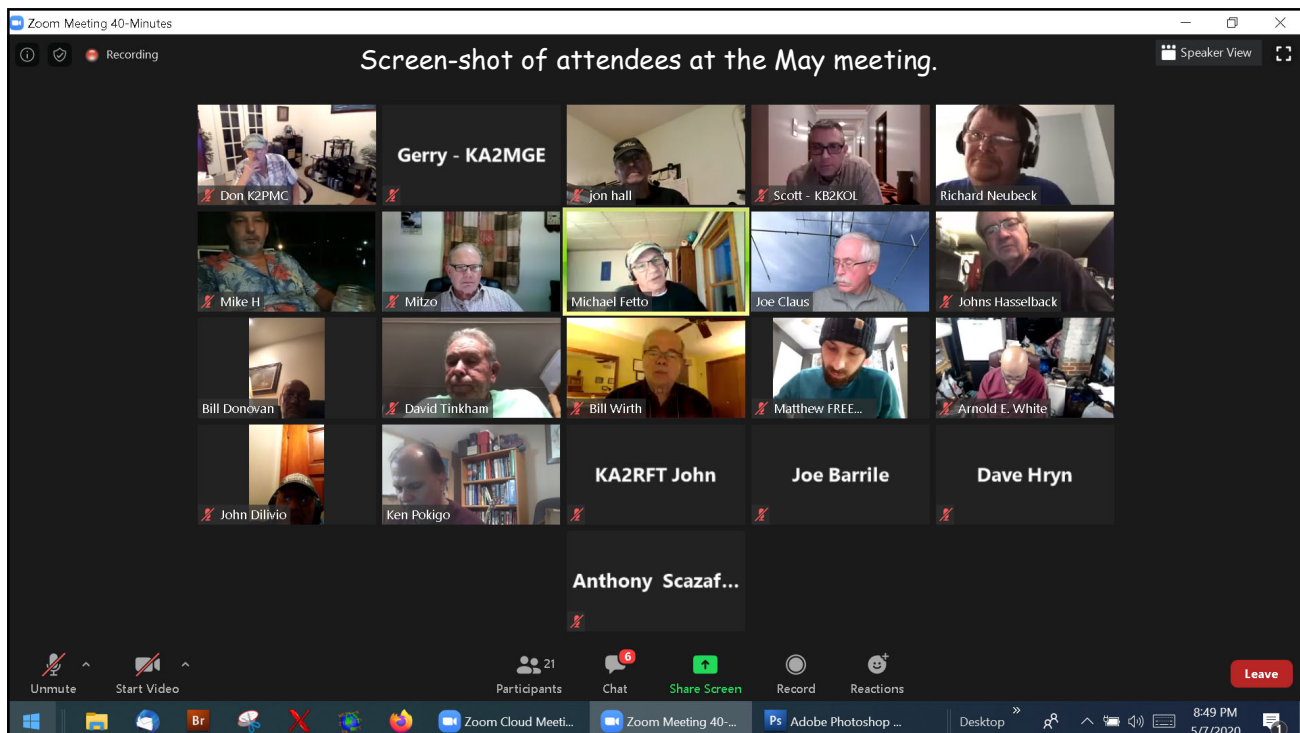


## Club Meetings During the Covid 19 Pandemic

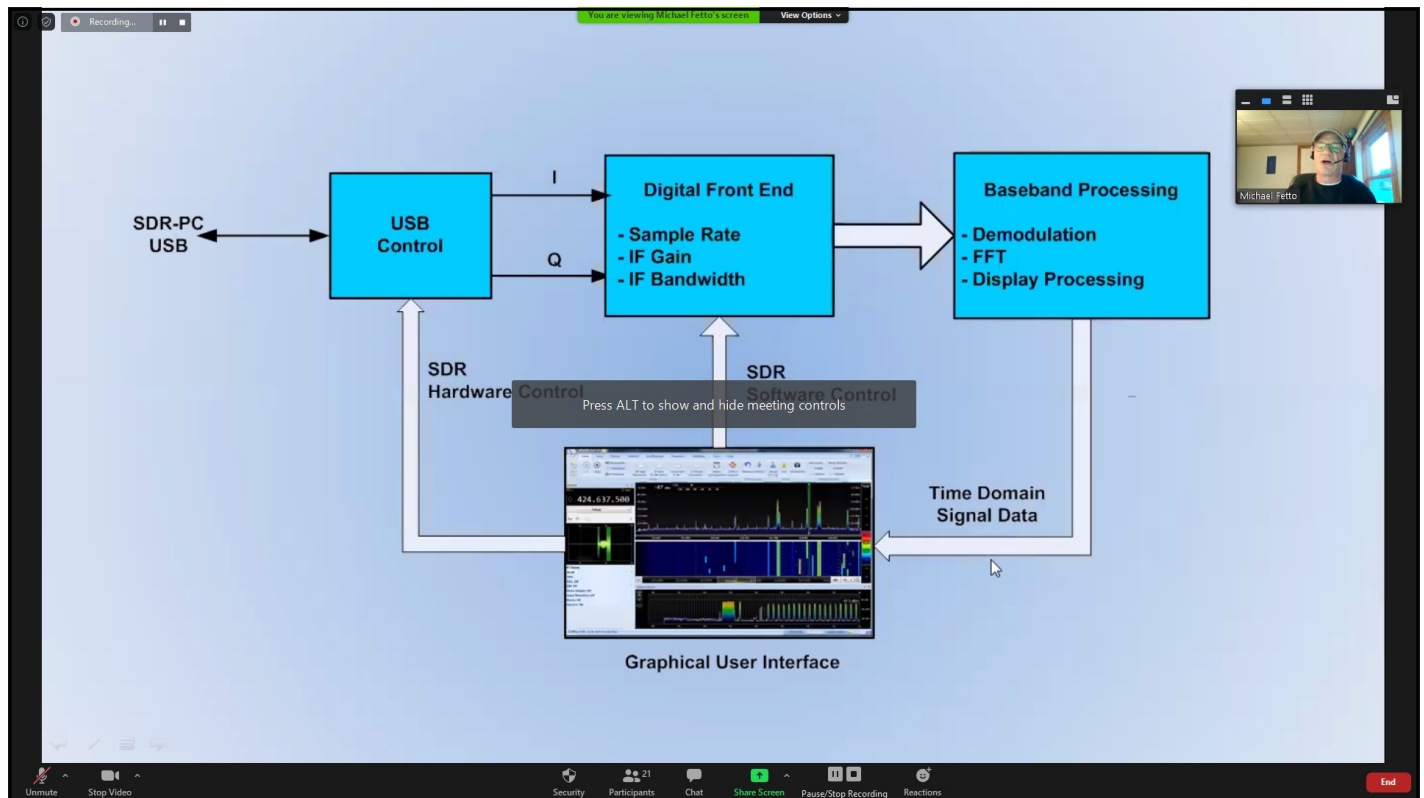
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The May meeting was held online as planned, using the ZOOM website. Holding the meeting online provided a way of 100% guaranteeing that nothing but audio and video would be passed from one member to another. It was also a surprisingly easy, effective and enjoyable way to conduct a meeting, and all from the comfort of home. It was my first time using Zoom and I was very impressed with it. I followed the simple instructions sent out by Ken KC2AYK for joining the meeting and I had no trouble accessing it with my PC.

Some of those attending used both a microphone and webcam to participate and some used just a microphone. There are various ways of arranging the video display. You can view all of the attendees simultaneously either graphically (see the screen-shot below) or listed as text. You can also view full-screen any attendee who is using a webcam. Your keyboard can be used to send text messages to any attendees you chose or to the whole group. There are probably a lot of other features available that I didn't discover during this first time using Zoom.



Following the business portion of the meeting, Mike Fetto KB2FX gave an excellent presentation on the SDR software program "SDRplay". It became obvious pretty quickly that Mike has a very thorough knowledge of SDR and this program. A lot of fine details were covered. The screen-shot below shows Mike utilizing a full-screen display of the software, while his webcam video is superimposed over it in a small box to the right. Thanks for a great presentation Mike!



Screen-shot from SDR Software Presentation

This month's meeting is on June 4th at 7:00 PM and it will also be held on Zoom. An important topic to be discussed is if and how the club will participate in Field Day this year. Below are the instructions sent out by Ken KC2AYK for attending this meeting.

To sign in:

If you have a computer with MIC; you can sign in and your audio will be linked in from the PC MIC.

If you have a computer without MIC; you can sign in on the PC and then call into the phone audio patch using a phone.

If you have no computer, please call in using your phone and you will be able to hear and speak on your phone.

First session at 7:00pm (**Business Meeting**)

Join Zoom Meeting (URL can be opened with CTRL + Click)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8595441881?pwd=S2k3SS9hWGtJU1QxYm1kN2JBbXZDdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 544 1881      Password: 888888

**For phone audio dial-in, call: 1-408-638-0968**

When prompted, enter the meeting ID and numeric password below

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