



WARC Training

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Jan 7, 2026

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT
Treasurer

Chris Babbitt N1CFB
Vice President

Bob Azanow WA1Q
Secretary

Jeff Ayres WK1D
President

ATTENDANCE: 36

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!!

KB1OEP Mike Supple
WK1D Jeff Ayres
W1TGM Larry Genovisi
N1BSO John Laiosa
N1CFB Chris Babbitt
KB1MTW Paul Moss
KC1JRL John DeMasi III
W1MWF Larry LeBlanc
WB1FLA Tom Bolus
N1SOM Jeff Tracy
*****KC1YJU Evan Coutts**
KC1PIF Gary Davis

KC1DD Dennis Diver
W1MBH Scott Mitchell
AG1B Richard Metcalf
N1IQI Loren Pimentel
KC1SJS Allen Lipkind
KC1OZE Ed Warchal
WA1Q Bob Azanow
N4NMF Barry Kennedy
KBQMX Dave Beauvais
W1OD Steve Cohn
N1QE Jack Foley
KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik

WA1MAD Mike Davis
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KC1VYL Sal DiMare
KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy
W1RCA Nick Caratelli
KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
KC1YKI Danielle Longacre
KM1TWL Jim Ashley
W6TOM Tom Murphy
KB1FBA Bob Mahoney
*****SWL Joe Scriven**
N1PAU Paul Leavitt

Note: 15 members and friends participated via Zoom.

*** Welcome new Member **KC1YJU Evan Coutts**. Thank you for attending and becoming a member of **WARC** meeting tonight.

**** 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 held to think of **Fred KB1FAB** who is having health issues. A moment of silence was held for **Dave WB1EVP** who passed away on Thanksgiving weekend after a move to Florida. Rest in Peace Dave, we will miss you.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

President **Jeff Ayres** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 1/07/25. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

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

A motion to accept the Dec meeting notes was made by Mike **KB1OEP** and second by **Loren N1IQI**. Motion passed with a quorum vote.

The Dec. 2025 **Treasurer's Report** was delayed and will be read by our Treasurer **Tom KC1KIT** at the Feb next meeting. We will send it out as soon as it is ready.

Health & Welfare: Our new H & W volunteer **Danielle KC1YKI** sent a condolence card and a plant **John KC1JRL** for the loss of his mother and to **Mark KC1ITF** for the lost of his mother. Our Sincerest condolences. Thank you Danielle for taking care of the H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Jan. 04, 2026 to Feb. 01, 2026:

- Jan 04th: Mike WA1MAD  **HAPPY NEW YEAR** 
- Jan 11th: Mike KB1OEP
- Jan 18th: Allen KC1SJS
- Jan 25th: Jeff N1SOM
- Feb 01st Ross W1EKG  **Thank you to the folks doing the nets.** 

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

New Members: January 2026: **KC1YJU Evan Coutts & SWL Joe Scriven**
December 2025: **KC1YKI Danielle Longacre & KC1JRL John DeMasi III**

Thank you again for becoming members of WARC

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Due to low attendance Ross tutored 2 folks for their General class license. Thank you, Ross.

The next class will be an Extra class at starts in the new year. Dates TBD. Ross also mentioned the folks at Cranland Airport might be interested in running a Tech class at the airport in Hanson. More information will be coming and dates TBD.

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 Kenwood repeater is working well and will stay our primary repeater. The Yaesu repeater is put on the backburner. 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. Jeff and John will investigate a digital interface that could give us Fusion.

NEW & Old Business

Reminder by **Mike WA1MAD**: **Allen KC1SJS**. Allen is running the Thursday night net. Add a little trivia and ham radio discussions. Thank you, Allen.

Jeff WK1D reminded the group that the Pads for the AED expired on Nov 1. Battery is good until 2028. The unit does an extensive self-test and does not have to be brought to the fire station. Jeff will or has ordered a new set of Pads.

Jeff also mentioned about a refresher training for the AED at the Feb meeting and will confirm with member **Sue Warchal KC1OHB** who did it last year.

Jeff WK1D lead a discussion on giving **Danielle KC1YKI** some front money to take care of the Health and Welfare for donations and or flower. After the discussion it was agreed a Debit card would work for that. Jeff and Danielle will set that up. Thank you.

Jeff WKID & Chris N1CFB asked if someone could step up to Help Tom KC1KIT with the treasurer duties while he is out of commission and could lead to them taking over the position. **Gary KC1PIF** via Zoom mentioned that he could help. More to come. Thank you Gary

Dave KB1QMX brought the clubs participation in community events for 2026 would be a worthwhile thing to do. Last year we attended the First Responder evening at Silver Lake Regional Schook, the Whitman Day event at the town field and the Trucks or Treat event in Hanson at the Indian Head School in Nov. The more the merrier. Stay visible in the community.

Chris N1CFB reminded the group that Winterfest 2026 date is confirmed as the third Saturday of Jan 17th, 2025 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Help will be needed about 7AM to setup and help vendors with their items. Chris is procuring the door prizes. The Grand prize will be pulled around 11 AM. Chris is procuring a number of handheld radios as well. Bob WA1Q had posted the Winterfest 2026 flyer and updated the PayPal account 2026 in November. There will be a VE Session led by **Jeff N1SOM** starting around 10AM.

Ross W1EKG discussed also having an OPEN HOUSE again next year to introduce folks to Amateur Radio. This would be either in the Spring or Fall. Dates TBD. An Elmer class was also discussed for new hams. Maybe older ones too 😊 More to come on that as well.

Ross W1EKG also brought up the Christmas/Holiday Party that it went very well with about 35 folks attending. Thank you, Ross, and everyone who attended,

Last month **Jeff WK1D** mentioned that dues will be due by Dec 31st or the first meeting Jan 7th and can be paid by check or by PayPal. If paying by PayPal after the January meeting we ask that you pay \$31 to cover the \$1 fee. Just sign into your PayPal account and look for "Whitman ARC". Reminder After the due date a \$5 late fee is added. Total will be \$30 check or cash or \$31 via PayPal. Thank you for your understanding and continued membership.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **John N1BSO** second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 8:15 PM, **1/07/2026**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Feb 04th, 2026 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom. **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026**

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Jan 21st 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.