

# Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 10 August 2023 Pres. Ed Serchon N7PHY presiding.

## General Announcements:

- Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz USB.

## From the Treasurer:

- Bank balance is still in the black.
- Correction to last meeting's minutes: There was a \$300 contribution (not \$200) to the MTCSC for hosting us on Field Day.
- There was a payment of \$150 to the MTCSC for use of their facility for the 3rd quarter of this year.
- Upcoming expense: \$150 for 4th quarter use of the MTCSC facility.
- We have a total of 53 paid up members.
- Members who wish to get more details regarding the state of our finances should contact our Treasurer, Barry K7BWH.

## General Business

- Club brunch at the home of Greg N7IAD and his wife Devnee to be held Saturday August 12 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See the email reflector for details. Note that parking near his house is extremely hard to come by. Best options are east of Greg's QTH on 224th St SW and also north or south of that street along 98th Ave W.
- Net Control Operators are needed! Ed N7PHY handles this duty almost all the time. Sometimes a replacement is needed. Greg N7IAD, Barry K7BWH, and Tom K7BXA have filled in on occasion as have others. If those guys can do it so can you! We are all here to train and assist. Let us know if you want to give it a try.
- Mike W7NP is working to set up a field trip to a commercial radio station, KRKO, out near Snohomish. The idea of a visit has been okayed by the station management but the details are still being worked out.
- The idea of a September Swap Meet in the MTCSC parking lot was discussed. There are several weekends in September which are already filled with various radio related activities. So perhaps the swap meet could happen in October.

- Emergency/Disaster Prep update: Susan W7MXW has been working with the folks in the Edmonds City Hall on emergency preparedness. The city is still trying to work out exactly what they want/need in the way of community support. As a club we are trying to work out how we can provide the help they need even though this club is not oriented towards emergency preparedness. We feel we can help. There were calls for another VHF/UHF simplex connectivity test. The idea of an HF connectivity test was also proposed. Everybody enjoys a good connectivity test!
- ARRL September VHF Contest coming Sept 9 through Sept 11: <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>
- Puget Sound Antique Radio Association Swap Meet is back: August 20, 2023 9 AM to 2 PM at Shoreline Community College. More info at: <https://www.pugetsoundantiqueradio.com/contact-3/>
- Alternate Power Donuts: In an effort to rein in the cost of donuts for various club activities (Field Day, antenna raising, etc) Susan W7MXW and Barry K7BWH came up with the idea of creating donuts on-site rather than submitting to the exorbitant prices charged by the International Donut Cartel. Accordingly, Barry K7BWH embarked on a trial run at his QTH. After extensive experimentation it was determined that donut creation is not an activity suited for the back of the Rover van.
- WSPR demo by Ed N7PHY. WSPR (“whisper”) stands for Weak Signal Propagation Reporter. It was designed by Joe Taylor, K1JT. To quote Wikipedia: “The program is designed for sending and receiving low-power transmissions to test propagation paths on the MF and HF bands.” Messages containing callsign, grid square, and transmitter power are sent out. Receiving stations may upload that information to WSPRNet where it is available via the internet. WSPR is included with the WSJT-X package along with FT8 and other communication programs. So WSPR can be configured and run on any rig which handles FT8. For those who do not want to dedicate their transceiver and computer to such duties, stand-alone WSPR devices are available. See ZachTek at: <https://www.zachtek.com/> for examples.

### **List of attendees in person and via Zoom:**

Walt	W7PRB
Mike	W7NP
Greg	N7IAD
Susan	W7MXW
Ed	N7PHY

John	KM70
Scott	KB7RSV
Rick	K7TR
Mel	KD4OLE
Daniel	KJ6SEE
Barry	K7BWH
Brian	KG7PD
Tom	K7BXA
Chuck	WA7BRL
Dave	WA7RSO
David	W7VM
Tom	KH6HDA
Ric	W7HUG