to get young people accustomed to the digital age to become interested.

The days when kids enjoyed building their own crystal radio sets are long gone, but Moss noted, some kids are recognizing that new technology has limits, too.

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"If the web doesn't work, what do you do – you go back to amateur radio," he said. "Amateur radio works, and a very astute young lady of 9 or 10, who happened to be at the flea market a couple of years ago, made the statement, 'I can't make friends on a cell phone, but I can make friends on an amateur radio.'"

With even the best cell phone, you can only talk to a specific person whose phone you called, but ham radio allows anyone who hears a call sign to answer back.

On Saturday, a ham operator in Germany spoke to the club via an internet link-up with his radio. Moss talks almost weekly to ham radio friends in Chelmsford, England and the United Kingdom island of Guernsey through the same kind of link.

Treasurer Jeff Tracy of Abington followed his father's interest into the hobby.

"I like to talk to people all over the world," Tracy said.

Larry Kenney of Holbrook became interested in CB radios as a teen and, like Moss, joined the ham radio group now that he has more time.

"I really just got into ham radio seven or eight months ago," Kenney said. "I've been interested all these years, but I've been busy working, busy with life, with all these other things and there was no time. The power of it is amazing. When cell phones are out radio is the only communication that gets through."

Unlike CB radio, ham operators must be licensed under FCC regulations. Moss said the licensing process is not as difficult since the Morse code requirement was dropped.

"It simplified the process for a lot of people," he said.

Only four dealers came out to the flea market during its first day on Sunday even though it was moved into the

Knights of Columbus Hall by the rain. Moss indicated Monday would likely be called off.

"It is disappointing, very disappointing," Moss said as some of his fellow club members talked with other ham operators during the event. "We do it twice a year in the spring on Memorial Day Weekend and then we do it again this weekend. It's probably one of our major fund-raising activities."

They also travel to a Deerfield, N.H. flea market twice a year, the next one planned for mid-October.

Those interested in joining the Whitman Amateur Radio Club are encouraged to attend a meeting, held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Whitman Knights of Columbus Hall, 1195 Bedford Street (Route 18) near the Abington line. For more information visit the website wa1npo.org.

EDITING THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE SPECTRUM

The acting editorial staff hard at work on the newsletter 10/5/13, at K1USN Braintree.



Photo by Larry K1LJK

Jeff WK1D

Steve W1OD

Hard at work completing the September issue of The Spectrum are **Jeff Ayres WK1D** and **Steve Cohn W1OD**, filling in temporarily for **Bruce NI1X**.



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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, Nov. 6th at 7:00 p.m.
Whitman Knights of Columbus

Club REPEATER 147.225 MHz PL 67

Club IRLP Node 8691

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