



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Sep 2, 2026

Mike Supple KB1OEP	Chris Babbitt N1CFB	Bob Azanow WA1Q	Mike Davis WA1MAD
Treasurer	President	Secretary	Vice President

ATTENDANCE: 31

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!!

KC1DD Dennis Diver	WA1Q Bob Azanow	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
WK1D Jeff Ayres	N1CFB Chris Babbitt	KB1MTW Paul Moss
WA1AEL Allen Lipkind	W1AGF Adam Faxon	KG1U Mike Bennett
KG5VXY Mike Madonna	W1MBH Scott Mitchel	KC1YJU Evan Coutts
KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	KC1YKI Danielle Longacre	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	N4NMF Barry Kennedy	AG1B Richard Metcalf
KC1ZIL Peter Bonitatibus	KB1ZEO John Leary	**SWL Joe Scriven
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	N1DH Dan Heather	WA2MHY Russell Appleyard
W1MWF Larry LeBlanc	KC1YPD Peggy Farren	KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik
KC1VYK Sal DiMare	WA1MAD Mike Davis	KB1OEP Mike Supple
KC1KIS Robert Kirkaldy		

Note: 8 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** who passed away in June after a long illness. Rest in Peace, and **Fred K1FAB** who are having health issues.

President **Chris N1CFB** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 9/02/26. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.

NOTE: A special presentation by **Bob WA1Q** on **QSO 1** Software tonight will be held,

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

Bob WA1Q posted the **Aug meeting notes** on the club website. The July Sec Report was accepted after a motion from **Ross W1EKG** and second by **Mike KG5VXY**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Mike KB1OEP prepared the Aug **Treasurer's Report** which was sent out. A PDF copy of The July TR Report was prepared by **Mike KB1OEP** who is on vacation and emailed to the members. The July TR Report was accepted after a motion from **Dan N1DH** and second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Health & Welfare: There is a get-well card to be sent to Bob K1WGU for his recent surgery. Also, a condolence card was sent to Mike WB1FMA and family for the loss of their son. Our sincerest condolences from the club. Thank you, Danielle, for taking care of the H & W duties.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Sep 06, 2026 to Oct 04, 2026:

- Sep 06th: Jeff WK1D
 - Sep 13th: Allen W1AEL
 - Sep 20th: Ross W1EKG @ Cranland International Airport
 - Sep 27th: Mike KB1OEP
 - Oct 04th Jeff WK1D ☺ Thank you to the folks doing the nets ☺
- *** Reminder to members. Please give running the net a try. It's fun

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

Last month we had 2 new members welcome again to the club, **Peggy Farren KC1YPD** and **Bryan Cerqua W1BRI**.

A Special Presentation by **Bob WA1Q QSO One** software before continuing the rest of the meeting. This software package supports internet connectivity to DMR, Allstar, Echolink, YSF (Fusion) other more coming. This software runs on Windows and Android with Apple IOS in Beta testing. This is great for folks that have limited funds and also live in HOA's or Assisted living and just fun in general event if you do not have restrictions. <https://qso1.net/> is the link for the information discussed. Dan N1DH had some great ideas for using this software. He has also successfully installed and used it.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

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 Sept Tech class started yesterday evening Tuesday Sept. **Sept 1st**. Classes run Tuesdays and Thursdays 7PM to 9PM for 4 weeks. The last evening will be a VE Session. The next class will be the General class and start in October a few weeks after the Tech class ends if there is enough participation. The class started with 4 in person and 1 on Zoom, Ross Brought up we need a better way to promote our training classes. Using social media for example. Some WARC members will also post the class on the Facebook pages of surrounding towns and promote the class at the Marshfield Fair as well. Bob WA1Q will update the 1-page training sheet and have copies at the fair as well. A big Thank You to the training crew. **Ted KC1JMZ, John N1BSO** and **Ross W1EKG**.

Ross and Chris also mentioned that folks that have not done the **NET** can please come to Cranland or down to Kingston to observe and learn how to do it. Don't be bashful ☺. Cranland airport fly-in is a perfect spot to learn to do the net and have breakfast and watch the planes. Also, as an added feature bluegrass music is played by the Wooden Project. Excellent group and formation flying as well.

Repeater Committee:

John N1BSO reported to **Bob WA1Q** that 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.

NEW & Old Business

Robert KC1KIS reported his dad Tom's burial and celebration of life will be held on Friday Sept 4th at the Bourne Military Cemetery at 11:30AM. Celebration of Life will follow at the Masons Cornerstone Lodge in Duxbury around 1:30PM. Rest in Peace Tom.

Dave KB1QMX brought up continuing the club's participation in community events for 2026 Last year we attended the First Responder evening at Silver Lake Regional School, Dave mentioned that we should participate again. Dave also mentioned Hanson Day event which will be on Saturday, September 19, 2026. Dave will have a canopy set up and 2 meter and HF station to show the public.

Allen W1AEL brought up having an ELMER day on Saturday Oct 10th at the Whitman Police station from 10 to 12 Noon. Thank you, Allen in advance.

Chris N1CFB brought up a questions sheet relating to club activity and what you want to see the club do to grow the hobby there. **Mike WA1MAD** put it together. It will be emailed out as well to the group to be brought up at the next meeting.

Peter KC1ZIL brought the again the discussion of having a cabinet with an HF and VHF possibly DMR radio on a permanent display and for use by the club members. We can install a dipole and a vhf/uhf antenna as well.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Dennis KC1DD** second by **Danielle KC1YKI**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Chris N1CFB adjourned the business meeting about 8:30 PM, **9/02/2026**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Oct. 07, 2026 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Sept 16th at 7:30PM**.

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



Wide Angle photo from the OWL meeting.