

Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 9 November 2023 Pres. Ed Serchon N7PHY presiding.

General Announcements:

- Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz USB.
- Edmonds-Woodway Amateur Radio Club celebrates the 5th anniversary of its foundation. Greg N7IAD talked about the efforts of John KM7O who did the initial work to start up a radio club in this area. John sent out hundreds of invitations to hams in the area to find those who were interested in starting a club. Celebratory cake was served at the meeting.
- Ed N7PHY and Greg N7IAD manned the club table at the Disaster Prep Expo last weekend in Edmonds. A number of club members showed up and there was considerable interest by the general public.
- Nick Ng (journalist) came to cover this meeting. He is planning articles in local papers (Edmonds, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace).

From the Treasurer:

- Bank balance is still in the black.
- No income this month.
- Outgo: \$150 for 4th quarter meeting room rent at MTCSC.
- Membership has grown over the past 5 years. In 2019 we had 34 members; in 2020 we grew to 40 members; in 2021 we were up to 53 members; 2022 showed a minor dip to 49 members; and this year we are up to 55 members.
- Barry K7BWH will send out membership renewal notices after the beginning of 2024.
- Members who wish to get more details regarding the state of our finances should contact our Treasurer, Barry K7BWH.

General Business:

- Edway Club Patch Project: Susan W7MXW had a sample of the new club logo patch. It looked fantastic! Kudos to Mel KD4OLE and Susan W7MXW for their hard work on this project. Hats and patches should be available at the next club meeting on December 14, 2023.

- Repeater Roundabout is this coming weekend. See: <http://www.repeaterroundabout.com/> for details.
- Winter Field Day 2024 is coming on January 27 and 28. See <https://winterfieldday.org/> for details. If you are interested in participating in Winter Field Day activities let the club know. Plans are forming. We have run WFD activities from the MTCSC and could probably do so again if there is enough interest.
- Club elections are coming up. Ed will send out announcements in the near future. If you would like to be considered for a club office please get in touch with one of the club officers to make that desire known.
- We can always use volunteers to help or even take the lead on various club projects. If you would like to get involved let one of the club officers know. Examples of such projects are: Field Day 2024, Tuesday night net control station, guest speaker recruiter.
- Great Shakeout: TGSO took place on October 19. Numerous club members were involved in various aspects of this exercise. The biggest lesson learned was that verbal communication with the folks at the EOC was a major headache due to differences in how reports were presented and how folks at the EOC recorded those reported details. The EOC participants were constrained by various forms in which details have to be recorded. The club participants had no idea about these forms and did not realize the raw info they were providing had to be parsed by the EOC folks. Transmission of details by voice over radio proved to be extremely slow and tedious. The way around this slow and error-prone process is to use WinLink to send info via email to the EOC. This would allow the EOC to extract the information needed. Also, requests for clarification or additional details could be sent by return email. Everybody is going to have to get up to speed on WinLink.
- Changes in Edmonds: Chuck, the contact at Edmonds City Hall for emergency preparedness is leaving his post. No news about his successor at this point. The mayor-elect is known to give work on emergency preparedness a high priority. Even though there is currently no official Edmonds contact, club members can continue unofficial activities.
- Do we need to start our own ACS entity in order to continue to assist the City of Edmonds in their emergency preparedness program? Doing so would entail jumping through a lot of hoops and wrestling with loads of red tape. Rather than do all of that, it was suggested by Robert KD7WNV that those interested in participating should join the Snohomish County ACS. They have several on-line courses to take in

order to qualify for participation. So we could have a sub-group within the club of those members who wish to work closely with the emergency preparedness officials in Edmonds.

List of attendees:

In Person:

Ed	N7PHY
Tom	K7BXA
Greg	N7IAD
Susan	W7MXW
Scott	KB7RSV
Ric	W7HUG
Mike	K7MH
Walt	W7PRB
Chris S	KI7LBC
Mel	KD4OLE
Daniel	KJ6SEE
Neighbor Bill	KB6KKX
Robert	KD7WNV
Nick Ng	

Via Zoom:

Tom Poe	K7POE
Mike	W7NP
Chuck and Judy	WA7BRL
Brian	KG7PD
Brett	KI7YFP
Barry	K7BWH
John	KM7O

Dave

WA7RSO