



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Aug 7, 2024

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 40

Members and guests were social isolated at the K of C and on Zoom including 4 elected officers. Members and guests attended in person and via ZOOM. Photo by Mike K1UVH Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

WA1Q Bob Azanow	N1QE Jack Foley	KC1TNP Peter Bernazzani
AG1B Richard Metcalf	KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy	N1CFB Chris Babbitt
KB1QMZ Dave Beauvais	WK1D Jeff Ayres	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
KB1MTW Paul Moss	N2EUG Joseph Walker	N1BSO John Laiosa
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	N4NMF Barry Kennedy	K1DH Dan Heather
WB1GSQ Ted Cullen	KC1TNH Adam Faxon	KC1SJS Allen Lipkind
K1UVH Mike Antoine	KB1ODS John Chase	KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik
KC1DD Dennis Diver	WD1L John Nelson	W1TGM Larry Genovesi
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	W1RCA Nick Caratelli	KM1TWL Jim Ashley
W1OD Steve Cohn	W1EDR Eric Dresser	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
W1AY Brad Wilson	KB1OEP Mike Supple	SWL Larry Jacobs
KG5VXY Mike Madonna	KC1PIF Gary Davis	K1FAB Fred Birtwell
KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	KB1PFL James Madden	KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy
AJ1L Jeff Lehmann		

Note: 7 members participated via Zoom.

**** SWL = Short Wave Listener *** = New member**

* Any missing folks or errors in this report please notify the Secretary to update.

** New Hams & New Callsigns, address, phone or email changes: Please Notify the secretary.

Thank You to all for attending the meeting and all new members and guests!!

Secretary's Report:

President Jeff Ayres WK1D called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 08/07/24.
A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q posted the July 2024 **meeting notes** on the club website.
A motion to accept the July 2024 as read made by **Paul KB1MTW** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Tom KC1KIT read the July 2024 **treasurer's report** which the secretary emailed to the members. A motion to accept as read made by **Brad W1AY** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare report by **Richard AG1B**. Richard reports there were 1 card sent. A sympathy card was sent to **John W1G** for his recent loss. Please let **Richard** know if there is anyone, we should be sending a card to. Thank you to Richard for taking care of the H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Aug 04, 2024 to Sept 01, 2024:

- **Aug 04th: Jeff WK1D**
- **Aug 11th: Mike KB1OEP**
- **Aug 18th: Ross W1EKG Live at Cranland International Airport Hanson MA**
- **Aug 25th: Jeff N1SOM**
- **Sep 01st: Jeff WK1D**

*****New Members and Call sign updates:**

New Member. Welcome to new member **Joseph Walker N2UEG** thank you for becoming a member of the Whitman ARC.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross confirmed that the next class will be a Technician class. The class will start Tuesday Sept 3, 2024 and run for approximately 4 weeks with a VE Exam session to be held of the last evening. Information will be posted on the Website for up-and-coming classes. Getting the word out via Face Book and the local cable station etc. was discussed. Ross also reported that the Tech class will be followed by a General class starting about 2 weeks after the conclusion and run until about Thanksgiving. Dates will be published on the Website as well. There are no plans currently for an Extra class. A big thank you from the club to the training crew and the students as well.

Remember the training email address: Warc.Training@gmail.com and copy to bavarianradio@comcast.net to sign up for classes. We will update the website with the training dates as they become available.

Repeater Committee:

Jeff AJ1L reported the backup repeater is still working well. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link connection is working well. IRLP is working well. We have some repeater jamming going on and ask the members to listen to the input frequency to see if you can hear it and if the signal is strong. Please contact **John N1BSO** you can text him and he will disable the repeater.

Thanks to Jeff AJ1L and John N1BSO also for updating the members 900mhz radios as well at the meeting and on Great Hill. A big **Thank You** as always to **Jeff AJ1L** and **John N1BSO** for all they do for the club and other club's repeaters in the area that they maintain. Also thank you to **Steve "Ho" KC1HO** for all you do as well.

NEW & Old Business

Jack N1QE also mentioned the Marshfield Fair 2024 is set as well. We are doing well filling the shifts but there are still need a number of slots to be filled. The dates of the fair are from Friday Aug 16th to Sunday Aug 25th. We will setup on Thursday Aug 15th and break down Monday Aug 26th. We will work on signup sheets for the event and we will have updates posted on the club's website. Jack brought the parking and admin tickets for the August meeting. All others will be mailed. Jack also discussed the contact sheets for folks interested in taking classes and visitor. Jack also discussed the National Traffic System forms for folks to send messages as discussed.

Note: Bob WA1Q is updating the WA1NPO website link for the Marshfield Fair Schedule to be able to check times and open slots. Happy Anniversary Jack !!!

Jack N1QE has received the new business cards he had printed up and will have them for the fair.

Bob WA1Q mentioned we only have a limited amount of QSL cards left and need to get an order in.

New member **Jim Ashley KM1TWL** has made up 2 wooden Call signs for us to display at the Marshfield fair. Thank you, Jim they came, out great!! Jim will also make up wooden call sign ID tags for folks as well for a reasonable fee.

Bob WA1Q mentioned the radio setup that we will have the Yaesu FT-450 for HF and the Yaesu FT-8800 for 2M and 440. **Dennis KC1DD** volunteered to bring a vertical HF antenna as well to go along with our Windom so that we will be all set for HF as well. Thank you Dennis and the setup crew in advance. Paul KB1MTW recommended using the FT-450 as well at is very easy to operate.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Aug 18th 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. Mike NA1XX is usually the chef and brings up an excellent dish. There was a great turnout the last one.

From last month **Larry W1TGM** and **Paul KB1MTW** brought up the subject of repairs to the club house. An inspection has to be made to see the scope of the work. Enhancements could raise a flag but repairs such as holes where critters can enter and water leaks can be fixed. The floor needs work and the club house needs a good cleaning out etc. More to come on this subject.

Paul KB1MTW reached out to the building inspector regarding the Quonset hut to have a meeting with him and if anyone is interested in participating to let Paul know. A short discussion was also held. **Larry W1TGM** asked his local building inspector a few questions also for reference. Fixing holes minor repairs withing the confines of the building should be fine. Larry also found out the building was built in 1950. Ross W1EKG recommended we organize a cleanup crew in Sept.

Tom K1TWH mentioned the Headset idea is good, but when CW troops are working in a team, they need to communicate to each other, even if it means talking to each other. What that means they can't be completely noise cancelling.

Jeff WK1D asked **Bob WA1Q** to update the State documents last month. This lists the Annual Report and Club Officers. This has been completed. Tom paid the \$15 Fee as well.

Jeff AJ1L mentioned that he will be at the HamExpo in Marlboro and the next Great Hill and can update folks 900 radios again. Thank You

Jeff WK1D brought up the coming up events. Ham Expo 2024, Fall Near-fest 2024 which has been moved to New Boston NH "Hillsborough County Fairgrounds". Ross will be getting tickets for that event. Also, Thanksgiving weekend if all goes as planned, we will have Plimoth Patuxet Museums event again. Bob WA1Q will contact Paul at the museum to see if we can continue the tradition.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Ted KB1MTW** with a second by **Brad W1AY**.
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the meeting about 8 PM, **08/07/2024**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Sep 04th 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The July **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Aug. 21st at 7:30PM**.

The **MOTA** Net will be followed by the weekly **10 Meter** 28.333 Rag Chew Net about 8PM.