



Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting Jan 8, 2025

Tom Kirkaldy KC1KIT Treasurer **Chris Babbitt N1CFB** Vice President **Bob Azanow WA1Q** Secretary **Jeff Ayres WK1D** 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 Mike K1UVH
Thank you Ross W1EKG for running ZOOM!!

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| WA1Q Bob Azanow | N1CFB Chris Babbitt | WI1G John Murphy |
| KB1MTW Paul Moss | KB1QMZ Dave Beauvais | WK1D Jeff Ayres |
| W6TOM Tom Murphy | W1TGM Larry Genovesi | W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser |
| N1BSO John Laiosa | KM1TWL Jim Ashley | N1IQI Loren Pimentel |
| KB1FBA Bob Mahoney | KB1OEP Mike Supple | KC1PFS Ken Peluso (guest) |
| WA1MAD Mike Davis | KC1JMZ Ted Wojcik | AG1B Richard Metcalf |
| KC1OZE Ed Warchal | KC1SJS Allen Lipkind | KC1TNN Adam Faxon |
| N1QE Jack Foley | KC1DD Dennis Diver | W1GTX Paul Delory |
| AJ1L Jeff Lehmann | N1SOM Jeff Tracy | NK1U Jim Whedbee |
| KC1JKW Andy Lyne | KB1PFL Jim Madden | **KC1VXZ John Daire |
| WG1WG Bill Gundel | KC1KIT Tom Kirkaldy | |

Note: 8 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!!
Congrats to all the folks who upgraded their licenses at the General Exam!!!**

Secretary's Report:

President Jeff Ayres WK1D called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 01/08/25.
A quorum was present in person and on Zoom with the 4 elected officers.
Bob WA1Q posted the Dec 2024 **meeting notes** on the club website.

A motion to accept the Dec 2024 as read made by **Larry W1TGM** with a second by **Mad Mike WA1MAD**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

The Dec 2024 Treasurer's Report was completed and read by our temporary Treasurer **Jeff WK1D** due to **Tom KC1KIT** was not being available yet. A motion to accept the Dec 2024 TR report as read made by **Paul KB1MTW** with a second by **Ross W1EKG**. Motion passed quorum vote as there were no objections.

Health & Welfare: A sunshine card was sent Fred **K1FAB**. Condolence cards were sent to the families of member **John Dorney KC1RAE** and friend **Robert Holland N1SYC**. A donation will be made to one of John's charities.
Thank You Richard for taking care of H & W.

Weekly Public Service Net Control volunteers for Jan 05, 2024 to Feb 02, 2025:

- Jan 05th: Jeff WK1D
- Jan 12th: Paul W1GTX
- Jan 19th: Allen KC1SJS
- Jan 26th: Jeff N1SOM
- Feb 02nd: Jeff WK1D

***New Members and Call sign updates:

New Member. Welcome again to new member **Jonathan Daire KC1BXZ** thank you for becoming a member of the Whitman ARC starting Jan 2025.

Committee updates:

Training Committee: Ross W1EKG Update

Ross W1EKG Ross confirmed the General class went well.

Ross reported that the VE session for the **General** was held on Dec 5th. Congrats to all the folks that passed the test. We have 4 new Gen class hams. The **Extra** class will start Tuesday Feb 11th. Classes run on Tues and Thurs evening from 7 to 9PM for 6 weeks. The last Thursday will be the VE exam. A **Tech** Class will start Tuesday April 1st and run 4 weeks. With a VE session the last Thursday night. Best luck to all. 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:

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.** We have had some interference from a drummer ?? Jeff L and John B have been taking it off line as needed.

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

Mike K1UVH reported the next Great Hill Gang event at Great Hill in North Weymouth will be Saturday Jan 18th 9AM. Rain date usually the next Saturday. It's always a fun time. There was a great turnout the last one.

An updated discussion was held by **Larry W1TGM** 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. It's looking like a Spring project now.

It was mentioned again 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.

Jeff WK1D and Chris N1CFB brought up the subject of **Winterfest 2025**.

Discussion on letting folks wait inside in the bar side. Ticket sales and other related items. **Chris N1CFB** has done a great job procuring prizes for the event. Mike WA1MAD brought up about the VE Exam due to Steve W1OD not being available. **Ross W1EKG** was going to contact Lou to see if he could run it. **Bob W1VU** has pledged to help as well. **Jack N1QE** will print out the Gift Certificates. Thank you, Jack, in advance. There are about 35 tables. Table sales are going well. A discussion on tickets was held too. Regarding sales for raffle items.

Bob WA1Q reported the Winterfest event page that has the PayPal link which is working fine. Date for the event is the third Saturday January 18th 2025 9AM to 1PM.

Jeff WK1D reminded everyone that dues were due by the Dec 31st or by the first meeting in January which will be the 8th as the 1st is New Years Day, ☺ Dues can also be paid by PayPal by logging into PayPal with your account and search for Whitman ARC Amateur Radio Club

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **John W1IG** second by **Paul W1GTX**. Motion Passed by a quorum vote.

Jeff WK1D adjourned the business meeting about 7:55 PM, **1/08/2025**.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for **Wed Feb 05th 2025 at 7 PM** and will be a Hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom.

The **MOTA (Meeting on the Air)** will be **Wed Jan 22nd at 7:30PM.**

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

PS Do not forget the Thick as a Brick Net on **75 Meters** 3923. Khz on Monday evenings led by Ross W1EKG.