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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: This is **John KB1SVY** – The Boston Marathon bombings that targeted innocent spectators, along with the runners, public service personnel and the volunteers located at the finish line, was a horrible act. Our prayers go out to all the victims and we praise the professional actions of the first responders. The whole world watched the follow up crime scene investigators on television as the pursuit and capture of the suspects unfolded over the next four days.



John Duprey
KB1SVY

HAVING FUN: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, March 30, 2013 and reported 10 Fox Hunters participating. **Richard Metcalf AG1B** volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, April 6, 2013 and reported 7 Fox Hunters participating.

Jim Ford NM1F reported at least 2 Whitman Club members attending the Framingham Flea Market on April 7, 2013. **Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG** reported 2 Whitman Club members attending the Antique Radio Flea Market and Auction in Brookline, New Hampshire on April 20, 2013.

PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE: **Bruce Hayden NI1X** reported that both he and **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** participated in Shelter Training, in March, with the City of Taunton.

Jeff Ayres KW1D reported that he along with **Jim O'Rourke WG1L**, **Don Keene KA1PJX**, **Wayne Robertson KB1YFQ** and 7 other area HAMS helped provide communication support for the Good Friday Walk in Hingham, Mass. on March 29, 2013.

Bruce Hayden NI1X reported that 7 Whitman Club members participated in the first Monday of the Month (April) MEMA communication test. **John O'Neill K1JRO** reported that 7 South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members participated in the first Saturday of the Month (April) Hospital Communication Test.

Jim O'Rourke WG1L reported that he and **Jim Tynan KC1JET** helped provide communication support at the start of the Boston Marathon in Hopkinton, Mass. on April 15, 2013. **Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ** helped provide communication support on a Medical bus.

Barry Kennedy N1EZH reported that he and **Paul Moss KB1MTW**, along with 4 other area HAMS, helped the Massasoit Club provide communication support for the Brockton YMCA Road Race on April 20, 2013.

NEXT MEETING: We have our Memorial Day weekend Flea Market to make final plans for. It will be held on Sunday, May 26th and Monday, May 27th at the Whitman K of C on Rt. 18 in Whitman. We also need a volunteer to run for the office of WARC Secretary. Come to the next meeting and share your radioactive projects with the other members present.

73 From: John Duprey KB1SVY

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2013 de N1VI

OPENING: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **John Duprey KB1SVY** at the Whitman Knights of Columbus hall. The members stood, and facing the flag, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
(Photo by Jeff KW1D)



Paul Moss
KB1MTW V. Pres.

Karen Trask
N1VI Sec.

Jeff Tracy
N1SOM Tres.

John Duprey
KB1SVY Pres.

ATTENDANCE: 36 members / guests were present, including the four elected Officers and three Directors. A quorum was present.

KB1SVY	John Duprey	N1SOM	Jeff Tracy	N1VI	Karen Trask
KB1MTW	Paul Moss	AG1B	Richard Metcalf	KB1CYV	Roy Logan
NI1X	Bruce Hayden	WK1D	Jeff Ayres	W1MSP	Mike Petrou
N1VTI	Paul Burbine	K1WGU	Bob Bass	N1IQI	Loren Pimentel
K1JRO	John O'Neill	W1CBR	Charlie Amico	W1JGR	John Ruppel
KC1JET	Jim Tynan	N1FRE	Bill Hayden	K1AWB	Steven Laroe
WI1G	John Murphy	K1LJK	Larry Kenney	KB1MJL	Al Marshall
KB1VGN	Stan Rydell	KB1YFQ	Wayne Robertson	W1AY	Brad Wilson
K1UFO	Billy Robinson	NM1F	Jim Ford	N1JCW	Jim Wolf
KB1PFL	Jim Madden	N1LQK	Dave Kaplan	KA1DON	Don Cahill
KA1CQD	Fred Sanford - Guest	W1EKG	Ross Hochstrasser		
SWL	Fred Birtwell - Guest	SWL	Colben Laroe Guest		
W1LY	Willy Maclean -Guest				
N3RWB	Richard Brendlinger - Guest				

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for March was read by **Jeff N1SOM**. **Jim KC1JET** made a motion, seconded by **Jeff WK1D**, that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET**, seconded by **Jeff WK1D**, that the March 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 was sent to **Jim Tovet W1JT**.

NET CONTROLS: April 7th - **Jeff N1SOM**, April 14th - **Bruce NI1X**
April 21st - **Roy KB1CYV**, April 28th - **Ross W1EKG**

SECRETARY'S NOTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2013 Cont: de N1VI

OLD BUSINESS: The WARC Flea Market will be held in the parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall in Whitman on Sunday May 26th and Monday May 27th. **Charlie W1CBR** and **Bill N1FRE** have volunteered to arrive early to set up and place parking cones. **Jeff N1SOM** will place the newspaper ads. Spread the word.

Ross W1EKG reports that he does not have any NEAR-Fest tickets as yet.

Jeff WK1D notes that there is a need for volunteers for an antenna set up to test equipment sites on the East Coast for the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) in 2014. Fifty-five sites are involved and this contest is held every four years around the world.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for officers: **Bill N1FRE** nominated the current slate of Officers for the next term. The motion was seconded by **Charlie W1CBR**. **Karen N1VI** declined to run for the next term. The motion carried. The position of Secretary will need to be filled for the next term. **Steve K1AWB** nominated **John W1IG** for Director as his term would be ending. The motion was seconded by **Ross W1EKG**. The motion carried.

Paul KB1MTW reminds everyone that the JOTA event will be October 19th and 20th this year.

Charlie W1CBR would like to hold General Class training sessions on the following dates-May 14,16,21,30. June 4,11,13,18,20,25,28. Classes will be from 6:30-8:15 p.m. The classes will be taught using the Gordon West training materials. **Charlie W1CBR** requested \$170.00 from the Club for those items. A motion was made by **Jim KC1JET** and seconded by **John K1JRO** that the money be appropriated. The motion carried.

Charlie W1CBR also suggested that a Technician course could be held at the Field Day event this year in June.

Bruce NI1X is working on a certificate for the Marshfield Fair like the one we give out at Plimoth Plantation.

CLOSE: President **John KB1SVY** closed the business meeting at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by **John W1IG** seconded by **Charlie W1CBR**. The motion was approved.

GETTING NEW HAMS INVOLVED

By: The Bruce" NI1X

Willy Maclean Jr. W1LY

Fred Sanford KA1CQD

Rick Brendlinger N3RWB



The Whitman Club had three guests at the April meeting. Two of our guests were **William (Willy) Hayden Maclean Jr. W1LY** and **Rick Brendlinger N3RWB** of Jamestown, RI. **Willy W1LY** is the President of the Newport County Radio Club and he reported that they have been having success conducting Technician classes but find the follow-up participation and On-The-Air rate of new HAMS is low. Their classes attract interested people from the Public Service sector like Fire, Police, and Red Cross volunteers. They had been reading our SPECTRUM newsletter and were interested in how we were attracting so many people to our meetings.

GETTING NEW HAMS INVOLVED Cont: By: "The Bruce" NI1X

The **Bruce NI1X** and **Paul Burbine N1VTI**, along with several other members, talked with **Willy Maclean Jr. W1LY** and **Rick Brendlinger N3RWB** following the business meeting and reviewed some of the activities that get new HAMS involved.

Instituting the coffee break and cookies after the business meeting and before the guest speakers seems to be working out just fine. The question is - How many Club members, at a meeting, will go out of their way to introduce themselves to new members or guests and make them feel welcome and invite them back ???. The coffee hour gives the members a reason to stick around and socialize.

Securing an outside guest speaker or having Club members give a Technical Topic presentation along with holding auctions of donated Club equipment at the meetings seems to attract member participation.

The third guest - **Fred Sanford KA1CQD** has been participating in the South Shore Fox Hunts. Having an open invitation for new HAMS or area HAMS to team up with and ride along with Whitman Club Fox Hunters, either **Roy Logan KB1CYV**, **Richard Metcalf AG1B** or **Bruce Hayden NI1X**, has helped break the ice and get new members involved. During a Fox Hunt one HAM hides in a public place and, using his handheld or mobile radio, transmits for one minute out of every 5 minutes. The Fox Hunters have made 2-Meter tape measure beams. Attenuators are needed when close to the Fox. Others use paper clip antennas and body fading.

Some new HAMS have no equipment: The Whitman Club will loan out Club 2-Meter and HF transceivers until the new HAMS can get equipment of their own. The Club has wire and cable for sale at cost. HAMS are always ready to lend a helping hand with antenna parties, programming, and mobile installations.

Existing registered volunteers for their local city and town Emergency Management Agency and Hospitals should be encouraging new HAMS to join them and volunteer their services as part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Invite new HAMS to help provide communication support for local Road Races and participate in local SKYWARN Nets

The **K1USN** gang has a great weekly activity that starts with breakfast at Jamie's restaurant in Braintree every Saturday morning and then a stop at the **K1USN** Club house to operate and help put new HAMS on the air. The V-E Testing sessions are also held, once a month, at the **K1USN** Club house location and after the testing session the applicants are invited to visit the Club house, meet the members and see the Radio Room in action. If you do not have a Club house - arrange to meet for coffee or do lunch once a week between meetings.

Flea Markets – Invite new HAMS to car pool to local Flea Markets.

Special Events Club Stations – Invite new HAMS to participate in Club sponsored Special Event Stations and operate HF under the supervision of a higher class Control Operator. The Whitman Club participates in Field Day, Plimoth Plantation, Marshfield Fair, Scout Jamboree On The Air and operates a Club Station at our fund raising Flea Markets twice a year.

Keep everyone informed of upcoming events and share Technical Topics and Guest Speaker presentations with all members through a monthly newsletter (WARC Spectrum) and a Club Web Site (www.wa1npo.org). Not everyone can make the meetings. Run a weekly 2-Meter Net and share your amateur radio related activities with the other area HAMS and short-wave listeners as well. Have a designated REPEATER or SIMPLEX frequency for all Club members to monitor daily.

GETTING NEW HAMS INVOLVED Cont: By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Club Workshops – The Whitman Club has built tape measure beams, built modified spud gun launchers, and held soldering clinics to make jumper leads.

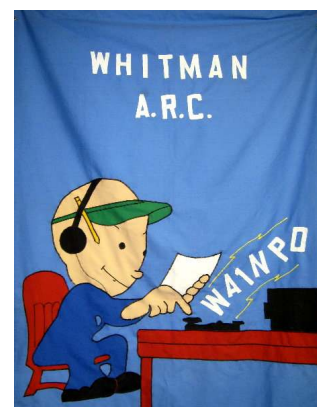
Teach Technician classes to generate new members and Teach General classes to help Technician Class operators upgrade and gain HF privileges in order to take full advantage of this fascinating hobby.

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 March we had 5 sessions with an average of 18 area HAMS checking in each week and 15 messages were sent. In March, Whitman Club member **Loren Pimentel N1IQI** sent 1017 NTS messages from his home QTH.



Sending NI1X
an update

Juergen DL1NBR checked in from Germany via EchoLink.

UPDATES RECEIVED

Bob Callahan W1QWT is taking a cross country trip.

John Coombs WQ1L thanked **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **John Duprey KB1SVY** for helping him clear some tree branches that had fallen on his house and covered his generator during the storm. HAMS are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Barry N1EZH has received a reciprocal operating license for Bermuda and will be operating on their local REPEATERS as **N1EZH / VP9** during the third week in May. Look for him on the Bridgewater and Whitman REPEATERS via EchoLink.

Jim Tovet W1JT and **Elayne Tovet KB1IKH** both got call sign license plates for their cars.

NEXT V-E EXAM -- SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 -- IN BRAINTREE

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

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2013 By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Bruce Hayden NI1X volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, March 30, 2013 and was hiding beside a pile of dirt at the end of Pleasant Street in Middleboro - a dead end street - where it meets the end of Frontage Road – up against Rt. 495. The temperature was 48 degrees and the weather was beautiful for a Fox hunt.

The Fox transmits on 146.535 MHz simplex for 1 minute out of every 5 minutes. The Fox Hunters use directional finding antennas, signal strength or body fading techniques to locate the Fox's Den.



Bruce Hayden NI1X

John Wittey N1PRK

Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO

Kevin Dykes KB1MOC

Richard Metcalf AG1B

Fred Sanford KA1CQD

Jim Dorrance KD1OQ

John Chase KB1ODS

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Larry Kenney K1LJK

First in was the team of **Roy Logan KB1CYV** and first time Fox Hunter **Larry Kenney K1LJK** in a time of 30 minutes. They were followed by **Richard Metcalf AG1B** in 30.1 minutes.

Roy KB1CYV and **Larry W1LJK** reported that they started at the Middleboro North Fire Station – In the Fox's back yard - and checked out Frontage Road – turning around at the dead end - within less than a 100 feet of the Fox's Den, that was hidden behind a dirt pile, and driving away. (Would have been a good time to ask for a bonus transmission). They then checked out the industrial park before circling north and closing in on the Fox's Den.

Richard AG1B reported that he started at the water tower south of town, checked out a nearby school and ball field before heading north to the rotary and the industrial park where he found **Roy KB1CYV** and **Larry K1LJK** and followed them to the Den.

Third place goes to the team of **Kevin Dykes KB1MOC** and **Bob Brown SWL** in a time of 54 minutes. **Kevin KB1MOC** reported that they started at the Herring Run on Rt. 44 and headed into town before circling back to the rotary and the Fox's Den.

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2013 Cont: By: "The Bruce" N11X

Fourth place goes to the team of **Fred Sanford KA1CQD** and first time Fox Hunter **Jim Dorrance KD1OQ** of Attleboro, in 1 hour and 10 minutes. **Fred KA1CQD** reported that they started at the Oliver Mill Park and Herring Run on Rt. 44 and got a really bad reading, east towards Plymouth, then circled around through town before heading north to the rotary and the Fox's Den.

Fifth place goes to **John Chase KB1ODS** in a time of 1 hour and 14 minutes.

Making the top teams possible was the team of **Judy Attaya-Harris KB1SRO** and **John Wittey N1PRK** in a time of 1 hour and 20 minutes. **Judy KB1SRO** reported that they started in Middleboro center and worked their way north on Rt. 18 well past the rotary before doubling back and finding the Fox's Den.



The Bruce N11X with Sly the Fox
Roy Logan KB1CYV

APRIL 20ST – BROCKTON YMCA ROAD RACE

The Massasoit Club had been asked to provide communication support for the Brockton YMCA 5K Road Race to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013. **Carl Aveni N1FY** extended an invitation to all area HAMS to participate.

RADIO TEAM VOLUNTEERS

(Photo by Barry N1EZH)



John Mahon N1PYN

Carl Aveni N1FY

Bob Keene N1LCY

Walter Fitzgerald W1WCF

Paul Moss KB1MTW

Barry Kennedy N1EZH

This race covered surface streets through the heart of Brockton. From the Brockton YMCA, the runners basically ran south on Montello Street to Perkins Avenue and then returned north on Main street, crossing about 20 side streets along the 3 mile course.

Carl N1FY was Net Control at the Start / Finish line and the rest of the Radio Team was spread evenly along the course. There were no incidents to report.

Barry N1EZH reports: "It was a little wet starting off, however was starting to clear up toward the end. There were about 50 Runners / Walkers. It took about an hour or so to complete once it began at 9:00 a.m."

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 **Charlie Amico W1CBR**. One RADIOGRAM message was read and a SIMPLEX test was conducted to simulate REPEATERS being out of service during a storm.



Mike Leger N1YLQ
(Region II Radio Officer)

Doug Forbes Jr. SWL
(Region II Local Coordinator)

Steve Lempke WA1MZL
Charlie Amico W1CBR standing
Bruce Hayden N1IX seated

Don Cahill KA1DON standing
John Miller N1UMJ - seated
(photo by Jennie Miller SWL)

This month – Three Nets were run from Region II Headquarters and one Net was run from a remote station. **Bruce N1IX, Charlie W1CBR, Steve WA1MZL and John N1UMJ** each covered a separate Net.

Whitman Club members heard checking in for their local towns were: **Paul Moss KB1MTW** and **Bill Hayden N1FRE** for Whitman, **Barry Kennedy N1EZH** for Taunton, and **Jim Madden KB1PFL** for Pembroke.

The MEMA Region II Radio Officer – **Mike Leger N1YLQ** - is looking for area HAMs who are interested in volunteering as Net Control Operators at Region II Headquarters located in the Bunker on State Prison property in Bridgewater, Mass. and who will be able to help staff the facility in times of emergencies. If you are interested – contact **The Bruce N1IX** and we will make arrangements to attend a first Monday of the month MEMA Communication Test session.

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

John O'Neill K1JRO reported 7 South Shore Hospital Amateur Radio Club members were present during the first Saturday of the Month (April) Hospital Communication Test.



Al Drollett Jr. W1SM – Net Control
Paul Moss KB1MTW - Logging
(photos by John O'Neill K1JRO)



Jeff Tracy N1SOM
Stan Rydell KB1VGN
Charlie Amico W1CBR – Standing
John Barbuto KS1Q

John O'Neill K1JRO reported that the crew spent some time working on Stan's KB1VGN TNC packet radio setup.

Ed Caron KA1RSY was Net Control and operated from the St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. Ed KA1RSY ran callups on four local REPEATERS and then held a SIMPLEX test. ED KA1RSY reported that 6 hospitals checked in along with 1 EOC and 7 home stations. The hospitals checking in were the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Sturdy Memorial in Attleboro, Charlton Memorial in Fall River, St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford (Net Control Station), the Tobey Hospital in Wareham and the Falmouth Hospital on Cape Cod.

FRAMINGHAM FLEA MARKET -- SUNDAY, April 7, 2013

The Framingham Amateur Radio Association sponsored their annual Spring Flea Market and Exams on April 7, 2013 at the Keefe Technical School located on Winter Street in Framingham, Mass.

Jim Ford NM1F and his daughter Emily SWL set up their vendor table as usual and Jim NM1F reports: "I won the first raffle drawing, a \$25.00 ARRL Gift Certificate, The other prize I won a long time ago"

Jim NM1F reports: "I have only a picture of Jim KC1JET, It was very busy, good turnout". (Photos by Jim NM1F)



Emily Ford SWL
Jim Ford NM1F



Jim Tynan KC1JET

FOX HUNT OF SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2013 By: "The Bruce" NI1X

Richard Metcalf AG1B volunteered to be the Fox on Saturday, April 6th and was hiding in a parking lot at New Pond off Rt. 123 / 106 in Easton. The weather was beautiful. People were fishing and out walking nearby.



Mike Freeman KB1SAM

Mike Petrou W1MSP

Roy Logan KB1CYV

Bob Azanow KA1KIJ - holding Sly The Fox

Richard Metcalf AG1B

Bruce Hayden NI1X

First Place goes to **Bob Azanow KA1KIJ** in 41 minutes. **Bob KA1KIJ** reported that he started in Easton center and worked his way south to the Vocational School on Rt. 106 before turning north and checking out the intersection of Rt. 123 and Rt. 106 that was a hot spot. The Fox's Den was about 1 mile north of that intersection.

Second place goes to **Roy Logan KB1CYV** in a time of 1 hour and 11 minutes. **Roy KB1CYV** reported that he had started at the Vocational School on Rt. 106 and slowly worked his way north.

Third place goes to the team of **Bruce NI1X** and first time Fox Hunter **Mike Petrou W1MSP** in a time of 1 hour and 41 minutes. The team started at the intersection of Rt. 138 and Rt. 106 and **The Bruce NI1X** got an initial reading that was 45 degrees off and sent them to the center of town. From there they worked their way to the intersection of Rt. 123 and Rt. 106 where they circled and circled the intersection and could not leave the hot spot in any direction without losing the signal.

Making the top teams possible was first time Fox Hunter and Easton resident **Mike Freeman KB1SAM** in a time of 1 hour and 54 minutes. **Mike KB1SAM** heard us on the Whitman REPEATER discussing the Fox Hunt and joined us using signal strength.

Did not finish – **Larry Kenney K1LJK** did not finish and could not check in with his handheld to let the Fox know he was out there.

MAY 3RD & 4TH NEAR-Fest OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET – Deerfield, 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. Doors open at 9 a.m. Price \$10.00 per person and \$10.00 per vehicle pass.

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.

42nd GOOD FRIDAY WALK - March 29, 2013



Wayne Robertson
KB1YFQ



Jeff Ayres
WK1D



Jim O'Rourke WG1L
Don Keene KA1PJX

Anne Manna WB1ARU reported that this walk is unique in that it is 20 miles long and lasts from early morning to late afternoon. The HAMS are assigned in shifts and included:

KS1Q	John Barbuto	KA1KHJ	Dennis Kelley
KA1PJX	Don Keene	KB1FBA	Bob Mahoney
WB1ARU	Anne Manna	WB1GZB	Colin Moran
WG1L	Jim O'Rourke	WK1D	Jeff Ayres
KB1YFQ	Wayne Robertson		

Jim O'Rourke WG1L reports: "Here is a picture of **Don Keene KA1PJX** & I (**WG1L**), we both were at the First Baptist Church in Hingham, **Don KA1PJX** was there early, 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and then he was relieved by another HAM whom I relieved at 12:45 p.m.. I was there until 3:00 p.m.

Jim WG1L also says: "We were in contact with **Anne Manna WB1ARU** at the Plymouth River School to coordinate any info that needed to be passed to Net Control such as people that could not finish the walk & needed a ride back to the School, or packages that were left at the Church & needed to be sent back to the School. Mainly any communications between the Drivers, Church & Net Control at the Plymouth River School".

APRIL 20th – ANTIQUE RADIO SWAP MEET:

The New England Antique Radio Club held an indoor Flea Market and Auction, with outdoor tailgating, at the Brookline Auction & Event Center in Brookline, New Hampshire. See www.nearc.net

Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG reports that he picked up a Hallicrafter S-76 receiver that actually works after cleaning a dirty band switch.

Ross W1EKG says: "It was the first (and least expensive) dual conversion receiver offered by Hallicrafter in the early 1950's. The receiver will be recapped.



Ross Hochstrasser W1EKG

BOSTON MARATHON -- APRIL 15, 2013

From this area, there were Whitman Club members along with Taunton Area Communication Group members and **K1USN** Club members that were part of the more than 200 amateur radio operators that volunteered to help provide communication support for the 2013 Boston Marathon.

EVERYTHING NORMAL AT THE START IN HOPKINTON



Greg Glynn W1VFB In Hopkinton
Jim O'Rourke WG1L
Henry Brown K1WCC
Pi Pugh K1RV



Peter Mundy SWL - Announcer
Jim O'Rourke WG1L - Shadow
At Athletics' field



Jim Tynan KC1JET Back home
Don Burke KB1LXH
Greg Glynn W1VFB

The radio team volunteers, shown above, were at the Athletics Field in Hopkinton where **Jim O'Rourke WG1L** was the shadow for **Peter Mundy SWL** who was the announcer. (Photos in Hopkinton by Jim WG1L)

Greg Glynn W1VFB reports: My specific assignment at the 2013 Marathon was in the Athlete's Village, deployed to the medical tent, for on ground communications and back up communications for the doctors that were manning the tent. The doctors did have Marathon communications but, with the noise and all, they had a hard time hearing their radios

Jim Tynan KC1JET reports: My position was at the start line with the VIP vehicles and the motorized escorts.

Don Burke KB1LXH reports: I was assigned the same place / person I've had for the last 6 years at the Town Common as a shadow for **Dottie Ferriter-Wallace**. She is Chairwoman of the Hopkinton Marathon Committee. We had no issues. My job was status-quo.

The Starting Line Radio Team in Hopkinton were dismissed around noon time and all headed home.

BOSTON MARATHON -- APRIL 15, 2013 - Cont:

AT 2:50 p.m. – TWO BOMB BLASTS -- AT THE FINISH LINE

Approximately 5 hours after the start - two bombs went off at the finish line.

After a radio check, it was determined that all the 200 plus amateur radio operators working the event were unharmed.

Jeremy Breef-Pilz KB1REQ reports: “I was assigned to Medical Bus 1 for the beginning of the day. Since I was done early I returned to the finish area Net Control in Copley Square with the intention of relieving someone who was volunteering at the communication trailer. It was then that the explosions occurred”.

Jeremy KB1REQ also reports: “When I heard the first one (explosion), I thought something had collapsed or fallen on the roof of the trailer, Since I was outside when the second explosion occurred I heard it unattenuated and it sounded like the report from a cannon or fireworks, which did not make sense in the situation I was in.”



As expected – immediately following the bombing - people experienced trouble getting through via cell phones and social media to check on the health & welfare of loved ones. Once again amateur radio continued to work throughout the whole incident and the radio team volunteers did a remarkable job. Read the summary published in the ARRL News Report: “Radio Amateurs Provide Communication Support in Boston Marathon Bombing” – UPDATE 04/16/13

See www.arrl.org/news

What happened following the bombing was well covered as the whole world watched and listened to reports as the incident unfolded and was being broadcast day and night on television, radio and in the newspapers.



While this investigation is still going on, many runners and spectators are already saying “Look for us again next year”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 14th - GENERAL UPGRADE CLASSES: Charlie Amico W1CBR – our Training Coordinator - has made arrangements to hold General license upgrade classes at the Abington Library starting May 14, and additional classes on May 16, 21 & 30 and June 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 28. Classes will be from 6:30 p.m thru 8:15 p.m. The classes will be taught using the Gordon West training materials. The plan is to listen to the Gordon West instruction CD and have some show and tell operational presentations at each session. **Contact Charlie W1CBR** at sfccamico@gmail.com

JUNE 15TH – WOMPATUCK STATE PARK ROAD RACE: John O'Neill K1JRO and the South Shore Amateur Radio Club will be looking for additional HAMs to volunteer to help provide communication support for the 4th annual Set The Pace Road Race that is sponsored by the South Shore Hospital Cardiovascular Unit. To be held at the Wompatuck State Park on - June 15th Interested parties should send an email to **John K1JRO** at ssharc@gmail.com to sign up.



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Club Call Sign: WA1NPO

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, May 1st 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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