



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Sep 4, 2024

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 36

Members and guests were social isolated at the K of C and on Zoom including 3 elected officers. Members and guests attended in person and via ZOOM. Photo by Mike K1UVH Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

WA1Q Bob Azanow	N1QE Jack Foley	N1CFB Chris Babbitt
KB1MTW Paul Moss	N1BSO John Laiosa	W1DL John Nelson
KB1QMZ Dave Beauvais	WK1D Jeff Ayres	KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti
N1SOM Jeff Tracy	N4NMF Barry Kennedy	SWL Phil Joy
WB1GSQ Teddy Cullen	KG1U Mike Bennett	W1EDR Eric Dresser
KB1ODS John Chase	KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik	W1TGM Larry Genovesi
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	KC1UTV Jonah Silvia	KM1TWL Jim Ashley
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	KC1RXD Brian Logan	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KB1OEP Mike Supple	KC1RAE John Dorney	SWL Larry Jacobs
KG5VXY Mike Madonna	WA1MAD Mike Davis	K1FAB Fred Birtwell
KC1ITF Mark Hirtle	KB1PFL Jim Madden	W1VU Bob Egles
KC1OZE Ed Warchal	WA1BEE Allen Hiltz	W6TOM Tom Murphy

Note: 12 members participated via Zoom.

**** SWL = Short Wave Listener *** = New member**

* 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!!

Secretary's Report:

President Jeff Ayres WK1D called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 09/04/24.

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

Bob WA1Q posted the Aug 2024 **meeting notes** on the club website.

A motion to accept the Aug2024 as read made by **Paul KB1MTW** with a second by **Jim KB1PFL**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Treasurer's was not available **Tom KC1KIT** was not available. The TR report will be sent out at a later time and voted on at the Oct meeting.

Health & Welfare report was not available as **Richard AG1B** was not available for the meeting. A get-well card was sent **Tom KC1KIT**. We will update next month.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Sep 01, 2024 to Sept 29, 2024:

- **Sep 01st: Jeff WK1D**
- **Sep 08th: Bob WA1Q**
- **Sep 15th: Mike KB1OEP Live at Cranland International Airport Hanson MA**
- **Sep 22nd: Jeff WK1D**
- **Sep 29th: Jeff N1SOM**

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

New Member. Welcome to new member **Gary Smith KC1PIF** thank you for becoming a member of the Whitman ARC starting Oct 24.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross confirmed the Technician class is going well but they started with 5 folks and are down to 3. The class started Tuesday Sept 3, 2024 and run for approximately 4 weeks with a VE Exam session to be held of the last evening. The next class will be a General and start a few weeks after the Tech class finishes and run until about Thanksgiving. We will post the dates. Information will be posted on the Website for up-and-coming classes. Getting the word out via Face Book and the local cable station etc. was discussed. Ross also reported that the Tech class will be followed by a General class starting about 2 There are no plans currently for an Extra class until after the New Year. A big thank you from the club to the training crew and the students as well.

Remember the training email address: Warc.Training@gmail.com and copy to bavarianradio@comcast.net to sign up for classes. We will update the website with the training dates as they become available.

Repeater Committee:

John N1BSO reported the backup repeater is still working well. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link connection is working well. IRLP is working well. We have still had some repeater jamming going on and ask the members to listen to the input frequency to see if you can hear it and if the signal is strong. Please contact **John N1BSO** you can text him and he will disable the repeater. Thanks to Jeff AJ1L and John N1BSO also for updating the members 900mhz radios as well at the meeting and on Great Hill. 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.

NEW & Old Business

Jack N1QE has received the new business cards he had printed up and will have them for the fair. **Bob WA1Q** mentioned we only have a limited amount of QSL cards left and need to get an order in.

Thanks again to new member **Jim Ashley KM1TWL** who made up 2 wooden Call signs for us to display at the Marshfield fair. Thank you, Jim they came, out great!! Jim can also make up wooden call sign ID tags for folks as well for a reasonable fee.

A big Thank You to **Jack N1QE** for all the hard work getting us ready for the Marshfield Fair. Thank you to everyone that volunteered. It was a successful event. We always wish there was more foot traffic to the booth. Thank you **Fred K1FAB** for bringing your trailer on tear down day. Thanks to **Paul KB1MTW** for bringing all the needed items to the fair for setup. Lastly Thank You to **Dennis KC1DD** for setting up his vertical antenna for the event as well. Thanks to all.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Sep 21st 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. **Mike NA1XX** is usually the chef and brings up an excellent dish. There was a great turnout the last one. **Jeff AJ1L** will once again be up on Great Hill to program folks 900 Mhz radios if needed. Thank you Jeff !!!! **WB1EMS** Joe and **Pat WV1D** bring up goodies for the crew as well. Thank you guys.

A discussion was held on started last month by **Larry W1TGM** and **Paul KB1MTW** on repairs to the club house. On Sept 10th a group of us will do an inspection to see the scope of the work. As mentioned, enhancements could raise a flag but repairs such as holes where critters can enter and water leaks can be fixed. The floor needs work and the club house needs a good cleaning out etc. Water leaked in through the roof and a few of the Masonite panels have let loose. The results of the inspection will be discussed at the Oct meeting,

Eric W1EDR loaned the club for our meeting an OWL video camera to try out. It has multiple cameras and automatically adjusts to the person speaking. A lively discussion was had about purchasing one but the list price is over \$1000 or more. **Jim KB1PFL** mentioned a company in Hanover called BMI Surplus to check out as they listed having some used Owl's in stock for about \$300. **Jeff WK1D** and **Bob WA1Q** will visit them to check it out.

Ham Expo 2024, Fall Near-fest 2024 which has been moved to New Boston NH "Hillsborough County Fairgrounds". Ross will be getting tickets for that event. Also, Thanksgiving weekend if all goes as planned, we will have Plimoth Patuxet Museums event again. Bob WA1Q will contact Paul at the museum to see if we can continue the tradition.

A discussion on raising dues was held but that was quickly tabled until a later time.

Bob WA1Q will be updating the Cable and accessories price list and posting it on the website.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Mike KB1OEP** with a second by **Jeff N1SOM**.
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the meeting about 8:20 PM, **09/04/2024**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Oct 02nd 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The Sept **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Sep. 18th at 7:30PM.**

The **MOTA** Net hosted by **Ross W1EKG** will be followed by the weekly **10 Meter 28.333 Rag Chew** Net also led by **Ross** will start about 8PM.