



AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to John Miller N1UMJ- First Region Net Cycle 2 Net Manager



John Miller, N1UMJ of Taunton has been nominated for the First Region Net Cycle Two Net Manager Slot.

In an email from the Chair of the Eastern Area Staff, Marcia Forde, KW1U, "After more than a year with no manager ... we finally have a candidate for manager of 1RN cycle 2. John Miller, N1UMJ has been active on the net for some time now and has agreed to take the job."

Forde adds that she's "putting out a call" for further nominations for the job. But if none are forthcoming, KW1U is calling for Miller's appointment effective July 1, 2007. (This is a reprint from the Eastern Mass. ARRL website.)



Barbecue Meeting at the Bunker.....



Standing L to R: Manny KB1NMQ, Greg W1VFB, Skip K1WMN, Winn KB1OHV, Rudy KB1 LXI, Bruce N11X, George KB1KZV Seated L to R: Neal KB1 LXL, Carlos WP4US, Don KB1LXH, John N1UMJ.



The significant others, L to R Rudy's XYL Denise, Rudy's XYL, Eric Rudy's son, Don's XYL Gina, and Win's XYL Meredith, and Noah and Riley, Don's sons were present enjoying Don's pool.

At our regular meeting of July 16, Don Burke KB1LXH and his wife Gina graciously opened their home to the TAC Group for our meeting and a barbecue. The usual hot dogs and hamburgers were complimented by salads and deserts that were brought by our members. A great time was had by all. Many thanks go out to Don and Gina.

ARRL Field Day 2007

As most of you know the weekend of June 23rd and 24th was the ARRL's Field Day Weekend. Graciously the Sturdy Memorial Hospital Amateur Radio Club invited the members of the Taunton Area Communications Group to participate in the event at their event site at the World War I Memorial Park in North Attleboro. Neal Harrington KB1LXL and Skip Newell K1MWN attended Saturday afternoon. I personally was able to get to the park around 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning when most of the Attleboro club members were regrouping to start their phone transmissions. Most of the night was spent working CW as several members are very active in code.

The club had set up two camping trailers at the highest point in the park. The club's trailered antenna with the 20 meter three element beam was set up at one spot and the 40 meter trailer was set up with a dipole strung among the many trees in the park. I was told that the crank up antenna on the trailer was designed and constructed by members of the club. Across from these stations was a VHF/UHF station set up under a tent canopy.



Bill Tomlinson WB1DJM working the transmitter and Buzz Downing W1FNM logging.



John Bellissimo WA1EWN at the mike. Gary Powers KB1KA (not shown) was logging for John.

As I toured the site the VHF/UHF antenna set-up caught my eye. It was a simple mast I would think about 20 feet tall with a three element beam and a multiple element yagi on top of that. I didn't research the equipment too well so I don't know the specifics of the antennas, but the mast had a hand ring at just about eye level in the picture to the right that was used to rotate the mast



Will Rollinson N1DPY looking over the shoulder of Buzz Downing (jr??) at the VHF/UHF station.

and antennas. The things that you can learn about by observing the great ideas of others.



The crank-up tower designed and built by members of the SMHARC.

Overall, I have to say that you can understand why the ARRL's Field Day has been the success that it has. Yes it's about making contacts from all over the U.S.A. and the world but it's really about the camaraderie. You work together to set up the site, getting the antennas up and in the right place, getting the station locations just right, and last but not least, setting up the food tent. Next to working the radios the food is an integral part of the event. I understand that many great dishes come out of Field Day along with the hot dogs and hamburgers that we all have come to love. If anyone out in the TACG's newsletter land has not attended a Field Day or any other amateur radio event, PLEASE, try to get to one. It's an experience that you won't soon forget. Amateur radio people are unique to say the least BUT they are great people willing to share their hobby with others and they are ALL great friends whether you have known them all your life or just met them.

Please forgive me for not taking more pictures. The picture of the tower is from the SMHARC website. <http://www.w1smh.com/> Also contributing to this story was John Miller N1UMJ. For now, **Greg Glynn W1VFB 73**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Don Burke. Members present were:

George KB1KZB	Skip K1WMN	Rudy KB1LXI	Win KB1OHV
Manny KB1NMQ	Carlos WP4US	John N1UMJ	Bruce NI1X
Greg W1VFB	Neal KB1LXL	Don KB1LXH	
Eric SWL	Denise SWL	Ines Wharton SWL	
Marilyn SWL	Gina (The Boss!!)		

A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and approved as read as appeared in the newsletter. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasure's report was accepted and approved. No activity from last month.

Committee Reports:

Unfinished Business:

Greg W1VFB reported that the TACG Patches should be available in about a week.

John has been made the National Traffic System's First Region Net Manager for all of New England.

The next Races/Ares drill will be 8/7/2007.

New Business:

A road trip to the Museum of Antiquated Technology in Hanson is being planned for 8/4/2007 by the Whitman ARC. A separate email will be sent out.

There will be an Amateur Radio exhibition sponsored by the Whitman ARC at the Marshfield Fair August 17-26. Bruce NI1X noted that volunteers are being sought to help the Whitman members man a two shift operations during the week.

A visit to the AARL HQs in CT, the first week, in August is still being planned. If anyone is interested please contact Don KB1LXH or Greg W1VFB for more information.

Health and Welfare: Everybody remains in good shape.

Announcements:

Carlos announced the TACG web site is up and running as of the morning of the 16th. Five email addresses will be available for those who would like one at a small nominal fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting of TACG will be August 20, 2007 at 7:00 at the Stone Conference Room, Morton Hospital.

Respectfully submitted by
George Pereira KB1KZV
Secretary

TAC Group July Meeting Barbecue



L to R Carlos WP4US, George KB1KZV, & Rudy KB1LXI



L to R Skip K1WMN, Manny KB1NMQ, & Neal KB1LXL



L to R Bruce N1IX, Rudy KB1LXI, Winn KB1OHV, John N1UMJ



Carlos WP4US and his XYL Ines

RACES RADIOGRAM July 2, 2007



The regular gathering of Taunton Amateurs met at Taunton City Hall in the Emergency Management Office for the July radiogram test. Once again John N1UMJ was Net Control from the Mass. Emergency Management Agency bunker in Bridgewater, Mass. At the TEMA office were **Neal KB1LXL**, **Steve KB1KZW**, **Bruce N1IX** and seated were **Rudy KB1LXI** (Assistant TEMA Director) and **Barbara KB1KZX** who was control operator for Taunton for the evening.





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TAUNTON AREA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP EVENT CALENDAR

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Taunton DRC Taunton, UK	2 Attleboro/Sturdy ARES Practice Net 8:30 p.m. 147.195	3	4
5	6 RACES Regular Drill 7p.m. Taunton EOC	7	8 Taunton DRC Taunton, UK	9 Attleboro/Sturdy ARES Practice Net 8:30 p.m. 147.195	10 Whitman ARC Whitman Public Library 6:30 p.m.	11
12	13	14	15 Taunton DRC Taunton, UK	16 Attleboro/Sturdy ARES Practice Net 8:30 p.m. 147.195	17	18
19	20 TACG Meeting 7p.m. Morton Hosp.	21 Bridgewater ARC B'water EOC 7:30 p.m. Attleboro ARC Sturdy Mem. Hosp. 6:30 p.m. Sturdy-Rice/Web	22 Taunton DRC Taunton, UK	23 Attleboro/Sturdy ARES Practice Net 8:30 p.m. 147.195	24	25
26	27	28	29 Taunton DRC Taunton, UK	30 Attleboro/Sturdy ARES Practice Net 8:30 p.m. 147.195	31	

Taunton Area Communications Group

2007 Group Officers



President Don Burke KB1LXH
Vice President Greg Glynn W1VFB
Secretary George Perreira KB1KZV
Treasurer Neal Harrington KB1LXL
Trustee Carlos Wharton WP4US

**The Taunton Area Communciations Group meets every third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
at Morton Hospital, 55 Washinton Street, Taunton, Mass. in the Margaret Stone Conference Room.**