

Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 14 March 2024 Pres. Ed Sershon N7PHY presiding.

General Announcements:

Thanks to Greg N7IAD for taking notes at this meeting for Secretary Tom K7BXA who could not attend due to scheduling conflict.

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.

From the Treasurer:

Currently the club has 52 paid up members. The bank balance is in the black. Our income is from dues and donations. Donations include proceeds from sales of gear donated by Steve KD7LXM (\$145.00) Our expenses so far this year are: 1) \$200.00 for insurance from the ARRL, 2) \$150.00 quarterly room rent to the Mountlake Terrace Community Senior Center, and \$36.00 for web services fees. For more details about memberships or the state of the treasury please see Barry K7BWH.

General Business:

- Update from Walt W7PRB concerning Dave WA7RSO: heart surgery has been delayed.
- Field Day 2024: Our traditional site is the MTCSC but there are problems with this site: The field to the south which we have used in the past is undergoing massive revisions. We do not know if it will be available for our use. In addition, the MTCSC may be scheduled for some renovations as well which would cause problems for our usage. An alternate site near Snohomish is under consideration.
- Thanks are due to Dave WA7RSO for donations of several antenna analyzers and power meters to the club. Instructions on how to use this equipment can be found on Dave's website: Solutions for Education. See this link: <https://solutions-for-education.com/>

- Officers to meet on Saturday 3/16/2024 to discuss equipment loan policies and other business.
- Thanks are due to Steve KD7LXM for donating numerous pieces of equipment to the club which are currently stored with John KM7O.

Presentation by Tom KH6HDA: Dealing with Pile-ups

- How to get into pile-ups: Listen!
- Do what they ask.
- Call specifics: give them a portion of your callsign, not the whole thing
- Be courteous: get the essential information and get out.
- Work All Counties: difficult! Use others in counties to set up schedules for contacts. There are over 3,000 counties! Use state QSO parties. Some stations count for double counties.
- Are you the target of a pile-up? Work a strong signal and write down what you hear.
- POTAs are a good way to learn. Work the loudest callers. Spread out your calls. Get partial information.
- Watch for split operation: 5 to 10 kilohertz up or down. Transmit and listen.
- How do pile-up targets want to manage callers? Loudest, last prefix? Do they say no to thanks you?
- Listening up 5, 10, 15, 20 kilohertz to spread out the calls.
- DX almost always works split not simplex.
- Aim your antenna at what you are hoping to work.
- Find DX in QST, ARRL, QRZ
- CQ Worldwide: <https://cqww.com/>
- Daily DX: <https://www.dailydx.com/>
- Jarvis Island DXpedition: <https://www.dx-world.net/jarvis-island-dxpedition/>

Presentation by Barry K7BWH: Keyers

- See Solutions for Education: <https://solutions-for-education.com/>
- Showed an example of a keyer by Dave WA7RSO
- For info about K3NG keyer project see: https://github.com/k3ng/k3ng_cw_keyer/wiki

List of attendees (* = Zoom Attendees):

- Ed N7PHY
- Greg N7IAD
- Mike K7MH

- Mike W7NP
- Neri NC7N
- Brian KG7PD
- Tom KH6HDA
- Barry K7BWH
- Walt W7PRB
- John KM7O
- Larry KK7PRX
- Robert KD7WNV
- Rick W7HUG
- Jim — — — —
- Chris KI7LBC
- Kent KK7QBS
- * Rick K7TR
- * Tom K7POE
- * Chuck WA7BRL & WA7DKY
- * Susan W7MXW
- * Scott KB7RSV