



**NANCY KC1NS MRS FOX**



**JOHN N1GNV ROOF MOUNTED DOPPLER SYSTEM**



**ROD N1RUU**



**JOHN K1LYP**



**BOB WB1GYZ HOSTED THE FOX**



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**AUG 22**



**APR 6**



**JEFF N1AKN ATTENUATOR**



MAY 1



AUG 15



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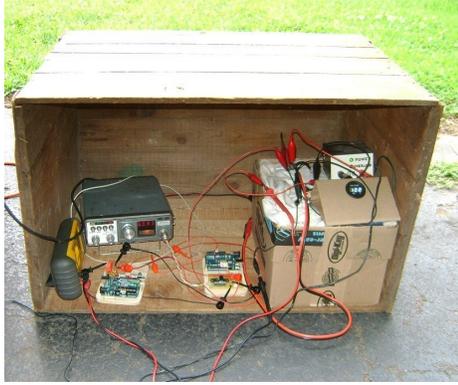


JULY 4



JUNE 20

# AND THE STAR OF THE SHOW THE FOX IN A BOX

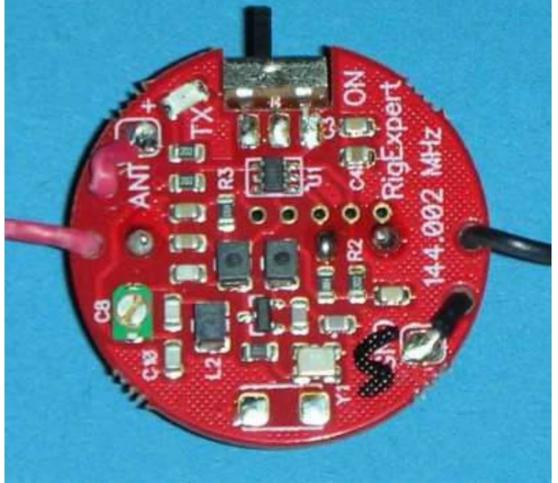


## JAMES BOND CLASS NEW FIAB

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## ***Tale of the fox that almost wasn't..... de Bart N1BRL***

Many in the club enjoy chasing the fox along with the newer Fox in a Box. Some days the chase is more challenging than others for some of us but the activity is rewarding. It was announced that this week's fox in a box would be deployed at 5:30pm on Tuesday and be available until 7:30pm the following day. I couldn't go out for it on Tuesday evening and was eager to get at it on Wednesday. Turns out this one was a bit more difficult to locate than previous ones because its location caused the signal to be weaker in many parts of town. Our clues were it would be in the south east part of Wallingford near a tree with an orange ribbon on it.

I began by selecting a location with high unobstructed views of that part of town in hopes of being able to active it and take a bearing. That part went as expected and I was able to activate the fox in a box and take a bearing. After plotting that on my map I looked to see where would be a good place to get the next bearing. Off I went only to discover that try as I might I couldn't activate the fox box from the next location. I continue to drive into even less familiar parts of Wallingford until I found a quiet spot to see if I could activate the fox yet. What luck! This time I bring the fox up and begin to take a bearing but I'm too slow and need to reactivate the fox box. Only problem now is that I don't know where I am so plotting a vector is impossible. Finally an older gentleman comes up to me to see if I'm lost and can he help. I explain to him who I am and what I'm doing but here I am lost. Shortly he is able to locate me on my map. I thank him for his assistance, hop back into my car and off I go in the direction of the fox.

Doesn't take long and I come to an intersection, is it left or right. What the heck I jump out to take another bearing. About this time Eric, KB1JL comes on the radio to say he found it already (he started 45 minutes after I did) and ask where I am? I respond and he tells me I'm close and to trust my bearings. Now while I'm still sitting there looking at my map (remember I don't know where anything is in Wallingford) Eric comes back on the radio and we talk a bit and then he tells me I'm getting closer. At this time I explain that I haven't moved yet, hi hi. I turn right to follow my 'plan' to get to where I think the fox will be and in about a 1/4 mile I run into a road closed sign with a giant fence across the road. I utter a few expletives and reverse course to go the other way. Doesn't take long until I realize that this is only taking me much farther away from my destination and into the next town. Best idea from here is to go back several miles to where I can understand where I am and devise a new route to get to the fox.

While driving back to civilization the thought occurs to me that maybe I should just pass this one over but no there is no rush and I will press on. Eventually I recognize a familiar spot so I pull over to consult my map. Again Eric, KB1JL, comes to my rescue on the radio. I tell him where I am and he says wait there for him. He arrives shortly and I show him my map and bearings. He probably gets a good laugh when he explains that the road I was on had been closed for decades and not only that the road I was trying to get to more or less doesn't exist. He is very gracious and explains how I can get around my obstacle without giving away the location of the fox in a box. He assures me I will find it. I thank him and set off again.

If you think this is long drawn out and boring just wait. Like any bad infomercial it gets even better. I make a couple turns and now I'm on my own again. I pause once for a bearing and yes I'm doing ok. Every once in a while I actually see places I recognize but I never put the big picture together in my head to know that I can get to one place from another. I'm riding down a nice road watching for a good place to take another bearing to confirm I'm not off track again when I pass the entrance to a parking lot that I know. Oh that will be a good place off the road in the clear to get a bearing so I back up and pull into the lot. The lot is empty except for a small town trash compactor truck off to one side. I make a turn and stop sort of in the middle of the lot. I get out of my car to walk around to the other side to get the Doppler antenna out and as I go around behind my car I happen to look up and see a tree with an orange ribbon on it in the woods? No, that can't be 'the' tree for the fox. I can't just stumble onto it, right? Oh well I walk over to the edge of the parking lot and peek into the woods but I don't see any fox in a box. Back to the car and get out the antenna.

While I'm pointing the antenna I hear the trash truck rollup alongside of me. The driver says what is that pointing to the antenna. It does look a little unusual for those who haven't seen it and know what it is. Basically it's a large "H" with a 2 meter verticle dipole on each side and 2 printed circuit boards with blinking lights on the supporting framework. A very elegant piece of work designed by Dave, NZ1J. I have been borrowing it for several weeks now, thank you Dave. I explain who I am and what I'm doing. I go on to describe a little about what the fox may look like etc. This is when the driver says, oh we picked up that box and a piece of wood and put them in the trash truck. We did see the name and phone number but it was someone out of town so we put it and the piece of wood on top into the compactor. I'm thinking this has to be a joke right?

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So I ask your pulling my leg right ? Oh no it's true. Now I have visions of a completely crushed fox in a box inside the compactor. Horrors ! the two men get out of the truck , go around to the back, pull a few levers and the compactors coughs up some trash. This is when they reach in with their long gripper pole and retrieve a brown cardboard box. Now I'm thinking it's a goner for sure. Without hesitation (or gloves) I grab the soggy box and begin g to unfold it and sure enough it has all of Dave's info on it. I decide I should get on the radio and let someone know there is an issue with the fox in a box. Fortunately I'm able to reach John, K1VDF and Bob, WB1GYZ. Neither of them know what the fox itself looks like and I'm still worried about the wood in the trash compactor which I haven't seen yet. So with that I decide I need to explore the woods closer and see if I missed it earlier. That option is better than sifting a lot more soggy trash. Into the woods I go, ticks be damned. Doesn't take long and there it is safe and securely chained to a tree.

Back out of the woods I talk to the 2 men in the truck about ham radio and thank them. Off they go probably laughing about the nutty guy who wanted to dig through the trash for an empty box, oh well. I call John, K1VDF and explain the fox in a box is safe and secure but the box with Dave's info it a tad soiled and crumpled. I straighten it out the best I can and put it back where the truck guys told me it had been when they found it. Now you thought this infomercial was over but there's more and for only ....

Now is when we decided that this would be a nice little story for Key Klix but I really need a picture of the guys and the truck to make it right. I load up my stuff and take off in the direction I saw the truck leave hoping to find them for a picture. As I'm driving down the road I see a jogger approaching and I move over a little to give him space when I notice, hey that is Mr Fox himself so time for another break test and I toot the horn a couple times. Dave turns around and comes jogging back. I explain the story and assure him the fox is safe and secure. He returns to his run and I proceed off to find the truck.

After a short while it's clear to me that I'm not going to find the truck or I'm going to get lost again so I decide I've had enough for one day and turn around to go home. As I approach the fox parking lot I see Dave is in there so of course I need another picture. Here is Mr Fox himself, Dave NZ1J. the club member who has provided us with so much unsanctioned activity during the Covid pandemic.

Last segment of this infomercial , I promise. After I got home I decided that little trash truck drives by my house every day sometimes more than once because the garage is at the end of my street. The gate is closed these days so I can't go in there to ask about them so I phoned and talked to someone. Later I got a return call and was told the guys may not want their picture taken while at work and if they agreed they would phone me. No call so no picture.



# MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## OFFICERS OF MARC

PRESIDENT.....W1YSM ED SNYDER  
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MEETINGS: NORMALLY  
 7:30PM ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS  
 OF THE MONTH,  
 UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED,  
 THE HOPE HILL ROAD FIREHOUSE / EOC  
 143 HOPE HILL ROAD, WALLINGFORD  
**ALL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED  
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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 MERIDEN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
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## CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET MONDAYS 8PM  
 50.175MHZ N1ZN JIM

2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7:30PM  
 147.36 /RPT NO PL K1TDO TODD

10 METER NET TUESDAYS 8PM  
 28.375MHZ K1VDF JOHN

10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER  
 (CONCURRENTLY WQITH CLUB NET)  
 28.375MHZ TUESDAYS 8PM N1API AL

2 METER TECH NET Thursdays 7:30PM  
 147.360+, no PL (on non-MARC meeting nites)  
 WEEKLY NET MODERATED BY VARIOUS  
 AMATEURS WITH DIFFERENT TECHNICAL  
 TOPICS AND Q&A SESSION

2 METER COFFEE CUP NET SAT 9AM  
 147.36+ NO PL W1YSM ED  
 (THIS HAS ALSO A SIMULTANEOUS  
 SECONDARY NET OF SORTS THROUGH  
 THE VIDEO TELECONFERENCING  
 W1NRG JITSI SITE)

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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R  
 147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET  
 NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

AB1DQ	James Surprenant	22R	N1BF	Patrick Dionne	21R
AB1HB	Charlie Dudac	20S	N1BRL	Bart Toftness	20S
AF1HS	Art Fregeau	20S	N1GNV	John Bartscherer	20S
K1IIG	Steve Tripp	20S	N1GY	Geoff Haines	21S
K1JCF	Joe Farrell	20S	N1HCA	Susan South	20R
K1LHO	Mike Ash	20S	N1IBE	Wade Martell	21S
K1LYP	John Yusza	21S	N1KGY	Chuck Ayers	20R
K1MMK	Mike MacKennedy	20R	N1LES	Joe Murray	21R
K1MVM	Mike Macri	20S	N1MOB	Dan David	20R
K1RCT	Rob Cichon	20R	N1NAN	Helen Spokes	20S
K1SCI	Stuart Isaac	20R	N1OKF	Bob Parisi	20R
K1STM	Anne West	20S	N1OKR	Frank Ciccone	20S
K1TDO	Todd Olsen	20R	N1POP	Greg Ploski	24S
K1TGX	Jerry Molaver	22S	N1QYB	William Wilecki Jr.	20S
K1VDF	John Blevins	20S	N1YLN	Edward O'Lena	20R
K1WJL	Dave Swedock	20S	N1ZN	James Savage	20S
KB1CIW	Bob Stephens	20S	NZ1J	Dave Tipping	22R
KB1EHE	Eric Knight	20R	W1AJK	Andrew Kazimer	20R
KB1FYL	Bob Carruthers	20S	W1DQ	John Elengo	20S
KB1HCC	Jonathan Winslow	20S	W1EDX	Paul Stasieluk	20S
KB1IFZ	Elsie Mathews	20R	W1KKF	Bill Wawrzeniak	L
KB1JL	Eric Olsson	20S	W1KPS	Kevin Shields	20R
KB1MFU	John Ramadei	21R	W1LV	Steve Morley	20R
KB1SIT	Teresa Stephens	20S	W1NHS	Fred Ring	20S
KB1SSN	Alex Dills	20R	W1NNZ	William Kosche III	20S
KB1TJD	Gainne Jenkins	20S	W1POP	Fred Liedke	21S
KB1TMC	Clare O'Lena	20R	W1ST	Stephen Stimpson	20R
KB1YFJ	Glen Couture	20R	W1UFO	Mike Cei	20R
KC1DOY	Ted Renzoni	20S	W1XK	Stan Gugler	20S
KC1GMD	Ralph Ring	20R	W1YSM	Ed Snyder	22R
KC1HDB	Jeff Martin	28R	WA1FFT	Ray Irwin	20S
KC1HFO	John Stoidis	20R	WA1JKR	John Rogus	21S
KC1IHK	Scott Mowerson	20R	WA1SFH	Douglas Sharafanowich	20R
KC1IIL	Matt Mowerson	20Y	WA1TRY	Rich Aubin	L
KC1ISI	Kristin Olsson	20R	WA1ZVY	Jim Martin	20S
KC1KQH	John Kasinskas	20S	WB1GGP	Jerry Shepard	20S
KC1MBG	Robert Luby	20R	WB1GYZ	Bob Biancur	20S
KC1NQE	Shawn Warren	21R	WB8IMY	Steve Ford	20R
KC1PU	Bob Woodtke Jr.	21R	WV2LKM	Steve Waldmann	20S
KC1SA	Stephen Allen	21R	W3APC	James Cook	21S
KE1AU	Robert Kaczor	20S	W9OTW	Debbie Foss	20R
KE1AV	Dave Sanford	20R		Ron Rogers	20S
KE1AY	Donald Mitchell	20S			
KR1U	Bob Eslinger	20S			
N1AKN	Jeff Dwyer	20R			
N1API	Al Kaiser	20S			

## MEMBERSHIP STATS

TOTAL MEMBERS.....88\*\*  
 REGULAR(UNDER65).....41  
 SENIOR(OVER 65).....41  
 LIFE.....2  
 STUDENT(UNDER 18).....1

## CLUB DUES STRUCTURE (JAN-DEC)

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