

# Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 8 February 2024 Pres. Ed Sershon N7PHY presiding.

## General Announcements:

Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz USB. Note that increased activity on 10 meters sometimes necessitates QSY to 28.355 MHz. Just the other day we heard from a Canadian station, VA3TT, calling in from Manitoba.

## From the Treasurer:

Currently the club has 48 paid up members. The bank balance is in the black. Our income is from dues and donations. Our expenses so far this year are \$200.00 for insurance from the ARRL. For more details about memberships or the state of the treasury please see Barry K7BWH.

## General Business:

- On January 23rd we had a CW net on 28.350 MHz following our regular Tuesday evening net. Greg N7IAD was net control. Everyone had a good time and there are requests to do this more often. In addition to 10 meters, it was suggested that we try other bands. Running on 40 meters would allow some of our more distant members to join the fun. Radios with CW decoders allowed some members who are not fluent in CW to follow along.
- Field Day planning is beginning. FD is held on the 4th full weekend in June. This year that falls on the 22nd and 23rd which is not the last full weekend in June. Our usual site is the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center but due to the construction in the surrounding park we may not be able to use the space we have used in the past. An alternate site for consideration is the Snohomish Radio Aero Club property just north of Snohomish. This site was suggested last year just ahead of Field Day 2023 but we could not change our plans with Field Day so close at hand. This site has plenty of room for all sorts of antennas without the restrictions enforced by the MLT parks department (no stakes in ground, for example). There is a cost of \$20.00 per person

for the use of the site. We pay a fee to the MLT parks department and usually make a donation to the Senior Center. There are lots of details to be worked out. Volunteers for Field Day 2024 planning are always welcome. See the Google spreadsheet for details about Field Day 2024 planning: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITnZ6zUBGMeOAdeGtUM5dYFQuF83\\_yB9tCoiGU31vP4/edit#gid=1165732279](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITnZ6zUBGMeOAdeGtUM5dYFQuF83_yB9tCoiGU31vP4/edit#gid=1165732279)

- We had a visitor: Collin Fahey from Mountlake Terrace High School. He came in search of information regarding a science fair project he is working on. We got him connected with John KM7O.
- Barry K7BWH brought in a Nano VNA device which he borrowed with the intention of diagnosing a problem in a piece of coax cable he owns. He needed a time domain reflectometer to determine where the bad spot in the coax was located ( at the connectors or somewhere along the coax). Apparently the Nano VNA device can perform this function but there are a number of obstacles in the way: proper connections, complexity of the menu system, reading the Nano-sized display, etc. Barry passed the device around for inspection. Google: NanoVNA for more details.
- Susan W7MXW and Greg N7IAD are scheduled to attend a meeting on the 29th of this month with the Edmonds city folks who are concerned with emergency preparedness. There is a new administration in the Edmonds City Hall and they are restarting their planning for emergency preparedness. If you are interested in helping with club participation with the Edmonds emergency preparedness effort see Susan or Greg.

**List of attendees (\* = Zoom Attendees):**

- Mike Herron K7MH
- Walt W7PRB
- Tom Hawkins KH6HDA
- Barry Hansen K7BWH
- Collin Fahey Visitor from Mountlake Terrace HS
- Brian Sears N4WZY
- Larry Berg KK7PRX
- Tom Ormond K7BXA
- Robert Grinnell KD7WNV
- Ed Sershon N7PHY
- Greg Gadbois N7IAD
- Susan Hegeberg W7MXW
- Ric W7HUG

- \*Matt K7UAP
- \*Mike W7NP
- \*Brian KG7PD
- \*Scott KB7RSV
- \*John KM7O
- \*Daniel KJ6SEE