

Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Zoom Meeting of 10 February 2022

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda: General Club Business

General Announcements:

- Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz. There have been a few people joining in from distant locations as the propagation improves.

From the Treasurer:

- We have 42 paid up members.
- Expenses roughly \$1700
 - \$42 for donuts for Winter Field Day
 - \$200 + \$150 for our use of the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center
 - \$200 for ARRL liability insurance
 - \$1100 for the IC-7300 transceiver
- Income roughly \$1400
- Members who wish to get more details regarding the state of our finances should contact our Treasurer, Barry K7BWH via direct email. See QRZ for email address.

Meeting Notes:

- Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club Emergency Communications Plan

Introduction

The Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club as an organization wishes to establish an emergency communication plan for its members. The purpose of this plan is to check and assist in the health and welfare of its members, their families, and the community at large.

Plan Activation

In the event of an emergency in which public communications are partially or fully compromised, the members are encouraged monitor the following frequencies:

443.725 MHz (+) 103.5 PL WA7DEM Repeater

Our home repeater for peace-time communications and Tuesday net. The repeater is part of a network of emergency management repeaters in the area and likely to be busy during a live crisis. Good idea to monitor. Owned by Snohomish DEM. Employed by NEMCO during emergency.

444.675 MHz (+) 173.8 PL N6CES Repeater

Owned by a club member. Accessible through EchoLink and AllStar (Keypad *3 to access)

444.775 (+) 173.8 PL

Bastyr University Repeater

Owned by member of NEMCO. Available for CERT communications. May have traffic during an emergency.

Additional Emergency Management Repeaters

442.825 MHz (+) 103.5 PL Shoreline ACS repeater

City of Shoreline Auxiliary Communications Service.

NEMCO Repeaters

Moorlands Repeater

145.190 MHz (-0.6) PL 127.3 N7GDE Lyman Hill Repeater

Test repeaters across the sound.

See the list of area repeaters maintained by the **Mike and Key Club**

Simplex / HF

Club members are encouraged to establish simplex connections through testing in order to know who can directly reach whom.

28.350 MHz USB HF

The club has established a daily roundtable at noon pacific.

146.460 Simplex

Woodsound (CN87uu - Grid Square with my Griduino) neighborhood simplex frequency. (KB6KKX, N7PHY)

Plan another club member simplex test evening.

Secondary Power, Radios, Antennas (Be-Prepared!)

- Batteries
- Generator
- Handheld radio
- Secondary / portable antenna

Winter Field Day Wrap Up

Winter Field Day was a great success. The weather was cool but as we learned: it is easier to stay warm than it is to stay cool. The veranda on the south side of the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center was an ideal location.

We had two stations at the Senior Center. Ed N7PHY had the club IC-7300 set up on the veranda powered by solar/battery from John KM7O and using Ed's DX Commander antenna. Also we had Barry K7BWH in his Grid Rover working 6 meters and above. According to Ed 15 club members showed up at various times over the day. He and Barry managed to make a total of 59 contacts. See Ed's email of 2/1/22 on the reflector for more details. Photos courtesy of John have also been posted.

Important Lesson Learned: In all the excitement of planning for Winter Field Day we forgot our obligation to get permission from the Mountlake Terrace Parks Department to install antennas and to bring vehicles onto park property. Our field day outings actually involve two distinct entities: the Senior Center and the Park Department. In the future we all need to remember to work with both entities when setting up for a field day or similar activity.

Question for the club: could we run another similar get together at the Senior Center before Field Day arrives in June? This was a great way to get club members together for radio activities. Are there other contests

coming up which would be worth the time and effort to run from the Senior Center?

Club Loaner Rig Lending Guidelines

Currently our loaner rig consists of the following:

- IC-7300 (radio, microphone, power cable)
- 30 Amp switching power supply
- 50 feet of coax with PL-259 connectors from Barry K7BWH

No antenna is currently part of the rig. Suggestions are welcome.

Lending guidelines are proposed. This is a work in progress. If you have concerns or questions or ideas for guidelines please feel free to post them on the email reflector.

- Borrower must be a club member
- Maximum lending time = 60 days
- Rig should be available for club events such as Field Day
- Someone from the club should check borrower's antenna to ensure that it will work with the IC_7300.
- Minimum training requirements?
- Review and list recommended videos available on internet for training. Many IC-7300 oriented videos are available.
- Demo at home. Make sure there is an easy contact for test/demo
- Sign out the rig. Document needs to state what the borrow is responsible for basically do no damage and return the items in the state they were in when borrowed.
- Look into ARRL rig insurance?
- Follow up with rig purchase resources following borrowing time. Consider club vintage radios?

List of attendees as gathered from Zoom screen. This list may not be complete.

1. Ed N7PHY
2. Tom K7BXA
3. Barry K7BWH
4. David KA7UCI
5. Walt W7PRB
6. Brian KG7PD

7. John KM7O
8. Scott KB7RSV
9. Chuck WA7BRL
10. Rich K7RCH
11. Richard Kellogg W7HUG
12. Rick K7TR
13. Frank N6CES
14. Robert KD7WNV
15. Mike W7NP
16. Tom KH6HDA
17. Jerry WA7EDM
18. Chris K7HNJ