

Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Oct 7, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE: 32

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!!

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**
W1MBH Scott Mitchel	**KC1YJU Evan Coutts**	**KC1YKI Danielle Longacre**
KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti	**N4NMF Barry Kennedy**	**AG1B Richard Metcalf**
KC1ZIL Peter Bonitatibus	**KB1ZEO John Leary**	****SWL Joe Scriven**
KB1QMX Dave Beauvais	**N1DH Dan Heather**	**WA2MHY Russell Appleyard**
KC1YPD Peggy Farren	**KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik**	**KB1OEP Mike Supple**
N1AS Alan Smallhoover	**K1WGU Bob Bass**	**N1VI Karen Trask**
N1QE Jack Foley	**KM1TWL Jim Ashley**	**KC1EFF Randy Mills**
W6TOM Tom Murphy	**KC1JRL Johnny Demasi**	

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!!

President **Chris N1CFB** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 10/07/26. 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 **Sept meeting notes** on the club website. The July Sec Report was accepted after a motion from **Ross W1EKG** and second by **Paul KB1MTW**. Motion passed a quorum vote.

Mike KB1OEP prepared the Sept **Treasurer's Report** which was sent out**.** A PDF copy of The July TR Report was prepared by **Mike KB1OEP**. The Sept TR Report was accepted after a motion from **Dennis KC1DD** and second by **Barry N4NMF in person** 😊.
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 Oct 06, 2026 to Nov 01, 2026:

- **Oct 04th: Jeff WK1D**
- **Oct 13th: Bob WA1Q**
- **Oct 17th: Ross W1EKG @ Cranland International Airport Last event for the season**
- **Oct 27th: Jeff N1SOM**
- **Nov 01st 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 **Jonah W3KMA** updated his callsign to **N1SSH Congrats Jonah!!!! Keep up the great work !!!** Welcome new member **Russell Appleyard WA2MHY.** Thank you for your membership

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update
Remember the training email address: bavarianradio@comcast.net and please CC copy to wa1npo@gmail.com. Ross reported he had 5 folks take the class with 1 passing the exam. A lady from Chicopee took the class on Zoom was is going to take the test locally. Ross would like to like to run a Tech class if he has enough interest and 6 folks to attend. If there not 6 folks to attend the class will not be held. Same with an Extra Class in Jan 2027 More discussion in the Business section.

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. PS **Johnny KC1JRL** is able to connect all the way from Truro.

NEW & Old Business

Ross W1EKG had a lively discussion on ways to bring new folks to the classes for Technician. Charge a fee but when the pass the class they get a membership to the club and a Baofeng radio for example. Ross also mentioned he talked to folks at the other local clubs about sending folks to the Whitman classes. More to come on this subject.

Ross W1EKG brought up the Christmas/Holiday party on Saturday December 12th. If we can get over 40 people, we could get the function room but we have to know ASAP. We want to open it up the other local clubs as well and local hams. K1USN, PAWA, So. Shore in Plymouth and MARA. Bob Will send an email out to all the members and many members are members of these other clubs as well. Ross also mentioned that having the other clubs participate in our OPEN houses is an excellent way to promote Amateur Radio. We are all in this together!!!!

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 had 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. Thank you to the folks that attended these events which we did cover this year again. Nice to Stay visible.

Allen W1AEL had 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. Bob WA1Q is testing the ICOM 756 Pro and Ross has a 2 meter radio that we used at the Marshfield Fair that can be set up at the K of C, We an start with that to get us on the air. **Ross** also asked **TOM W6TOM** if a WSPR station would be hard to set up. **Evan KC1YJU** will check the office for an enclosure that would work for us. For example, 19" rack. Thank you Even We also will look at a club call for the K of C if possible or use NI1X for special event etc.

Bob WA1Q will contact Plimoth Patuxet Museums to do the annual Thanksgiving event.

Johnny KC1JRL reminded us that Farafest 2026 will be held Nov 7th at the Upper Cape Cod Votech School in Bourne which is a fun event. Thank you, Johnny, https://www.falara.org/activities/fara-fest

Karen N1VI Mentioned the South Shore Hospital Club which runs a monthly hospital to hospital net is looking for members and participants. They also have a repeater at SSH on 147.345 tone 110.9. They would like folks to use it also to keep it active. The Net is run at SSH on the second Saturday of each month at 10AM. Please contact Karen if you would like to participate.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Paul KB1MTW** second by **Jeff WK1D.**
Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Chris N1CFB adjourned the business meeting about 7:50 PM, **10/07/2026.**

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Nov. 04, 2026 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Oct 21st at 7:30PM** on the Whitman repeater**.**

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.



N4NMF In person at the meeting.