



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Apr 1, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE: 29

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	KC1DD Dennis Diver	WA1MAD Mike Davis
WK1D Jeff Ayres	W1MBH Scott Mitchell	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
AG1B Richard Metcalf	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KB1MTW Paul Moss
KC1YJU Evan Coutts	KC1YKI Danielle Longacre	KC1JKW Andy Lyne Jr.
KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti	KC1JRL John DeMasi III	KB1WNX Steve Lyons
WA1Q Bob Azanow	W1MWF Larry LeBlanc	KG1U Mike Bennett
KM1TWL Jim Ashley	KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	N1IQI Loren Pimentel
W6TOM Tom Murphy	N1SOM Jeff Tracy	KB1FBA Bob Mahoney
N1QE Jack Foley	SWL Joe Scriven	KB1PFL Jim Madden
KC1PIF Gary Davis	N4NMF Barry Kennedy	

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 held for Loren N1IQI's wife Delores who passed away recently. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 AM at the Shepherd Funeral Home, 216 Main St (Rt. 106) Kingston at 11:00 AM. RIP Delores. Our sincerest condolences from the club members. A moment of silence was also held for **Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT** and **Fred K1FAB** who are having health issues and for the loss of **Jim Havens W1GQN** who passed away recently RIP

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

President **Jeff Ayres** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 4/01/26.

A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 3 elected officers.

Bob WA1Q posted the March **meeting notes** on the club website Motion made by **Scott WB1MBH** and second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Bob will fix a couple of omissions as pointed out by Scott. Motion passed with a quorum vote.

Gary KC1PIF updated and prepared the Jan., Feb. & March **Treasurer's Reports** which were updated read tonight by our interim Treasurer **Gary KC1PIF**. We emailed out PDF copies to the members. Thank you, Gary, for the hard work on that. TR Reports were accepted after a motion from **Dennis KC1DD** and second by **Mike WA1MAD**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff W1KD thanked **Mike KB1OEP** for reviewing the TR reports to provide help to Gary. Thank You Mike.

Health & Welfare: **Danielle KC1YKI** sent condolence card to Loren **N1IQI** for the recent loss of his wife. Thank you, Danielle, for taking care of the H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Apr. 05, 2026 to May 03, 2026:

- Apr 05th: Jeff WK1D
- Apr 12th: Allen KC1SJS
- Apr 19th: Ross W1EKG @ Cranland International Airport.
- Apr 26th: Bob WA1Q
- May 03rd: Jeff WK1D ☺ Thank you to the folks doing the nets. ☺

***New Members and Call sign updates:

Last Month we had no new members:

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG confirmed that he started the Tech class on Wed March 18th at the Whitman PD station due to the room not being available on Tues. and has been running the class for almost 4 weeks. This session concludes with a VE session on Thursday April 9th. Class hours are 7 – 9 PM. 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. We will let everyone know the date of the next class which and decide if it will be a General or Extra. A big Thank You to the training crew.

Repeater Committee:

John N1BSO reported to **Bob WA1Q** that the Kenwood repeater is working well. There has been some Echolink dropouts but it seems to be an Echolink server issues not a repeater issue. 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 except for the occasional dropout.

NEW & Old Business

Scott WB1MBH brought up a few corrections to the March 2026 Meeting Notes. That has been now corrected and reposted.

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

Dave KB1QMX brought up the club's 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.

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.

Tech class Date started March 17 at the Whitman Police Station 7 to 9PM. With 6 folks attending. Ross has some high school students using radios now for their paintball adventures. Most likely FRS/GMRS radios. They are excited to get their ham radio licenses. VE session will be held at the end on April 9th.

Ross mentioned that he just received Near-Fest 2026 advance tickets.

They will have a QR code that will be scanned when you pull up to the gate. They you will be given your actual pass. Please contact Ross.

Chris N1CFB mentioned some Echolink oddities. We will keep an ear out and report to John N1BSO and Jeff AJ1L any issues.

Jeff WK1D brought up **elections!!!** All positions are up for grabs. Jeff will not be running again for president. Thank You Jeff also for your years of service to the club.

Loren N1IQI volunteered to stay on the board of directors for another term. Thank You, Loren. **Jeff WK1D** will automatically be on the board of directors replacing **Paul W1GTX** as the last president. We must have all positions nominated for by the May meeting. If there are no oppositions, we do not have to mail out ballots. We can vote at the June meeting. We will attempt to finalize at the May meeting.

Allen KC1SJS brought up doing an Elmer class at the police station. Since the meeting the date available is Sat April 25th from 1 to 3 PM.

Ross W1EKG brought up the open house to think about the best time of year to have it. Spring, fall June Sept. etc. Summer is a tough time with so many folks away or on vacation.

UPDATE: May 30th is the scheduled date from **9 – Noon**. A Flyer will be updated and posted to the website.

Jeff WK1D brought up Field Day. **Teddy WB1GSQ** is in FL and **Larry W1TGM** will not be able to cook this year. We need volunteers for food and setup etc. Thank you, Larry and Teddy, for the great job you have done running the barbecues. It is highly appreciated. We also need more folks "**Operators**" to be on the radio this year. Last year was not a good one for us. Field day is about operating and practicing for a disaster situation more than just a contest. We will bring this up at the May meeting. Field Day is Fri & Sat Jun 27th & 28th.

Jeff WK1D Brought up the annual SS Food Bank 5K race and walk at Wompatuck State Park. Volunteers are needed to help at this event. We have done this event a few times already and it is a lot of fun. The event is schedule for Sat June 20th the week before Field Day. **Jeff WK1D** is the contact for the event. The more the merrier!! They really appreciate our help.

Dave KB1QMX asked if anyone is using Meshtastic 900Mhz data transceivers. **Bob WA1Q** mentioned that **Bob WC1N** has a lot of experience using it and they should talk to each other.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Dennis KC1DD** second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 8:05 PM, **4/01/2026**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed May 06th, 2026 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Apr 15th at 8:00PM**.

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.

PS Check the www.wa1npo.org website for a list of nets you can attend. **Bob WA1Q** will be updating the list.