



**Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Nov 6, 2024**

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

**ATTENDANCE: 33**

Members 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!!

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| <b>WA1Q Bob Azanow</b>      | <b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>  | <b>W1G John Murphy</b>         |
| <b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>     | <b>W1DL John Nelson</b>     | <b>K1UVH Mike Antoine</b>      |
| <b>KB1QMZ Dave Beauvais</b> | <b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>      | <b>KC1LKB Ernie Bazzinotti</b> |
| <b>N4NMF Barry Kennedy</b>  | <b>WA1RIW Rich Carnes</b>   | <b>W6TOM Tom Murphy</b>        |
| <b>W1TGM Larry Genovesi</b> | <b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b> | <b>K1TWH Tom Howey</b>         |
| <b>KM1TWL Jim Ashley</b>    | <b>K1GMN Bill Heally</b>    | <b>WG1WG Bill Gundel</b>       |
| <b>N1IQI Loren Pimentel</b> | <b>AJ1L Jeff Lehmann</b>    | <b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b> |
| <b>KB1OEP Mike Supple</b>   | <b>KC1PIF Gary Davis</b>    | <b>KC1UTV Jonah Silvia</b>     |
| <b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>    | <b>KC1RAE Jim Dorney</b>    | <b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>    |
| <b>KC1OZE Ed Warchal</b>    | <b>KC1SJS Allen Lipkind</b> | <b>KC1TNN Adam Faxon</b>       |
| <b>W1RCA Nick Caratelli</b> | <b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>      | <b>W1ODS John Chase</b>        |

**Note: 11 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!!**

**NOTE:** A special presentation by **Tom W6TOM** on Digital Data transmission issues related to the power industry but could be related to Amateur Radio as well. This will commence at the end of the regular meeting.

## Secretary's Report:

**President Jeff Ayres WK1D** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 11/06/24. A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 3 elected officers.

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

A motion to accept the Oct 2024 as read made by **Paul KB1MTW** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Oct 2024 Treasurer's Report was completed by our temporary Treasurer **Jeff WK1D** due to **Tom KC1KIT** was not being available yet. A motion to accept the Oct 2024 TR report as read made by **Allen KC1SJS** with a second by **Ed KC1OZE**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

**Health & Welfare** A get-well card was sent **Mike WA1MAD**. Thank you Richard

## Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Nov 03, 2024 to Dec 01, 2024:

- Nov 03<sup>rd</sup>: **Jeff WK1D**
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: **Allen KC1SJS**
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup>: **Mike W1OEP**
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup>: **Jeff N1SOM**
- Dec 01<sup>st</sup>: **Jeff WK1D**

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

**New Member.** Welcome again 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 General class is going well.

Ross also reported that the **General** class started on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and run for about 6 weeks, A VE session will on the last night, tentatively set for Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. There are no plans currently for an Extra class until after the New Year possibly in January. 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](mailto:Warc.Training@gmail.com) and copy to [bavarianradio@comcast.net](mailto:bavarianradio@comcast.net) to sign up for classes. We will update the website with the training dates as they become available.

### **Repeater Committee:**

**Jeff AJ1L** reported the backup repeater is still working well. The Controller is working well. Our Echo-link connection is working well. IRLP 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.

## **NEW & Old Business**

From October meeting: **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. Update for Nov: **Jeff WK1D** found out he will have to have **Tom KC1KIT** the Treasure there as well to set up the account who will be home soon.

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

**Mike K1UVH** reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. There was a great turnout the last one.

A discussion was held by **Larry W1TGM** and **Paul KB1MTW** on repairs to the club house. Larry recommended to keep it simple for now by stabilizing the building. New metal on the roof and painted to prevent more water from getting in. We need to remove some of the ceiling panels which are made of Masonite. The floor will have to be reinforced as well due to soft spots. Just a thought could be investing in a container as well. More to discuss on this subject,

Thanksgiving weekend we will have Plimoth Patuxet Museums event again. **Bob WA1Q** contacted Christina Copeland and Paul at the museum to see if we can continue the tradition. They gave us the go ahead so we will be looking for a crew to help setup and operate. Friday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 10 – Noon is setup. Then we will operate on Saturday and Sunday about 9 to 4 on Saturday and 8:30 to 3 on Sunday. Thank you to all participants in advance.

**KC1UTV Jonah Silvia** asked what the Plimoth Patuxet event is all about. We had a conversation to explain.

**Bob WA1Q** updated the Cable and Accessories price list and posted it on the website. Bob or Paul will print a hard copy to leave at the Quonset hut.

**John N1BSO** mentioned there will be a Skywarn presentation at the Bridgewater Library at 10AM on Nov 23 for about an hour. Should be an interesting presentation.

It was mentioned that **K1USN Pi K1RV's** group is now looking for a new home due to the Town of Braintree theoretically needing the space. A massive effort to find a new place and remove all the equipment from the building is going on. He will need help on Saturday mornings. It was a great setup there. It is a shame that they have to move.

**Ross W1EKG** brought up the subject of having a Holiday party again. Folks were excited to have it. The Meadowbrook restaurant on route 27 in Hanson is the venue. They have very good food. Please let Ross know if you can make it as soon as possible.

**Chris N1CFB** brought up a request by **Fred Hopengarten K1VR** from the ARRL who asked us for signatures on letter for the ARRL to help with HOA legislation. He is looking for signatures and suggestions.

**Chris N1CFB** brought up the subject of **Winterfest 2025**. First, he needs the down payment of \$150 to give to Larry from the K of C to lock the date in. The second \$150 will be due when we have the event in January. Date for the event is the third Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Bob WA1Q** will post the updated PDF flyer and update the event page that has the Paypal link on it. There will be a link on the Website under upcoming events. The motion was made and seconded to provide the money needed for the rental.

**Jeff WK1D** reminded everyone that dues are due by the Dec 31<sup>st</sup> or by the first meeting in January which will be the 8<sup>th</sup> as the 1<sup>st</sup> is New Years Day, 🍷

**Tom W6TOM** Did a great job on his presentation. Thank you again. He will be returning to the west coast before Thanksgiving this year.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **John W1IG** second by **Larry W1TGM**.  
Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

**Jeff WK1D** adjourned the business meeting about 8:00 PM, **10/02/2024**.

**NOTE:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Dec 04<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 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.