

Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 11 September 2025 Pres. Ed Sershon N7PHY presiding.

General Announcements:

Daily 10 meter gatherings continue at 1200 local time at 28.350 MHz USB. Sometimes up a bit, sometimes down a bit depending upon current use of that frequency. See the email reflector for possible QSY details.

From the Treasurer:

We currently have 58 paid up members. Outgo: For doughnuts on Field Day 2025 \$56.00. No income. The club bank account is currently in the black.

For more details regarding the club budget or financial matters see Barry K7BWH.

Announcements:

[ARRL September VHF Contest](#) – Sep 14 ~ 15

[WWDXC Salmon Run](#) (WA State QSO Party) – Sep 20 ~ 21

[Disaster Preparedness Class & Expo](#) – Sep 20, Lynnwood

Edway Club Meeting – Oct 9 (K7BWH presenting!)

[PNW VHF Society Conference](#) – Oct 10 ~ 11

General Business:

Elections are coming up. Our usual schedule is to send out ballots in November with winners declared at the December meeting.

Ed N7PHY announced that he would not be running for president again. After running the club for 5 years he will be taking a well deserved break.

If you would like to take up the challenge of being one of the club officers please let us know and we will get your name on the ballot.

Presentation:

We did not have a presentation as such this month. Rather, the meeting was devoted to a discussion of our weekly Tuesday evening net and how to be the NCO (Net Control Operator). Ed's slides covered the basics of how the net is supposed to run along with some tips to keep things running smoothly. That information has been shamelessly copied into the minutes.

Net Control Training:

The purpose of any net is to provide a means for orderly communication. The net control station organizes and controls all activity.

Net Format:

The Edway net is a formal, directed net.

The net control station runs the net. All communications must go through net control.

Check for emergency traffic first.

Say pre-amble. (what the net is about)

Begin with a roll-call of active net participants in alphabetical order based on call sign suffix. Ask if member wishes to be 'in' or 'in and out'

Net control announcements (if any) then open to the net members.

Turn the net over to 'in' stations, one at a time for whatever they wish to discuss.

Conclude with request for late check-ins, final comments, then formal closing of net

Tips:

Test repeater access ahead of time.

Have script out and double check access to tracking sheet. (It's ok to ask for tracking assistance)

Just to explain a bit further: tracking assistance works as follows. Sometimes keeping an eye on the tracking sheet in order to mark those attending the net while keeping track of where you are in the script can be daunting. Through the miracle of computers and networks it is possible to get some help. While one person runs through the script and reads names and call signs, another person can mark down on the tracking sheet who is "in" and who is "in and out". Also, that unseen helper can point out on the tracking sheet the upcoming name and call sign. Splitting the tasks in this manner can make being the voice of the Net Control Operator a bit easier.

Start on time, speak clearly, be the boss.

There were a couple of suggestions from the members regarding specific aspects of the net.

Currently, NCO's expect responding members to indicate that they will be "in" meaning that they "will stick around" to speak to the rest of the the net after the roll call. Members who have nothing to pass on to the group are expected to say "in and out". If a person is "in" the NCO will call on them to speak after the roll call. If a person is "in and out" the NCO will not call on them after the roll call. Quite a few people respond as "in and out but listening" to indicate that they have nothing to pass on to the general group but that they are still participating in the net. On the roster spreadsheet users who are "in" are marked with an "x" while those who are "in and out" are marked with an "o". It was suggested that we come up with a code to indicate those who want to be "in and out but listening". This is invisible to the listening public but would be visible to folks who open up the spreadsheet roster. Still working on exactly what the code should be.

The other suggestion related to the sequence of the various parts of the net. Currently, we run through the roster marking attendance and then read the announcements before calling on members who wanted to be "in" to have their chance to talk. It was suggested that announcements be read before calling the attendance so that people could hear those announcements without having to listen to the roll call in case they cannot spend that much time with the net.

Both of these suggestions were generally supported by those at the meeting. Some revisions to the Net Control Script will be in order when these changes take place.

List of Attendees (* -> Via Zoom):

	Name	Callsign
1	Greg	N7IAD
2	Walt	W7PRB
3	Barry	K7BWH
4	Ed	N7PHY
5	Tom	KH6HDA
6	Larry	KK7PRX
7	Mike	K7MH
8	Neri	NC7N
9	Dave	WB6URD
10	Scott	KB7RSV
11	Robert	KD7WNV
12	Michael	KJ7JTZ
13	Tom	K7BXA
14	Bill	KB6KKX
15	*Robert	KK7YNT
16	*John	KM7O