

Taunton Area Communications Group

NEWSLETTER

October 2006



Club Members L to R. Carlos Wharton, Neil Harrington, David Souza (standing) "The Bruce" Hayden (working the radio) and Bob Barbour.

ARTS AND AIR FESTIVAL A TOTAL SUCCESS

Saturday, October 7 was a sort of coming out for the Taunton Area Communications Group. The Friends of Boyden offered us a chance to show our wares along with Taunton Emergency Management and the Whitman Amateur Radio Club.

Peter Ferriera, KB1LXG represented TEMA along with Barbara and Steve Foster. Bob Barbour K1BAR, Bruce Hayden N1IX, represented the Whitman club. Carlos Wharton WP4US, Greg Glynn KB1NLX, Dave Souza K1DFS, and Neil Harrington KB1LXL were the representing members of our newly formed group. These members are also members of the Whitman club.

With radios supplied by TEMA and "The Bruce" many contacts were made throughout the world. Bruce was able to make about a dozen contacts which ranged from Russia all the way to Roswell, New Mexico.

Many people stopped by to gather up our ARRL and club information. Applications were taken for Carlos's upcoming Technician's class and hams that stopped by picked up applications to the TACG. All were invited to our first meeting to be held on October 16 at Morton Hospital. Some of the old time hams stopped by and expressed their interest and were glad to see the hobby start to liven up.

Carlos Wharton to start Technician's License Classes

Carlos Wharton will be teaching the class for new technicians licenses. The classes will be held at the Morton Hospital cafeteria / conference room. Classes will start on October 23 at 7:30 p.m. and run for eight weeks.

Taunton Area Communications Groups' First meeting...

After some scheduling miscues at Morton Hospital TACG finally got their meeting under way in the Mxxxxx Mxxxx Conference room. President Don Burke KB1LXH called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were President Don Burke, KB1LXH, Vice President Greg Glynn, KB1NLX, Secretary David Souza, W1DFS, Treasurer Neal Harrington, KB1LXL, and Trustee Carlos Wharton, WP4US. Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Barbour, K1BAR	Dave Drowne, KB1KYZ	Manny Gerreira, KB1NMQ
Rick Ferreira, KB1KWF	Bruce Hayden, N1IX	Alan Larson, KB1LAC
John Miller, N1UMJ	Bob Mims, WA1O EZ	George Pereira, KB1KZV
Dick Sproul, KB1MBW	Vince Vinniti, KB1KZT	

Because this was our first official meeting there were no official minutes of the previous meeting. Also the same was true for the Treasurers' report. Carlos informed the group as to the status of the Non-Profit 501-C3 filing. Liability insurance was reported on by Greg and further studies will be made in this area.

Under Committee reports Carlos and Neal reported that the 440 repeater will be set up in Neal's barn which was reported to have a fantastic line of sight view of Providence to Attleboro to Fall River and to Taunton and has an elevation of about 100 feet above sea level.



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The By-laws committed chairman Greg, requested suggestions and corrections from the attendees. Suggestions to the Officers, Meetings, and Membership sections were duly noted and are being added to the by-laws and will be presented to the membership at the next meeting.

John Miller reported on the ARES SET drill that is to be held on November 4th. Volunteers are all welcome to participate and attend. Rick and Bruce noted that the Taunton EOC would be open for the drill.

In unfinished business, Carlos reported that the TACG call sign had been applied for and received with a call of KB1NYY. Immediately after receipt of this call sign a vanity call sign of WC1TAC was applied for. The call is in review and hopefully will be activated by the December meeting.

Under new business, a recap of the successful Arts and Air Festival at Boyden Sanctuary was reported.

A request by George for volunteers to help out the CERT class at the Norton EMA. Requested was a brief demonstration of the many uses of Amateur Radio and for volunteers to help out at the final certification of the class on November 19 at the Old Police station in Norton.

It was announced that our next meeting would be November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Morton Hospital. The meeting location in the hospital will be secured before the meeting.

Carlos' Technician License class was announced to start October 23 and run for 8 weeks at which time the test will be administered to all participants.

Lastly, under Health and Welfare, it was noted that Jack Ready had entered the hospital. After some testing he was released and at last report was doing fine. Also Rudy Burer had dental surgery and was still feeling a little under the weather at the time of the meeting.

With no other business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

November Calendar.....

November 4 ARES Set Drill

November 4 Demonstration
Camp Norse, Order of the Arrow
Kingston, Mass

November 6 Technicians' Class
Morton Hospital, 7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria Annex

November 6 RACES Radiogram
Taunton EOC, Taunton City Hall
7:00 p.m.

November 19 Norton CERT Class
Final Certification, Old Norton PD
Norton, Mass.

November 20 TACG Meeting
7:00 p.m. Morton Hospital
Taunton, Mass.

November 24, 25, 26, Whitman
Amateur Radio Club's Plymouth
Plantation Special Event and Mes-
sage Center. Check out Whitman's
Club Website for more details.
www.walnpo.org.

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