Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Aug 5, 2026

Mike Supple KB1OEP	**Chris Babbitt N1CFB**	**Bob Azanow WA1Q**	**Make Davis WA1MAD**
Treasurer	President	Secretary	Vice President

ATTENDANCE: 33

Members at the K of C and on Zoom including 3 elected officers. Members and guests attended in person and via ZOOM. Photo by OWL. Thank you **Ross W1EKG** for running ZOOM!!

KC1DD Dennis Diver	**WA1Q Bob Azanow**	**W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser**
WK1D Jeff Ayres	**N1CFB Chris Babbitt**	**KB1MTW Paul Moss**
WA1AEL Allen Lipkind	**W1AGF Adam Faxon**	**KC1OZE Ed Warchal**
N1QE Jack Foley	**N1SOM Jeff Tracy**	**W1MBH Scott Mitchel**
KM1TWL Jim Ashley	**KC1YJU Evan Coutts**	**KC1YKI Danielle Longacre**
KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	**KC1JRL John DeMasi III**	**N1IQI Loren Pimentel**
N4NMF Barry Kennedy	**W6TOM Tom Murphy**	**AG1B Richard Metcalf**
KC1ZIL Peter Bonitatibus	**KB1ZEO John Leary**	****SWL Paul Flaherty**
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	**W1BRI Bryan Cerqua**	**N1DH Dan Heather**
KC1TNP Peter Bernazzani	**N1VI Karen Trask**	**KC1YPD Peggy Farren**
KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik	**KC1VYK Sal DiMare**	**WA1MAD Mike Davis**

Note: 6 members and friends participated via Zoom.

**** SWL = Short Wave Listener *** = New members**
***** 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!!

A moment of silence was also held for **Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT** who passed away in June after a long illness. Rest in Peace, and **Fred K1FAB** who are having health issues.

President **Chris N1CFB** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 8/06/26. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

Bob WA1Q posted the **July meeting notes** on the club website. The July Sec Report was accepted after a motion from **Loren N1IQI** and second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Mike KB1OEP prepared the July **Treasurer's Report** which was sent out**.** A PDF copy of The July TR Report was prepared by **Mike KB1OEP** who is on vacation and emailed to the members. The July TR Report was accepted after a motion from **Dan N1DH** and second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Health & Welfare: There is a get-well card to be sent to Bob K1WGU for his recent surgery. Also, a condolence card was sent to Mike WB1FMA and family for the loss of their son. Our sincerest condolences from the club. Thank you, Danielle, for taking care of the H & W duties.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Aug 02, 2026 to Aug 30, 2026:

- **Aug 02nd: Jeff WK1D**
- **Aug 09th: Chris N1CFB**
- **Aug 16th: Ross W1EKG @ Cranland International Airport**
- **Aug 23rd: Bob WA1Q**
- **Aug 30th Allen W1AEL 😊 Thank you to the folks doing the nets 😊**

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

We have 2 new members welcome to the club. Welcome **Peggy Farren KC1YPD and Bryan Cerqua W1BRI** to WARC. We appreciate your membership. Thank you **Dan N1DH** for introducing Bryan tonight.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update
Remember the training email address: bavarianradio@comcast.net and please CC copy to Warc.Training@gmail.com to sign up for classes or call Ross. The next class will be a Tech class in September. Start Date is the first Tuesday in Sept. after Labor Day which will be **Sept 1st .** Classes run Tuesdays and Thursdays 7PM to 9PM for 4 weeks. The last evening will be a VE Session. The next class will be the General class and start in October a few weeks after the Tech class ends. Ross Brought up we need a better way to promote our training classes. Social media for example Some WARC members will also post the class on the Facebook pages of surrounding towns and promote the class at the Marshfield Fair as well. Bob WA1Q will update the 1-page training sheet and have copes at the fair as well. A big Thank You to the training crew. **Ted KC1JMZ, John N1BSO** and **Ross W1EKG.**

Ross and Chris also mentioned that folks that have not done the **NET** can come to Cranland and observe and learn how to do it. Don't be bashful 😊. Cranland airport fly-in is a perfect spot to learn to do the net and have breakfast and watch the planes. Bob WA1Q showed on the website where to download and/or open the NET documents including the traffic reports.

Repeater Committee:
John N1BSO reported to **Bob WA1Q** that the Kenwood repeater is 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
Reminder by **Mike WA1MAD, Allen KC1SJS**. Allen is running the Thursday night net at 8PM On the Whitman Repeater. Add a little trivia and ham radio discussions. Thank you, Allen.
Dave KB1QMX brought up continuing the club's participation in community events for 2026 Last year we attended the First Responder evening at Silver Lake Regional School, Dave mentioned that we should participate again. We will send the date out in an email We participated at the Whitman Day event which was held at the town field. Staying visible in the community is a good thing. Dave also shared his latest toy and Meshtastic hand held node that runs on 900mhz mesh networks.

Mike WA1MAD asked the group if anyone needed an explanation of what we do at the fair and gave an overview. It is a fun event although it can be a bit noisy when the tractor pulls, Motorcross and stock cars are running.

Jack N1QE brought a signup sheet for the **Marshfield Fair** to Field Day and the July meeting to start the ball rolling. **Bob WA1Q** has been updating the MF Schedule calendar on the WA1NPO website, If you can volunteer, please send an email to wa1npo@gmail.com with "Marshfield Fair" in the TITLE box with your request as soon as possible. We are having excellent participation/signup this year so far. Thank you to all.

Chris N1CFB brought up a questions sheet relating to club activity and what you want to see the club do to grow the hobby there. Mike WA1MAD put it together. It will be emailed out as well to the group to be brought up at the next meeting.

Bob WA1Q brought up a software subject called QSO One and will do a short presentation at the Sept. Meeting.

Thank you to **Johnny KC1JRL and Bob WA1Q** for bringing snacks and coffee to the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Dennis KC1DD** second by **Danielle W1AGF.**
Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Chris N1CVB adjourned the business meeting about 8:15 PM, **8/05/2026.**

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Sept. 02, 2026 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

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

The **MOTA** Net hosted by **Ross W1EKG** will be followed by the weekly **10 Meter** 28.333 MHz Rag Chew Net also led by **Ross** will start about 8PM which except on the first Wed of each month due to meeting night. Please check the www.wa1npo.org website for a list of nets you can attend.
Bob WA1Q will be updating the list.