

# Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 9 March 2023 Pr. Ed Serchon N7PHY  
Presiding

## General Announcements:

- Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz USB. Band conditions continue to improve. Visitors from around the country have lately shown up. Everybody is welcome.
- New member Richard KK7GSQ. Welcome!
- Mike and Key Swap Meet in Puyallup at the fairgrounds on 3/11.
- Snohomish ACS has a Technician level class and exam scheduled for 3/15 and 3/17. For more information see: <https://www.wa7dem.info/classes>
- The Snohomish County Hams Club will have a license exam session on 3/25. For more information see: <http://www.wa7law.org/get-on-the-air/ve-testing/>
- Greg N7IAD mentioned that an establishment named the EDWAY Taproom is scheduled to open in the not-too-distant future. It is located immediately north of the Edmonds PCC. Volunteers will be needed to check it out once it opens to the public.

## From the Treasurer:

- Bank balance still in the black.
- Currently have 44 paid up members. Thank you for dues and donations!
- Outgo: \$52.00 for donuts for Winter Field Day, \$48.00 for stamps for sending New Ham Greeting Cards ... one of which came to the meeting with our newest member, Richard KK7GSQ.
- Members who wish to get more details regarding the state of our finances should contact our Treasurer, Barry K7BWH.

## General Business

- N6CES Tower Project: A big crew showed up to help raise the tower and secure it in place on 18 February. The tower was raised and secured. Initial tests showed very high SWR. The feed line may be the culprit. That will need to come down and be replaced with an alternate ... which is on hand. Also, the wind storm the following week made it

apparent that more guy lines would be a good idea. So progress has been made but there is still some work to be done.

- Greg N7IAD and Susan W7MXW attended a meeting with the City of Edmonds emergency preparedness group in order to better understand the city's needs and how our club might fit into their plans. They gave a brief review of the meeting.
- We spent some time discussing our emergency plans, such as they are, and how we could fit in with the city's emergency plans.
- The general consensus was that our club is not really dedicated to emergency planning and preparedness. We do want to support the city in the case of disasters (storms, floods, train wrecks, etc) where normal communications infrastructure has been compromised. We do not anticipate being involved in emergencies such as active shooter, or other situations in which normal communications are still up and running. We decided to work on our intra-club communications so that we can act as a somewhat coordinated group that can provide some measure of communications capability. We have tentative plans to run another simplex connectivity test, date and time to be announced. It was suggested that we run the simplex test while connecting via Zoom so that we can all see who is connecting to whom. The results of the test would then be distilled into a connectivity matrix.
- The current state of our emergency plans can be found at: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITnZ6zUBGMeOAdeGtUM5dYFQuF83\\_yB9tCoiGU31vP4/edit#gid=267755984](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITnZ6zUBGMeOAdeGtUM5dYFQuF83_yB9tCoiGU31vP4/edit#gid=267755984)
- Ed N7PHY presented information regarding his results for the ARRL International DX contest which was held the previous weekend: All contacts were via Phone: 42 contacts on 20 meters; 85 contacts on 15 meters; and 21 contacts on 10 meters for a total of 148 contacts. All from Ed's super secret radio station somewhere in Mukilteo.

### **List of attendees**

#### **In Person:**

Ed	N7PHY
Greg	N7IAD
Tom	K7BXA
Scott	KB7RSV
Walt	W7PRB
Neri	NC7N
Susan	W7MXW

John	KM7O
Robert	KD7WNV
Chuck	WA7BRL
Tom	K7POE
Barry	K7BWH
Frank	N6CES
Richard	KK7GSQ

**Via Zoom:**

Rick	K7TR
Dave	WA7RSO
Matt	KA7UAP
Brian	KG7PD