



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting May 6, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE: 38

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!!

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| *KB1OEP Mike Supple | *KC1DD Dennis Diver | *WA1MAD Mike Davis |
| *WK1D Jeff Ayres | *W1MBH Scott Mitchell | *W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser |
| *N1CFB Chris Babbitt | *KB1MTW Paul Moss | *N1BSO John Laiosa |
| *KC1YJU Evan Coutts | *KC1YKI Danielle Longacre | *KC1UTV Jonah Silvia |
| *KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti | *KC1JRL John DeMasi III | *KB1WNX Steve Lyons |
| *WA1Q Bob Azanow | *KG1U Mike Bennett | *KM1TWL Jim Ashley |
| *N1IQI Loren Pimentel | *N1SOM Jeff Tracy | *N1QE Jack Foley |
| *SWL Joe Scriven | *WD1L John Nelson | *KC1PIF Gary Davis |
| *N4NMF Barry Kennedy | *KC1TNP Peter Bernazzani | *WA1AEL Allen Lipkind |
| *KC1TNH Adam Faxon | *KC1OZE Ed Warchal | *KC1ITF Mark Hirtle |
| *KB1FBA Bob Mahoney | *KB1QMX Dave Beauvais | *KB1PFL Jim Madden |
| *W6TOM Tom Murphy | *AG1B Richard Metcalf | *W1MWF Larry Leblanc |
| *KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik | ***KC1ZIL Peter Bonitatibus | |

Note: 7 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** and **Fred K1FAB** who are having health issues.

Special Presentation: to coincide with the FIFA World Cup Soccer Event.

Amateur Radio event Call Signs W1C. Presented by **Ron Franklin AA5HK** from Texas looking for local operators for the event. This presentation was held before the business meeting.



Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

President **Jeff Ayres** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 5/06/26. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 3 elected officers. **Gary KC1PIF** is acting as interim treasurer. **Bob WA1Q** posted the April **meeting notes** on the club website Motion made by **Scott WB1MBH** and second by **Ted KC1JMZ**. Motion passed with a quorum vote.

Gary KC1PIF prepared the April **Treasurer's Reports** which were updated read tonight by our interim Treasurer **Gary KC1PIF**. A PDF Copy of the April TR Report was emailed to the members. Thank you, Gary, for the hard work on that. The April TR Report was accepted after a motion from **Ted KCJMZ** and second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Health & Welfare: There was a condolence card sent to **Frank Sheputa W1LJM** for the loss of his wife. Donation needed as well. Thank you, Danielle, for taking care of the H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for May. 03, 2026 to May 31, 2026:

- **May 03rd:** **Jeff WK1D**
- **May 10th:** **Mike KB1OEP**
- **May 17th:** **Bob WA1Q @ Cranland International Airport.**
- **May 24th:** **Allen W1AEL** "Swapped with Bob WA1Q after meeting"
- **May 31st:** **Mike WA1MAD** 🙏 Thank you to the folks doing the nets. 🙏

***New Members and Call sign updates:

We have one new member **Peter Bonitatibus KC1ZIL** welcome to the club.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG The Tech session concluded with a VE session on Thursday April 9th. With 2 new Techs and one upgraded General. Congrats.

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. Date to be determined but usually the first Tuesday after Labor Day. A big Thank You to the training crew. Ted KC1JMZ John N1BSO and Ross W1EKG.

Repeater Committee:

John N1BSO reported to **Bob WA1Q** that the Kenwood repeater is working well. There has still a few Echolink dropouts but it seems to be working fine and 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.

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.

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 is 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.

Jeff WK1D brought up **elections!!!** All positions are up for grabs.

Loren N1IQI volunteered to stay on the board of directors for another term. Thank You, Loren. The following uncontested nominations were also nominated. **Chris Babbitt N1CFB** for **President**, **Mike Davis WA1MAD** for **Vice President**, **Bob Azanow WA1Q** for **Secretary** and **Mike Supple KB1OEP** for **Treasurer**. Thank to all for stepping up. Since this is an uncontested lineup, the vote will be held at the June 3, 2026 meeting. A quorum vote is needed and only one vote needs to be cast.

Allen KC1SJS held the Elmer class at the police station. The date held was Sat April 25th from 1 to 3 PM. A number of folks showed up. Thank you, Allen and others that attended.

Ross W1EKG brought up the open house to think about the best time of year to have it. Spring, fall June Sept. etc. Summer being is a tough time with so many folks away or on vacation the date was scheduled date from **9 – Noon on Sat May 30, 2026**. The Flyer was updated and posted to the website and Facebook pages as well.

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 NEED A SIGNUP Sheet “Commitment” for this year’s event at the June meeting !!! 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 reminded folks about 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. Please contact **Jeff WK1D** to sign up for the event. The more the merrier!! They really appreciate our help.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Jack N1QE** second by **Paul KB1MTW**.
Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 8:20 PM, **5/06/2026**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Jun 03rd, 2026 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed May 20th 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.