



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Oct 2, 2024

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer	Chris Babbitt N1CFB Vice President	Bob Azanow WA1Q Secretary	Jeff Ayres WK1D President
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ATTENDANCE: 40

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	AB1OC Fred Kemmerer
N1AY Brad Wilson	W1EDR Eric Dresser	KC1PXJ Nick Lachance
KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik	W1TGM Larry Genovesi	KC1PXN Lou Lachance
W1MBH Scott Mitchell	K1TWH Tom Howey	KM1TWL Jim Ashley
N1IQI Loren Pimentel	AJ1L Jeff Lehmann	W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser
KB1OEP Mike Supple	KC1PIF Gary Davis	SWL Larry Jacobs
KG5VXY Mike Madonna	WA1MAD Mike Davis	K1IR Jim Idelson
K1GMN Bill Heally	KG1U Mike Bennett	K1KI Tom Frenaye
KC1OZE Ed Warchal	AG1B Richard Metcalf	W6TOM Tom Murphy
KC1DD Dennis Diver	KC1SJS Allen Lipkind	KC1TNN Adam Faxon
NK1U Jim Whedbee		

Note: 14 members and friends 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 10/02/24.

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

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

A motion to accept the Sep 2024 as read made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Brad N1AY**.

Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Aug Treasurer's was not available due to **Tom KC1KIT** was not being 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 Oct 06, 2024 to Nov 03, 2024:

- Oct 06th: **Jeff WK1D**
- Oct 13th: **Allen KC1SJS**
- Oct 20th: **Mike W1EKG Live at Cranland International Airport Hanson MA**
- Oct 27th: **Paul W1GTX**
- Nov 03rd: **Jeff WK1D**

***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 went well.

The VE session was successful with new Technicians and a new General.

Ross also reported that the **General** class will start on Oct 15th and run for about 6 weeks, A VE session will on the last night. 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.

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

** We had guest speakers from the ARRL Fred Kemmerer AB1OC and Tom Frenaye K1KI who are both running for New England Regional directors do presentations. A lively discussion was held as well. Thank you to both Fred and Tom. Best luck on the elections which the ballots have to be in to ARRL by Nov 15'th.

Jack N1QE gave information on setting up a Fidelity account for our savings to get a better rate. Jack also mentioned that the Rockland Trust gives a bit more customer satisfaction for organizations like ours that are 501c3's. Possibly a better saving rate as well.

Bob WA1Q mentioned we only have a limited amount of QSL cards left and need to get an order in.

New member **Jim Ashley KM1TWL** who made up 2 wooden Call signs for us to display at the Marshfield Fair. Jim can also make up wooden call sign ID tags for folks as well for a reasonable \$.

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Oct 19th 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. 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!!!! **Joe WB1EMS** and **Pat WV1D** bring up goodies for the crew as well. Thank you, guys.

A discussion was held by **Larry W1TGM** and **Paul KB1MTW** on repairs to the club house. On Sept 10th a group of us did 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 were be discussed at the Oct meeting. Larry is speaking to a friend that does foam insulation about looking at our building to see what can be done. He will report at the Nov meeting. Also, panels will have to be replaced as well as previously mentioned. The T=111 on both ends of the building will need to possibly be replaced. More to come.

Thank you again to **Eric W1EDR who!!** loaned the club for our meeting an **OWL** video camera to try out. **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 visited them to check it out and they made us an offer we could not refuse. We know own our very own OWL. Thank you **Jeff WK1D** for finding the good working one and procuring it.

Ham Expo 2024, Fall Near-fest 2024 was moved to New Boston NH "Hillsborough County Fairgrounds". Thank you, **Ross W1EKG** for getting tickets for that event. All reports were that the new venue was a bit tight but worked out well.

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.

Bob WA1Q updated the Cable and Accessories price list and posted it on the website.

Bob WA1Q mentioned that the Falmouth ARC annual FARAFFEST will be held at the Upper Cape Cod VOTEC in Bourne on Sat Nov 2'nd from 9 to 12. Information was sent by Bob to the club members via email.

Motion to adjourn was made by **John WI1G** with a second by **Brad W1AY**.
Motion passed a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 8:00 PM, **10/02/2024**.
A 5-minute break was held then Fred and Tom did their presentations. Thank you again.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Nov 06th 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Oct 16th 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.