



## **Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Feb 4, 2026**

<b>Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT</b>	<b>Chris Babbitt N1CFB</b>	<b>Bob Azanow WA1Q</b>	<b>Jeff Ayres WK1D</b>
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!!

<b>KB1OEP Mike Supple</b>	<b>KC1DD Dennis Diver</b>	<b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>
<b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>	<b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>	<b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>
<b>W1TGM Larry Genovisi</b>	<b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>	<b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>
<b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>	<b>W1RCA Nick Caratelli</b>	<b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>
<b>KC1OZE Ed Warchal</b>	<b>KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti</b>	<b>KC1JRL John DeMasi III</b>
<b>WA1Q Bob Azanow</b>	<b>KC1YKI Danielle Longacre</b>	<b>W1MWF Larry LeBlanc</b>
<b>N4NMF Barry Kennedy</b>	<b>KM1TWL Jim Ashley</b>	<b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>
<b>W6TOM Tom Murphy</b>	<b>N1SOM Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>KB1FBA Bob Mahoney</b>
<b>KC1YJU Evan Coutts</b>	<b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>	<b>SWL Joe Scriven</b>
<b>KC1PIF Gary Davis</b>	<b>KC1KZB Mike Huard</b>	<b>N1DH Dan Heather</b>
<b>KC1OHB Susan Warchal</b>		

**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 08<sup>th</sup>: **Allen KC1SJS**
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup>: **Mike WA1MAD**
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Jeff N1SOM**
- Mar 01<sup>st</sup> **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](mailto:bavarianradio@comcast.net) and please CC copy to [Warc.Training@gmail.com](mailto: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 in 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 WK1D & 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 treasurer'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 School, 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 04<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://WA1NPO.ORG) website for a list of nets you can attend.

**Bob WA1Q** will be updating the list.