



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Mar 5, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE: 33

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

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| WA1Q Bob Azanow | N1CFB Chris Babbitt | WI1G John Murphy |
| KB1MTW Paul Moss | KB1QMX Dave Beauvais | WK1D Jeff Ayres |
| W1TGM Larry Genovesi | WD1L John Nelson | W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser |
| N1BSO John Laiosa | KM1TWL Jim Ashley | N1IQI Loren Pimentel |
| KC1DD Dennis Diver | KB1OEP Mike Supple | KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy |
| WA1MAD Mike Davis | KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik | AG1B Richard Metcalf |
| NK1U Jim Whedbee | KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy | N1MWF Larry Leblanc |
| KC1OZE Ed Warchal | KB1FBA Bob Mahoney | KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti |
| KC1SJS Allen Lipkind | KC1TNH Adam Faxon | W1MBH Scott Mitchell |
| KC1ITF Mark Hirtle | K1UVH Mike Antoine | **N1FSK Sandy Lancraft |
| W6TOM Tom Murphy | WC1N Bob Farquharson | N4NMF Barry Kennedy |

Note: 7 members and friends 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!!
Congrats to all the folks who upgraded their licenses at the General Exam!!!**

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

President Jeff Ayres WK1D called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 03/05/25.
A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q posted the Feb. 2025 **meeting notes** on the club website.

A motion to accept the Feb. 2025 as read made by **Mike WA1MAD** with a second by **Dennis KC1DD**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Feb. 2025 **Treasurer's Report** was completed and read by our Treasurer **Tom KC1KIT**. Welcome back. A motion to accept the Feb. 2025 TR report as read made by **Dennis KC1DD** with a second by **Allen KC1SJS**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare: Get well card sent to James Haven W1GQN. Thank You Richard for taking care of H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Mar 02, 2025 to Mar 30, 2025:

- **Mar 02nd:** **Jeff WK1D**
- **Mar 09th:** **Allen KC1SJS**
- **Mar 16th:** **Bob WA1Q**
- **Mar 23rd:** **Mike KB1OEP**
- **Mar 30th:** **Jeff N1SOM**

***New Members and Call sign updates:

New Members. Welcome to **N1FSK Sandy Lancraft** new member all the way from Worcester. Sandy is a well known ham and friend to many members of the club. He is also a regular at Near-Fest and many of the local ham-fests. Sandy has a wealth of information on the hobby. Thank you for becoming a club member.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross confirmed the Extra class is going well.

Ross reported the **Extra** class started on Tuesday Feb 11th with 7 students. Classes run on Tues and Thurs evening from 7 to 9PM for 6 weeks at the Whitman Police Station. Thursday March 27, 2025 will be the VE exam. A **Technician** Class will start Tuesday April 1st and run 4 weeks, with a VE session the last Thursday April 25th evening at 7PM. Best luck to all. 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:

John N1BSO reported the backup repeater is still working well. Interference seems to have disappeared. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link **connection is working well**. If any interference re-occurs, please let Jeff AJ1L or John N1BSO know. They will take the repeater off line if necessary. Hopefully not needed. 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

Jeff WK1D mentioned that dues are still due and are still coming in. Field Day is reserved with the Y in East Bridgewater.

2 Thank you letters came in from the Boston Amateur Radio Club. One from **KC1EKN Mark Duff** and one from **NW1S Brendan Baldonado** for the loan of our **AED** for the Winter Field Day event at the Ponkapoag Cabins. Also thank you to **WA1MAD Mike** and the crew that supported the event as well.

Jeff WK1D brought up the Whitman/Hanson Dollars for Scholars event. We donated \$250 in 2024. **Paul KB1MTW** made a motion to donate \$250 again this year. Second by **Jim NK1U**. Motion passed with a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D read a thank you letter from Plimoth Patuxet for the donation made at the Thanksgiving 2024 event. This is a fun event which we hope more folks will attend in 2025.

Jeff WK1D read a letter from Tom Galvin regarding our 501C3 status. We have some missing paperwork that will be taken care of. Thank you, Jeff for all you do for the club.

Richard AG1B mentioned he is still looking for a new person to take over the sending of the cards as needed. Richard has been doing this for a long time and would like someone to take it over. Thank you, Richard for all the years you have been doing this. We greatly appreciate it.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Feb 15th 9AM. Rain/Snow date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. There was a great turnout the last one.

Good News **Tom KC1KIT** is back in action again. It's been a long road and we are glad to have you back in the Treasurers seat. A big Thank you **Jeff WK1D** for stepping in while Tom was not available.



Dave KB1QMX brought up the subject of "Whitman Day". Last year Dave and crew had a table at the event promoting the WARC and Amateur Radio. Dave would like us to participate again, this year as well. Whitman Day will be Saturday June 14th. A table will be set up with brochures and a few radios as well. We are low on literature and need to replenish it as well. More information will be sent as we get closer. We will need a few volunteers for the event. Bring your family too. Website: <https://www.whitman-day.com/>

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Whitman-Day-2025/61556764536802/>

Ross W1EKG Brought up a discussion on Amateur Radio topics.

Nets. Rag chew Nets 28.333 10-meter Net every Wed evening at 8 PM except Meeting Nights. Monday evenings is the Thick as a Brick Net on 75 meters on 3923 Khz at 8 PM. Ross also brought up having a speaker for a related topic and running Ham Nation at the meetings.

Allen KC1SJS Brought a discussion on having more Ham Radio related fun. He would like to start a Thursday night net at 7:30 on the Whitman repeater similar to what is done on the Paxton repeater. Have a subject and have a question of the evening.

There is the 900 Net at 8PM run by Jeff AJ1L as well on the Whitman 900 repeater. Start time could be adjusted. This would start after the Extra class is finished.

Allen brought up was if the by-laws need to be adjusted to give the board a fixed amount that can be spent without a vote of the body. Another item brought up was increasing the dues to \$30. That was tabled until a future date, as the financials are still good for now.

Last item Allen brought up to consider was buying an HRO gift card for members that pass a higher license. More discussions will be needed. Thank you, Allen, for leading that discussion and Ross's comments as well.

Ross W1EKG discussed having an open house at the K of C to invite the public to for an intro to amateur radio. Having Go Kits set up and HF and VHF maybe FT8 etc. station set up so show the public what Ham radio is all about. Possibly the same weekend with Whitman days or around the same time before ARRL Field Day.

Chris N1CFB also mentioned about how to promote folks to take a class to get their Ham radio license. Also recommend folks belong to a club and have mentors to get them on the air.

Paul KB1MTW mentioned that South Shore Hospital repeater **W1SSH** and antenna were upgraded recently. Reminder the frequency is 147.345 MHz tone 110.9hz. **John K1JRO** the repeater trustee is always asking that folks to use it. This way if there are any issues, they can take care of it. Exercise the repeater. It has excellent coverage as well.

Tom K6TOM Brought up that younger folk, maybe engineering types could be interested as well especially when you show them FT8.

Jeff WK1D mentioned that elections will be coming up in June and to consider running.

ARRL Field Day: Confirmed at the East Bridgewater Y Sat/Sun Jun 28th & 29th

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **John W1IG** second by **Robert KC1KIS**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 8:15 PM, **3/05/2025**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed April 02nd 2025 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Mar 19th at 7:30PM**.

The **MOTA** Net hosted by **Ross W1EKG** will be followed by the weekly **10 Meter** 28.333mhz Rag Chew Net also led by **Ross** will start about 8PM which except on the first Wed meeting night.

PS Do not forget the Thick as a Brick Net on **75 Meters** 3923. Khz on Monday evenings led by **Ross W1EKG**.

Here are a few pictures from the OWL camera system. 😊



“Class, Class, Class, Wake up!!!! Thank you!!!” credit: Cheech and Chong!!!



The Guys !!!!



Whitman Day 2024 Bob WA1Q, Dave KB1QMX and Allen KC1SJS



Screen Shot from Ham Nation. We will try to show this program at the next meeting as well.