



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Feb 4, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE: 31

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!!

**KB1OEP Mike Supple
WK1D Jeff Ayres
W1TGM Larry Genovisi
N1CFB Chris Babbitt
KC1OZE Ed Warchal
WA1Q Bob Azanow
N4NMF Barry Kennedy
W6TOM Tom Murphy
KC1YJU Evan Coutts
KC1PIF Gary Davis
KC1OHB Susan Warchal**

KC1DD Dennis Diver
W1MBH Scott Mitchell
AG1B Richard Metcalf
W1RCA Nick Caratelli
KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
KC1YKI Danielle Longacre
KM1TWL Jim Ashley
N1SOM Jeff Tracy
N1QE Jack Foley
KC1KZB Mike Huard

WA1MAD Mike Davis
W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
N1BSO John Laiosa
KB1MTW Paul Moss
KC1JRL John DeMasi III
W1MWF Larry LeBlanc
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais
KB1FBA Bob Mahoney
SWL Joe Scriven
N1DH Dan Heather

Note: 9 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 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 2/04/26. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q posted the Jan **meeting notes** on the club website and will be voted on next month to give folks a little time to read them.

The Dec 2025 & Jan 2026 **Treasurer's Reports** were 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** Thank you, Danielle, for taking care of the H & W.

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

- **Feb 08th:** Allen KC1SJS
- **Feb 15th:** Mike WA1MAD
- **Feb 22nd:** Jeff N1SOM
- **Mar 01st** Mike KB1OEP  **Thank you to the folks doing the nets.** 

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

Last Month we had 2 new members: January 2026: **KC1YJU Evan Coutts & SWL Joe Scriven.** Thank you again for becoming members of WARC

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross reported he is trying to still confirm a date either at the Whitman PD station or at the Cranland airport in Hanson. As soon as we have a confirmation, we will let everyone know. The next class will be a Technician class.

Remember the training email address: bavarianradio@comcast.net and please CC copy to Warc.Training@gmail.com 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. 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. Echo-Link and IRLP connections are working fine as well.

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 notified the member that the new Pads for the AED have arrived. 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.

Sue Warchal KC1OHB gave the AED refresher training at the conclusion of the meeting. A big thank you to Sue who has many years' experience working it a hospital ER.

Jeff WK1D mentioned that **Danielle KC1YKI** should be all set with the Debit card and some front money to take care of the Health and Welfare for donations and or flowers etc.

Last month **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** has taken over the treasure's duties for now until next election. 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 reported we had a very successful Winterfest 2026 with at least 37 tables sold and 150 folks that bought tickets at the door. We made some money but mostly had fun 😊. Thank you to Chris and all that helped make this year's Winterfest a successful event. Thank you, Chris, also for entering a Hot Dog eating contest with the left overs too!!! 😊.

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

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Mike WA1MAD** second by **Dennis KC1DD**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 8:00 PM, **2/04/2026**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed March 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 Feb 18th 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.