



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Apr 2, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE: 37

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 | W1IG 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 |
| KB1OEP Mike Supple | KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy | N1FSK Sandy Lancraft |
| WA1MAD Mike Davis | KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik | AG1B Richard Metcalf |
| NK1U Jim Whedbee | KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy | N1MWF Larry Leblanc |
| KB1FBA Bob Mahoney | KC1UTV Jonah Silvia | KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti |
| KC1SJS Allen Lipkind | KC1TNH Adam Faxon | W1GTX Paul Delory |
| N4NMF Barry Kennedy | N1SOM Jeff Tracy | WB1GSQ Ted Cullen |
| WG1WG Bill Gundel | N1QE Jack Foley | KC1EFI AL McPhee |
| KB1WNX Steve Lyons | KB1ODS John Chase | KG5VXY Mike Madonna |
| KC1VXZ John Daire | | |

Note: 12 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!!

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

President Jeff Ayres WK1D called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 4/02/25. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

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

A motion to accept the Mar. 2025 as read made by **Mike WA1MAD** with a second by **Allen KA1SJS**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Mar. 2025 **Treasurer's Report** was completed and read by our Treasurer **Tom KC1KIT**. Welcome back. A motion to accept the Mar. 2025 TR report as read made by **John W1IG** with a second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare: No cards sent. Thank You Richard for taking care of H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Apr 07, 2025 to May 04, 2025:

- Apr 07th: Jeff WK1D
- Apr 13th: Paul W1GTX
- Apr 20th: Ross W1EKG at the 1st Cranland Fly-in breakfast
- Apr 27th: Jeff N1SOM
- May 04th: Jeff WK1D

***New Members and Call sign updates:

New Members: None this month

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross confirmed the Tech class is going well.

Ross reported the **Extra** class went well. With 5 people passing the VE Exam. 4 members passed. **Allen KC1SJS, Adam KC1TNH, Jim KM1TWK** and **Larry W1TGM** passed the exam. Congratulations!!!!!!

The **Technician** Class started Tuesday April 1st and run 4 weeks, with a VE session to be held 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. 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 to keep the area repeaters happy.

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.

Jeff WK1D brought up the Whitman/Hanson Dollars for Scholars event. We donated \$250 in 2024. We received a Thank You letter from the organization.

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. **John WI1G** stepped up and volunteered to take over the task. Thank you. John. Thank you, Richard for all the years you have been doing this. We greatly appreciate it.

Mike K1UVH asked to report that the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday April 19th 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.



From Last meeting reminder. w

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 Sat. **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 again brought up having more Ham Radio related fun. He Will be starting the new Thursday night net at 7:00 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, so starting at 7PM instead of 7:30 should work out fine. The first net will start on April 17th.

Ross W1EKG In March Ross 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. The same weekend as Whitman day will not work as the K of C is books. An alternate date has been schedule for Saturday July 12'th from 8 AM to 12 Noon. **Bob WA1Q** and **Jonah KC1UTV** if available will work on a 1-page flyer. Copies will be given to Ross to hand out and display at Near-Fest in New Boston NH.

From Last month Chris N1CFB also mentioned about how to encourage 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.

Jonah KC1UTV and Chris N1CFB brought up Kingston National Night out which is held every August at the Silver Lake Schools. It would be nice for WARC to attend with a table to promote Ham Radio. More info next meeting.

Jeff WK1D mentioned that elections will be coming up in June and to consider running. We will be looking for folks to run for office. Maybe some new folks too.

Mike WA1MAD brought an event on the USS Massachusetts Apr 19th 8AM to 3PM. Please let Mike and **Rick KB1TEE** know if you can attend.

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

Jeff WK1D brought up club insurance. Bob WA1Q will contact the insurance company for a new quotation for the equipment insurance. More info next month,

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Paul W1GTX** second by **John W1IG**. 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 May 07th 2025 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Apr 16th 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 Check the WA1NPO.ORG website for a list of nets you can attend. **Bob WA1Q** will be updating the list.