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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – We learned that long time Whitman Club member **Walter Johnson W1HA** became a Silent Key on October 10, 2012. Our condolences to **Walt's W1HA SK** family and friends.

NEAR-Fest XII was a great time with at least 19 Whitman Club members attending. Congratulations to **Billy Robinson KB1WLX** who upgraded to Extra. Congratulations to **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ**, **Don Cahill KA1DON**, **Carl Davis N1OYH** and **Wayne Robertson KB1YFQ** who upgraded to General Class.

HAVING FUN: The **Bruce NI1X** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, September 29th and reported 5 Fox Hunters participating.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

PUBLIC SERVICE **Greg Glynn W1VFB** reported that 10 area HAMS helped the Taunton Area Communication Group provide communication support for the Taunton Mayor's Road Race held on Saturday, September 22nd. **Carl Aveni N1FY** reported that 6 area HAMS helped the Massasoit Club provide Communication support for the Brockton D. W. Field Park Triathlon held on Sunday, September 23rd. **Bruce Hayden NI1X** reported that 7 Whitman Club members participated in the first Monday of the month Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency communications drill.

PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO: **Bill Needham K1WN** participated in Heritage Day in Braintree along with **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, **Karen Trask N1VI**, **Jim Tovet W1JT**, **Mike Dowd KB1PVC** and **Ron McKim W1LG**. **Charlie Amico KB1WSZ** volunteered to coordinate an amateur radio information booth during the Middleboro Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 14, 2012 Helping out were: **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ**, **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X** and Middleboro Firefighters **Bill Burke NR1FD** and **Rick Emord KB1TEE**. **Don Burke KB1LXH** of the Taunton Area Communication Group volunteered to coordinate a Scout Jamboree On The Air (**JOTA**) Special Event at Camp Norse in Kingston again this year.

At the next meeting we will be planning for Plimoth Plantation.

From: John Duprey KB1SVY

SILENT KEY: **Walter Johnson W1HA** of Abington became a Silent Key on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at age 76.

Walter W1HA SK served in the Coast Guard from 1954-1958 and could copy Morse code, using a typewriter, at speeds of 30 WPM.

The Whitman Club was founded in 1962 and the records show that **Walter W1HA SK** was the Vice President in the 1968/69 time frame. This means **Walter W1HA SK** had been a member of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club for over 40 years.



Walter Johnson W1HA
Silent Key

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 3, 2012 By: Karen N1VI

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by President **John KB1SVY** at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman, MA. The Club members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Note: photo of head table by **Jeff Ayres WK1D**.



Paul Moss KB1MTW
Vice President

Karen Trask N1VI
Secretary

Jeff Tracy
N1SOM – Tres.

John Duprey
KB1SVY - Pres.

ATTENDANCE: 38 members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and two Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1SVY	John Duprey	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	KB1MTW	Paul Moss
N1VI	Karen Trask	KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	N1IX	Bruce Hayden
W1OD	Steve Cohen	N1EZH	Barry Kennedy	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel
WK1D	Jeff Ayers	SWL	Michelle Duprey	W1JT	Jim Tovet
KB1MJL	Al Marshall	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	KB1VGN	Stan Rydell
KB1YRW	Mike Petrou	N1SON	Bill Tracy	N1VTI	Paul Burbine
WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	KA1PJX	Don Keene	K1AWB	Steve Laroe
KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	WI1G	John Murphy	KB1WSZ	Charlie Amico
N1JCW	Jim Wolf	W1AY	Brad Wilson	KB1WLX	Billy Robinson
KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	N1OYH	Carl Davis	KA1DON	Don Cahill
KB1OAW	Greg Noyes	KB1OEP	Mike Supple	WA1YKF	Warren Dickie
KB1YII	Michael Whyers	KB1YFQ	Wayne Robinson	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser
SWL	Victor Neumayer – Guest	SWL	Fred Bintwell - Guest		

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for September was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Jim W1JT** 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 **Bruce N1IX** seconded by **Barry N1EZH** that the Sept. secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

HEALTH & WELFARE: **Elayne KB1IKH** reported via email that a get well card has been sent to area **HAM Bob Doherty K1VV** and a \$50.00 donation was made to Beacon Hospice in memory for **Brad Wilson's W1AY** mother.

OLD BUSINESS: **John K1JRO** reminds everyone that there is a road race (full marathon) in Plymouth on November 18th. Please contact him if you are available to participate as **HAM** support.

Jim WG1L notes that he has **HAM** equipment (tower and beam) for sale. Please contact him if you are interested in the particulars.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR OCT. 3, 2012 Cont: By: Karen N1VI

OLD BUSINESS Cont: Paul N1VTI raised the question of monies appropriated for a gain antenna. A discussion ensued and it was decided to further study the needs of the club before any purchase is made.

NEW BUSINESS: The JOTA scouting event will be held again at Camp Norse in Kingston at 08:00-15:00 hrs on Saturday, October 20th. Two HF and two 2-Meter stations will be set up. CW and Foxhunting skills are in demand. Please contact **Paul Moss KB1MTW** if you are available this year to join in. Those not attending can listen in on the Whitman, Bridgewater, and Genesis REPEATERS.

President John KB1SVY received a letter from the town of Middleboro Fire Department requesting a HAM station set-up during their open house on Sunday, October 14th from 12 Noon -3 p.m. **Charlie Amico KB1WSZ** is coordinating if you are available to help out.

Plymouth Plantation - **Paul KB1MTW** is this year's coordinator. He reminded the group that more hands were needed for the takedown party. **Bill N1FRE** will get the name of the contact to **John KB1SVY** for approval.

NEARFest - **Ross W1EKG** has tickets. The Club table has been offered a new location near the "Church Ladies" kitchen set-up. HAM radio equipment donations are needed for the Club table. The organizer "**Mr. Bill**" is looking for volunteers to man the gate and collect monies for three hour shifts.

Steve W1OD made a motion seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that the group take a field trip to ARRL Headquarters in Newington, CT. The motion carried.

Paul KB1MTW notes that he needs to purchase PL-259 connectors and adaptors for the Club. A motion was made by **Paul N1VTI** seconded by **Jeff WK1D** that \$100.00 be appropriated. The motion carried.

Joe KA1JBE suggested that an HF rig be set up in the Club house for members to use who may not yet own HF equipment. The matter is being looked into.

Jim N1JCW noted that the ARRL will have equipment for sale after the WRTC 2014 competition and suggested the Club look into it.

NET CONTROLS: 10/7 **Steve K1AWB** 10/14 **Jeff WK1D** 10/21 **Jeff N1SOM**
 10/28 **Bill N1FRE** 11/4 **Ross W1EKG**

CLOSE: President **John KB1SVY** closed the business meeting at 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by **John WI1G** seconded by **Brad W1AY**. The motion was approved.

NEW MEMBER

Mike Patrou KB1YRW lives in Taunton with his wife **Jill SWL**. **Mike KB1YRW** reports that he is semi-retired and works as a radio technician.

Mike KB1YRW passed his Technician Class license in September with the help of the HAMTESTONLINE study program.

Mike KB1YRW has been heard "On The Air" using his newly acquired ICOM IC-V82 handheld transceiver. One of his first contacts was with **Ross W1EKG**.



Mike Patrou
KB1YRW

TAUNTON MAYOR'S 5K ROAD RACE - SATURDAY. SEPT. 22, 2012

The Taunton Area Communication Group (TACGroup) volunteered to provide communication support for the Mayor's 5-K Run in Taunton. **Greg Glynn W1VFB** reports: "Mayor **Tom Hoye** is an avid runner and puts on this annual event to benefit the Mayor's Worthy Cause that helps with many events that are held in the city". **Greg W1VFB** invited all area HAMs to participate.

PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO TEAM VOLUNTEERS



Greg Glynn W1VFB

Roy Logan KB1CYV

John Miller N1UMJ

and son **James SWL**

Bruce Hayden NI1X

Paul Moss KB1MTW

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF

Rick Emord KB1TEE

Barry Kennedy N1EZH

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Not present when the picture was taken was taken **Dave Souza W1DFS**.
Photo taken by **John's N1UMJ** wife **Jessica SWL**.

Greg W1VFB was at the start line and we all heard the "ready set go".
The Bruce NI1X was at the 2 mile mark with **Andrew SWL** who could hear the start and synchronize his stop watch and call out split times as the runners went by. The first runners were doing 6-½ minute miles. The last walkers finished in about 1 hour.

Greg W1VFB reports: "Everyone on the race committee wanted me to thank the Radio Team for their help. They were surprised when we were giving them updates as to where the runners were. It kept the crowd at the start / finish line informed as to where runners were".

Taunton Mayor **Tom Hoye SWL** was participating in the Mayor's Run Road Race – appropriately wearing the #1 racing bib.



Mayor Tom Hoye

ANTENNA PARTY: **Jeff Tracy N1SOM** reported that **John Duprey KB1SVY**, **Ken Desruisseau N1LWK**, **Al Drollett W1SM** and **Mike Supple KB1OEP** volunteered to help install his HF vertical antenna on his house.

Jeff Ayres (old KB1WKB) has a new call sign **WK1D**

Don Cahill (old N2DEC) has a new call sign **KA1DON**

BROCKTON D. W. FIELD PARK TRIATHLON – SUNDAY, SEPT. 23, 2012

The Massasoit Club had volunteered to provide communication support for the Brockton D. W. Field Park Triathlon. **Carl Aveni N1FY** invited all area HAMS to participate.

Seen Left to Right:

Bruce Hayden N11X

Carl Aveni N1FY

Bob Loring K1REL

Bob Keene N1LCY

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Not present when the photo was taken was **Rick Reuss KA1LKB**



Public Service Radio Team volunteers

The only one who needed rescuing was **The Bruce N11X** who left his lights on and after a few hours had a dead battery. The radio still worked and Net Control dispatched **Bob N1LCY** with jumper cables to the rescue. The Radio Team use 2-Meter 146.535 MHz SIMPLEX for communications during the race.

About 150 people registered for about 100 teams in the 14 mile bike ride, 1.7 mile canoe / kayak race, and 4 mile road race.



Rick Reuss KA1LKB and 4 Avon Medical Reserve Corp volunteers set up a First Aid Tent in Avon at the half way mark on the race course.

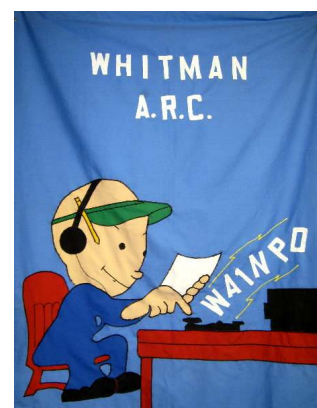
WHITMAN AMATEUR RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE NET (WARPSN)

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 or relative. We also encourage everyone to try your hand at Net Control. Contact **Bill N1FRE** or **Bruce N11X** for a Net Control handout.

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

Juergen DL1NBR checked in from Germany and reports that **Joe KA1JBE** was able to check in via HF to his 10-Meter EchoLink set-up that is operating on 29.290 MHz.



**Sending N11X
an update**

HERITAGE DAY IN BRAINTREE

By: Bill Needham K1WN & Jeff Ayres WK1D

Every year the Braintree Historical Society sponsors a town wide celebration of their community's history and culture. Heritage Day in Braintree was Sunday, September 23, 2012.

There are old time children's games, and all American treats like hot dogs and apple pie. There are pony rides and artisan demonstrations and open house at the Gilbert Bean Museum and also at the Thayer Home Museum and grounds.

Bill Needham K1WN reports: "The Braintree Historical Society asked the **K1USN** Radio Club to set up some of our gear"

Bill K1WN invited the area HAMS to participate and help put on an amateur radio demonstration. **Jeff Ayres WK1D** volunteered to bring his portable QRP HF station.

Bill K1WN set up a 2-Meter Base Station using commercial power. This station was used to make contacts via the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) mode of operation.

Jeff WK1D reports: "**Bill K1WN** was very kind to invite me over, and I had a great time operating and learning. I brought my Yaesu FT-817 QRP rig with a battery and Buddipole antenna. My Buddipole antenna was mounted on the tripod and about 10 feet off the ground. I also had a solar panel (not connected) for show and tell. It was great fun to work Los Angeles and Iowa on 5 watts, using battery power. Others worked Germany from my set-up. We had a very good turn out of people passing by. I couldn't have done it without **Bill's K1WN** help".

The HAMS participating were:

WK1D	Jeff Ayres	K1WN	Bill Needham	N1VI	Karen Trask
W1JT	Jim Tovey	KB1PVC	Mike Dowd	N1LG	Ron McKim



Jeff Ayres KB1WKB calling CQ CQ CQ on HF
Bill K1WN and Ron N1LG in back on IRLP
at Heritage Day in Braintree

FARAFEST - FLEA MARKET: November 3, 2012 - Bourne Mass The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association Fourteenth Annual HAM Radio and Electronics FARAFEST 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Upper Cape Regional Vocational School 220 Sandwich Road, Bourne, Mass. Buyers \$5.00 at 9 a.m. Sellers \$10.00 setup at 7 a.m.

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Bruce Hayden NI1X volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, September 29, 2012 and was hiding in a parking lot in the Spring Street Industrial Park, located between Laurel and Spring Street in East Bridgewater behind the Shaw's warehouse. The weather was overcast but the rain held off.



Jeff Ayres WK1D`

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Bruce Hayden NI1X

Ron Stundze KB1OEQ

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH
holding Sly the Fox

Everyone started at the old Bridgewater High School. **Richard KB1TEH** reported he started working his way north with a stop at Trucchi's on Rt. 106 in West Bridgewater before heading further north. **Richard KB1TEH** reported to everyone a strong signal at West Union, North Central and Laurel Street, in East Bridgewater and checked out the front entrance to the Shaw's warehouse before circling around to the back entrance and finding the Fox in 48 minutes.

The team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Ron Stundze KB1OEQ** and **Jeff Ayres WK1D** got very strong signals in Bridgewater and did not want to leave the area. **Gary Cumiskey W1GRC** reported strong signals as far out as Rt. 44. **Roy KB1CYV** reported that they slowly worked their way north, checking out cemeteries, St Thomas Aquinas Church property and the Bridgewater Town Barn. They finally made it to Trucchi's on Rt. 106 in West Bridgewater where they found the building blocking the signal coming from the north. The team finished in 1 hour and 6 minutes.

PLYMOUTH MARATHON – NOVEMBER 18, 2012

John O'Neill K1JRO reports that the South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club (SSHARC) has been asked to help provide communication support for a Marathon in Plymouth on November 18, 2012. It is a Marathon and Marathon relay. Probably between 300 and 500 participants. The first 15 miles are through the Myles Standish State forest and then through West Plymouth and ending at exit 5 by the shops on Commerce Way.

The race is for the Plymouth Area Coalition Food Pantry. With it being a full Marathon and the first year they are just hoping to cover expenses and provide some holiday food to be able to help as many people as possible. If you are able to volunteer – contact **John K1JRO** at E-Mail oneilljr@gmail.com

MIDDLEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE – By: “The Bruce” NI1X

Whitman Club President **John Duprey KB1SVY** received an invitation from Middleboro Fire Captain **Debra Burke SWL** inviting the Whitman Amateur Radio Club to set up an amateur radio exhibit at the Middleboro Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 14, 2012.

Charlie Amico KB1WSZ felt strongly about supporting this activity and volunteered to be the coordinator. **Jeff Ayres WK1D** volunteered to bring his portable QRP station and **Bruce Hayden NI1X** volunteered to bring his code practice oscillator.



MIDDLEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE AMATEUR RADIO VOLUNTEERS

Shown Left to Right are: **Jeff Ayres WK1D**, **Charlie Amico KB1WSZ**, **Bruce Hayden NI1X**, **Fire Chief Lance Benjamino SWL**, **Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF**, **Jennifer Burke KB1TDW**, Fire Pup Mascot – student unknown, **Martin Turco KB1TDU**, **Bill Burke NR1FD**, **Rick Emord KB1TEE**, and **Fire Capt Debra Burke SWL**

20-METER BASE STATION

Bill Burke NR1FD volunteered to install his Off – Center - Fed dipole antenna between a tree and the Fire Station tower. There was commercial power available from the Fire Station.

Jeff Ayres WK1D volunteered to bring his Yaesu FT-817 QRP rig, automatic antenna tuner, a battery and Buddipole antenna. The Buddipole antenna was mounted on a tripod and about 10 feet off the ground.

Jeff WK1D made a special QRP (5 watt) contact with **Sam N8W** who was operating a National Wildlife Week Special Event Station on the upper peninsula of Michigan.

The Bruce NI1X brought QST magazines and Antique Radio Classified magazines for handouts.



Bob Azanow KA1KIJ
Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF
Jeff Ayres WK1D seated

MIDDLEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE Cont: – By: NI1X

Rick Emord KB1TEE and **Jennifer Burke KB1TDW** were assigned to the Plymouth County – Safety House For Kids. This is all part of the **Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.)** program. The kids are taught to crawl low in smoke, learn about kitchen safety, fire place safety, have two ways out, spot fire hazards, and more.

With **Jennifer KB1TDW** on the inside and **Rick KB1TEE** on the outside, they are seen guiding and encouraging a 3 year old as he makes a safe evacuation from the second floor window of the Safety House and down the outside ladder to the ground. Good job everyone.

Bill Burke NR1FD was giving his fire extinguisher and live fire demonstration, talking about what to do if a kitchen pan caught fire.

The **Bruce NI1X** brought Morse code handouts along with his code practice oscillator and was teaching kids how to send their name in Morse code.

Charlie KB1WSZ brought his 2-Meter rig and as Control Operator, helped put the kids on the air. A special thanks to **Paul Burbine N1VTI** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** for being on the other end of the radio and talking with the kids.



Jennifer Burke KB1TDW – inside
Rick Emord KB1TEE – outside



Bill Burke NR1FD
live pan fire demo



Bruce Hayden NI1X
teaching Morse code



Charlie Amico KB1WSZ
Alex talking with Bill N1FRE

Bruce NI1X and **Charlie KB1WSZ** each sent one RADIOGRAM message for show and tell and along with **Jeff WK1D** explained about the SKYWARN Observer Program, Fox Hunting (as related to project Life Saver - a wristband transmitter for people with Alzheimer's and receiver with directional finding antenna located at the Fire Station), QSL card collecting, and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) to the visitors attending the Open House.

MIDDLEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE Cont: – By: NI1X

Fire Chief Lance Benamino was the Host and Fire Captain Debra Burke was the coordinator. Debra reported approximately 300-400 residents attended with about 200 kids getting fingerprinted by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Dept. Along with the Plymouth County Safety House for kids, they had a Fire Extinguisher Demo by RET Captain Bill Burke NR1FD. Kitchen Safety Demo. U.S.C.G. Boat safety handouts. Search Dogs Northeast Team Demo. Face painting. Home Oxygen use safety. Project Life saver.

I want to thank Fire Captain Debra Burke for inviting the Whitman Amateur Radio Club members to participate in the Middleboro Fire Department's Open House and to our friends RET Captain Bill Burke NR1FD and Firefighter Rick Emord KB1TEE and the rest of the Middleboro Fire Department personnel for making us feel welcome. A great time was had by all.

NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR RADIO FESTIVAL By: "The Bruce" NI1X

NEAR-Fest XII

Jim Wolf N1JCW traveled up Thursday night and stayed over in his camper and reported: "It rained for about an hour on Friday morning after setup. On Saturday morning we woke up to frozen water on the ground. The temperature warmed up to about 50 degrees with a cool breeze. It was beautiful in the sun but cool in the shade". Jim N1JCW reported that he sold most of his stuff and is looking for an HF antenna and tuner for his truck.



Jim Wolf N1JCW

Some of the Whitman Club members spotted at NEARFest were:

N1VTI	Paul Burbine	KB1MTW	Paul Moss	NI1X	Bruce Hayden
KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	KB1CYV	Roy Logan	WI1G	John Murphy
KA1JBE	Joe Casieri	KB1YII	Mike Whyer	N1JCW	Jim Wolf
KA1KIJ	Bob Azanow	N1ZZN	Jeff Lehmann	KC1JET	Jim Tynan
W1GRC	Gary Cumiskey	WA1YKF	Warren Dickie	KB1PFL	Jim Madden
KB1QMX	Dave Beauvais	W1AY	Brad Wilson	KB1WLX	Billy Robinson
N1WIG	Sam Webber				

John Murphy WI1G volunteered to coordinate a Whitman Club table along with Paul Moss KB1MTW and Paul Burbine N1VTI helping on Friday. John WI1G reported "I picked up a very nice National HRO-60 receiver. It came with 6 plug-in band modules. This is now my favorite receiver".

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reports that he had a great time and picked up some wire to put his delta loop back up. Ross W1EKG is seen talking with Steve Finberg W1GSL of "The Flea at MIT" fame who was handing out fliers for the last Flea Market (this year) at MIT – to be held on October 21st.



Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG
Steve Finberg W1GSL

NEW ENGLAND AMATEUR RADIO FESTIVAL Cont: By: NI1X

The Bruce NI1X picked up a Jetstream JT-220M 220 MHz transceiver and a OPEK TS-20 Tri-Band Base Station antenna.

On his way home - **Richard Metcalf KB1TEH** stopped to help **The Bruce NI1X** install the 220 MHz antenna and test the 220 MHz transceiver. HAMS are always ready to lend a helping hand.

Bob Azanow KA1KIJ took the General Class license upgrade test at NEARFest and is all smiles because he passed with flying colors.

Paul Burbine N1VTI reported he sold his items on Friday and picked up a ICOM IC-7000, an 25 Amp Astron power supply and a LDG tuner.



Bruce Hayden NI1X

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH

Bob Azanow KA1KIJ/AG



Bob Keene N1LCY

Roy Logan KB1CYV



Rick Dispirito KB1RNN

Joe Casieri KA1JBE

Mike Whyer KB1YII



Steve Snow N1KQV

Paul Foley N1KQR

Bob Keene N1LCY reported that he picked up a 900 MHz antenna.

Rick Dispirito KB1RNN reported that he picked up a bearcat scanner.



Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN

NEXT V-E EXAM -- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 -- 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. **Bill K1WN** reports: "We will be hosting V-E exams at 8:45 a.m. at the Watson building 85 Quincy Ave. in Braintree. This is the exam location for the Braintree Radio Club sponsors. If you know of anyone planning to take an exam, please have them drop me a note at k1wn@aol.com to confirm a reservation".

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

MONTHLY COMMUNICATION DRILL

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.

Whitman Club members participating in October were: **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Jeff Lehmann N1ZZN** for Hanson. **Jim Madden KB1PFL** for Pembroke. **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** for Whitman and **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** for Taunton. **Bruce Hayden NI1X** was at Region II.

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 and a SIMPLEX test was conducted to simulate REPEATERS being out of service during a storm.



Kevin Dykes KB1MOC at Hanson EOC



Bruce Hayden NI1X & Mike Leger N1YLQ

The **Bruce NI1X** was a Net Control Operator at MEMA Region II Headquarters. **Mike Leger N1YLQ** is the MEMA Region II Radio Officer.

John Miller N1UMJ has been a MEMA Region II Net Control Operator since 2007. **John's N1UMJ** wife **Jessica SWL** is studying for her Technician Class License.



John Miller N1UMJ
wife Jessica SWL
son James SWL
Doug Forbes Jr. SWL

Doug Forbes Jr. SWL is the MEMA Region II Local Coordinator.

PLYMOUTH EVACUATION DRILL: On November 7th there will be a FEMA graded exercise involving the town of Braintree, the town of Bridgewater and the City of Taunton Emergency Operations Centers as part of the Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant Evacuation Plan. The primary REPEATER for Plymouth County is the Norwell REPEATER 145.390 MHz PL 67. The exercise will take place during normal working hours - sometime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All communications will start with "This is a drill " as the local cities and towns establish communication and pass either formal or tactical messages between each other and with the MEMA Region II Headquarters (the Bunker) located on the State Prison property in Bridgewater. The newest topic and mode of operation, being discussed for use in Public Service, is Narrow Band Emergency Messaging All you need is a Signalink device to tie your computer to your radio. We will hear more about this in the future.

55th JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Don Burke KB1LXH and the Taunton Area Communication Group volunteered to set up a Jamboree On-The-Air (JOTA) Special Event Station at Camp Norse in Kingston, MA. on Saturday, October 20, 2012 with the help of members of the Whitman Amateur Radio Club and the Genesis Clubs.

Don Burke KB1LXH slept over in a tent on Friday night along with his sons **Noah SWL** and **Riley SWL** and scouts from Troop 40 of Taunton. There were approx. 10 other Troops from Annawan Council attending also. They reported that it was a "dark and stormy night" with rain and thunder in the early hours of the morning. When we arrived, it was overcast with a few sprinkles on Saturday morning during set up and the sun finally came out Saturday afternoon. Participating were:



KB1LXH	Don Burke	W1VFB	Greg Glynn	W1SUR	John Koukol
KB1TEH	Richard Metcalf	NI1X	Bruce Hayden	WI1G	John Murphy
WK1D	Jeff Ayres	KB1RSR	Andy Niles	KB1EVY	John Williams
KB1CGP	Owen Malaguti	KA1CQD	Fred Sanford	KB1SRO	Judy Attaya-Harris
KB1UHV	Anthony Attaya-Harris				

Don KB1LXH greeted the Scouts and explained that during the Scout Jamboree On-The-Air amateur radio operators all over the country and the world make their stations available to scouts and link up scouts all over the world.

Don KB1LXH talked about QSL card collecting and showed his special QSL card confirming his contact with the Commander of the International Space Station.

Don KB1LXH explained about the Amateur Radio Emergency Service where individual HAMS team up to provide emergency communication like at the Boston Marathon, and explained our involvement with the SKYWARN program. **Don KB1LXH** also explained about Directional Finding and showed the Scouts the Modified Spud Gun Launcher for installing antennas.

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO and **Anthony KB1UHV** brought four display boards on ARRL, Marconi, Samuel Morse and a book shelf filled with information on amateur radio. **Judy KB1SRO** set up her computer that was showing the famous South Shore Fox Hunters video.



Don Burke KB1LXH explaining amateur radio to Scouts



Judy KB1SRO explaining about Marconi

55th JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

Don's KB1LXH plan this year was to concentrate on putting these older Scouts on HF where in the past Don KB1LXH had concentrated on putting the younger Cub Scouts on 2-Meters.



Don Burke KB1LXH and scout
at the 20-Meter Base Station



Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO and
Scouts on the 20-Meter Base Station

Paul Moss KB1MTW coordinated the support efforts of the Whitman Club and volunteered his Go Kit with his Yaesu FT-450 transceiver. It was connected to a Cushcraft R-5 vertical.

Judy KB1SRO is holding the CQ JOTA card that reads "CQ JOTA CQ JOTA THIS IS KILO CHARLIE ONE TANGO ALPHA CHARLIE" as the Scouts call CQ on the HF bands.



Fred Sanford KA1CQD and Scouts
on the 2-Meter Base Station



Greg Glynn W1VFB and Scouts
on the 10 - 80-Meter Base Station

Greg Glynn W1VFB brought his Yaesu FT-450 transceiver and set it up with the all band Off-Center-Fed dipole "Windom" antenna installed between trees using the modified Spud Gun Launcher.

Don KB1LXH spoke with Chin 9M2CW in West Malaysia via the EchoLink connection to the Whitman 2-Meter REPEATER. Don KB1LXH reports that HF contacts were made with Croatia and Germany and as far away as Texas, Virginia, and So. Carolina. The Whitman Club 2-Meter REPEATER Echolink connection was renamed JOTA - WA1NPO / R for the weekend by Jeff N1ZZN and that attracted EchoLink contacts from England, Netherlands, Canada, and Puerto Rico along with contacts within the United States. Local 2-Meter contacts were made with Bill N1FRE, Barry N1EZH, Dave N1YIA, Mike KB1YII, Rob KD1CY and Bob N1SYC. Not all local contacts were recorded.

55th JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

The **Bruce NI1X** set up his code practice oscillator and through the use of Morse code handouts, was helping the Scouts send their name in Morse code and spell their name using phonetics.

Seen L. To R. Standing

John Murphy WI1G

John Williams KB1EVY

Seen L. to R. seated

Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV

Bruce Hayden NI1X

John Koukol W1SUR



Sending Morse code



Anthony Attaya-Harris KB1UHV

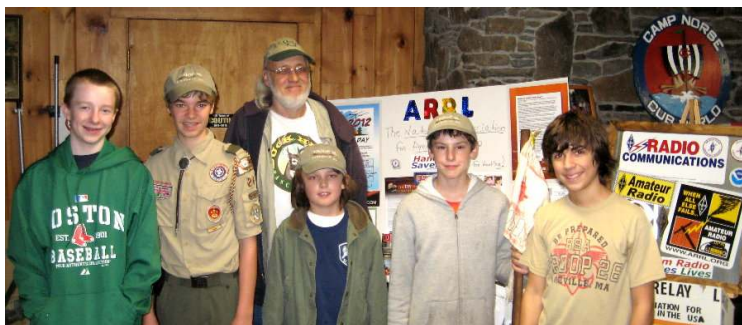
Judy Attaya- Harris KB1SRO

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Jeff Ayres WK1D set up his QRP rig powered by a battery and set up his buddipole antenna and demonstrated portable operation



Fred Sanford KA1CQD in back talking with Scouts



Richard Metcalf KB1TEH modified spud gun Launcher

Richard Metcalf KB1TEH was demonstrating Directional Finding techniques with his tape measure beams. We were using **Joe Casieri's KA1JBE** new Fox Box for the first time.

Greg Glynn W1VFB set up his computer and projector to show SKYWARN videos supplied by **Jim Palmer KB1KQW**.



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

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