

# Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 11 April 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.

## From the Treasurer:

The bank balance is in the black. Income over the last month was \$164.00 from 5 members paying dues plus a donation. Outgo for the same period was \$150.00 for rental of the meeting facility at the MTCSC. For more details about memberships or the state of the treasury please see Barry K7BWH.

## General Business:

- We had quite a large group so we went around the tables with introductions.
- Greg N7IAD brought 3 cards created by Susan W7MXW for Tom KH6HDA, Dave WA7RSO, and Steve KD7LXM. Cards for Tom and Dave were Get Well cards. Card for Steve was a Thank You card for his donations of equipment to the club.
- Field Day 2024 will be the 4th Saturday in June. Susan W7MXW, Greg N7IAD, and Ed N7PHY are the Field Day Committee and they will meet to firm up our plans which are currently in flux. The park next to the MTCSC is in the midst of serious renovations. It is not clear whether the park will be available for our use as it has been in the past. We might be able to function as we did last year with minimal use of the park but that will require some additional equipment (bandpass filters and antenna triplexer). Our proposed alternate site near Snohomish is also questionable. Hopefully the committee will be able to sort out the details and come to a decision for our Field Day 2024 site. Stay tuned for further developments.

- Susan W7MXW and Greg N7IAD attended a meeting with the City of Edmonds people who are trying to put together a disaster/emergency response program. The meetings for now will be scheduled the last Thursday of each month at 10 am, City Hall (3rd Floor - Brackett Room?). Anyone may attend. Our club has expressed a desire to be of assistance during disaster situations where communications facilities have been destroyed or disrupted. We are not in a position to help deal with emergency situations (where communications has not been disrupted). Members who feel a desire to be more actively engaged in disaster and emergency activities can accomplish this by joining the various disaster/emergency response groups who provide appropriate training.
- Equipment Loan Policy and Donations and Contributions Policy. Ed N7PHY presented documents which detail the club policies regarding equipment loans, donations, and contributions. Rather than vote at the meeting to accept or reject those policies, it was decided to make the documents available on the web and ask for member comments. Please see the email reflector for the links to these important documents. Note from John KM7O regarding donations and contributions: We are not a non-profit organization. Donations and contributions may not be deducted from federal income tax forms.

### **Presentation by Ed N7PHY: Antenna Analyzers**

- Ed N7PHY brought the club collection of antenna analyzers plus a 2 meter j-pole antenna. Tom K7BXA contributed a Chameleon Tactical Delta-Loop antenna to the demonstration. Ed was able to hook up the Delta-Loop antenna to the Rig Expert AA-600 antenna analyzer which in turn can be connect to a computer for display purposes. The Rig Expert displays the SWR for all frequencies from 1.8 MHz on up to 600 MHz. The various ham bands are indicated by grey vertical stripes while the SWR is a red curve running across the display. For a more complete description of the AA-600 along with descriptions of other analyzers which the club currently owns (courtesy of Dave WA7RSO) see the document at this link: <https://solutions-for-education.com/Analyzers/Analyzers-Presentation.html>. For a list of the contents of the gear library go to this link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITnZ6zUBGMeOAdeGtUM5dYFQuF83\\_yB9tCoiGU31vP4/edit#gid=2087902841](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ITnZ6zUBGMeOAdeGtUM5dYFQuF83_yB9tCoiGU31vP4/edit#gid=2087902841). This list can be found on the club website. Go to the Tuesday Net Page, then to the Edway Net Roster page and finally to the Gear Library tab found at the bottom of that page.

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

1. Ed N7PHY
2. Greg N7IAD
3. Walt W7PRB
4. Mike K7MH
5. Jim KK7SNF
6. Tom K7BXA
7. Tom KH6HDA
8. Jason
9. Bernard
10. Bill KB6KKX
11. Barry K7BWH
12. Larry KK7PRX
13. Robert KD7WNV
14. Mel KD4OLE
15. Daniel KJ6SEE
16. Rick K7TR
17. Brian N4WZY
18. Ric W7HUG
19. Susan W7MXW
20. \*David KA7UCI
21. \*Matt K7UAP
22. \*John KM7O
23. \*Chris KI7LBC
24. \*Scott KB7RSV
25. \*Neri NC7N