

# Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 11 March 2021

## Meeting Minutes:

List of attendees: Ed N7PHY, Tom KJ7BXA, Barry K7BWH, Greg N7IAD, Rick K7TR, John KM7O, Scott KB7RSV, Robert KD7WNV, Rich K7RCH, Tony KF7LTK, Mike W7NP, Tom KH6HDA, Jerry WA7EDM, Tom KF7LTK, Marv K7IU

Agenda: Presentation by Ed, NyPHY on Horizontal Loop Antennas

From the President:

- Loaner Library Update: Erik KG7NOC has found a Word Press plug-in to use as a basis for the Loaner Library user interface. Tom KJ7BXA has reached out to a number of radio clubs in addition to our ARRL representative for information about legality of loaning equipment.
- Electronics Refresher Sessions by Dave WA7RSO continue. Next in the series will be Wednesday April 7 with an introduction to the Arduino micro controller.
- Club presentations are available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCItYsCVhTdJH0KwBE3Pm-kg>
- Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at Noon local time at 28.350 MHz
- PNW 220 MHz repeater presentation on San Juan County Amateur Radio Society Zoom call scheduled for 11:00 AM Friday March 12. See this link for the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CKPPeVTKQc>

From Treasurer:

- The treasury is down \$150 due to payment for 3 months of use of the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center.
- Please, no bank balance reporting in the minutes as they are published in a public area.

From the Secretary:

- Tom has made a few contacts with clubs which have equipment loaner programs. There seems to be a wide variety in the formality of how

these programs are run. Tom contacted our ARRL regional representative, Mark J. Tharp KB7HDX, with questions about running a loaner program and whether the ARRL can shed any light on doing so. So far no information from the powers on high.

From Barry K7BWH:

- Barry has a power pack for an old Macbook if anyone can use it.

From Ed N7PHY:

- Ed has a box of random electronic stuff left over from SK equipment sales. Free for the taking.

Topic of Discussion: The possibility of actually having Field Day at the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center on the 4th weekend in June.

- John KM7O: we should give it a shot without being open to the public as we were last summer.
- Rich K7RCH: sounds like a possibility.
- Barry K7BWH: seems possible. Each person will have to make his/her own risk assessment before attending.
- Greg N7IAD: Field Day is looking much more possible. There are permissions to obtain as well as paperwork to be done in order to put Field Day together. There are lots of moving parts to be coordinated in order for Field Day to happen.

Ed's presentation on Horizontal Loop Antennas based on his experience on top of a mountain in the middle of a clear-cut in North Central Washington in the midst of forest fire smoke. Fortunately for Ed, the loggers left enough tall trees standing for him to hang a triangular wire loop antenna high enough above ground level to be useful for HF contacts. See the recording of this Zoom meeting for all the details. Available at the location listed above.

