

Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 8 January 2026 Pres. Brian Sears N4WZY presiding.

General Announcements:

Welcome and Happy New Year! Daily meet up continues on 28.350 MHz USB.

Election Results:

As reported last month, with 30 some ballots counted in the recent election the results are as follows:

- President Brian N4WZY
- Vice-President Ed N7PHY
- Secretary: Tom K7BXA
- Treasurer: Barry K7BWH
- Executive Committee #1 Greg N7IAD
- Executive Committee #2 Rick K7TR

Congratulations to those winners! There was something we neglected at the December meeting. These results were presented to the group. There was a motion to accept these results. The motion was seconded and the group unanimously accepted the results.

From the Treasurer:

Barry K7BWH presented a report on the state of our finances and his projections for this coming year. The report may be seen here:

<https://edwaynet.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Budget.pdf>

The budget was discussed. At the time of the meeting we had 42 paid up members. Approval of the budget was proposed, seconded, and approved by all present.

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

Club Business:

There was no technical presentation at this meeting. We discussed various ideas for the new year. There was a lot to discuss!

- An equipment swap with Ed N7PHY has been approved. This involves power supplies. Ed will donate a smaller, lighter 30 Amp power supply to the club in return for a 35 Amp Astron.
- Spending \$50.00 to get the club name and call sign into a new book by the ARRL. Seen as a way to publicize our club. Ed N7PHY went ahead to purchase a copy of that book (Digital Networking for Ham Radio) for the club. This book is expected to be released later this winter.
- The formation of a special interest group within the club was announced. The IC-705 Special Interest Group was formed so that the several members who own that radio plus anyone with an interest in the IC-705 could get together (times and places to be decided) to discuss what they have learned and ask questions regarding the capabilities and features of the radio.
- We are always on the look out for more people to help with the Tuesday evening net. We have a core group who usually man the Net Control Station but would be interested in recruiting others to help out. We have a document on the website (see tabs at the bottom of the Net Roster spreadsheet which is found on the Tuesday Net page) named Net How-To. This document gives the basics on how to run the net. Do not be put off by the instructions contained therein regarding edits to the spreadsheet. Those updates can be handled by one of the more experienced net controllers. In another tab at the bottom of the roster is a practice Roster spread sheet for learning how the spreadsheet works. You don't have to learn on the real item! And the current group of NCS volunteers would be more than happy to show the ropes to anyone who is interested or to act as backup during the net.
- We are proposing to bring back treats at the monthly meetings. We will have a sign up sheet at the meetings so you can sign up to bring a treat to a future meeting. This month we had chips and salsa courtesy of Brian N4WZY. Thank you, Mr. President.
- Winter Field Day is coming later this month: January 24-25. Our practice has been to set up for operation on Saturday and let members work from their own shacks on Sunday. We will set up at the Lake Ballinger Center starting about 8:30 AM then run until roughly 4:00 PM at which time we will dismantle the gear and head home. Ed N7PHY will supply his tri-band (10M-15M-20M) antenna, the club's tri-plexer,

and the club's IC-7300 transceiver. Brian N4WZY will bring one of his radios with plans to use the tri-band antenna. If you would like to attend with radio let Ed N7PHY know what you are planning to bring. Helpers are always appreciated for setup and teardown. Also we always appreciate visitors who just want to come by to see how Winter Field Day is progressing. We hope to see you there!

- The Mike and Key Swap Meet will happen on March 7 this year. The club has signed on for two tables and 4 people. One table to be devoted to items for sale, the other table to be devoted to our club and letting other attendees know what we are all about. Volunteers for either table would be appreciated. Get there early for the best deals.
- Club Flyers: Brian N4WZY is designing and will print some flyers for use at the M & K Swap Meet.
- Zoom Meeting Support: We discussed Zoom meetings and whether or how to support them. We usually have 4 or 5 people using Zoom to attend our meetings. Feedback suggests that Zoom works well when presenters are coming in over the internet. If the meeting involves discussions at the Lake Ballinger Center then audio can become a problem. Our hardware for Zooming is not sophisticated enough to provide good microphone coverage around the room. Someone asked if we need an OWL? An OWL is apparently a device which provides 360 degree video support as well as multiple microphones. OWL's are apparently a bit beyond our budget at this point. If you make use of our Zoom support to attend our monthly meetings please feel free to let us know via the email reflector how Zoom is working for you.
- Do we need a club PO Box? Currently the official club mailing address is the address of Vice President Ed N7PHY. Rather than spend more money, and increase the headaches involved with mail to the club we will continue to use our current mailing address.
- Do we need an email alias for the club? Something to think about.
- Our website needs a caretaker. Currently Barry K7BWH, Tom K7BXA, and Ed N7PHY do some work with the innards of the website but it needs someone to give it a bit more attention. Rich K7RCH volunteered to be that person!
- Working with Boy Scout groups? In the past we have tried to support interest in Amateur Radio by scout groups. While interest in this support exists within the club we need to figure out exactly what sort of support is needed and whether we can provide that support.
- Club meeting format discussion. Brian N4WZY would like to have more in-person presentations and discussions. So we are looking for topics

and presenters. Club members are encouraged to bring their ideas and experience in for the club. It is always entertaining and informative to hear what members have been working on. If you know of someone outside the club who would be willing to present (in person or via Zoom) then please let us know.

- Discussion of social media platforms for communication within the club. We are currently limited to the email reflector which can be cumbersome when trying to carry on a one-to-one or multi-way discussion. Discord and Slack were mentioned as possibilities. Daniel KJ6EEE has extensive experience with such platforms and recommended trying Slack. He sent up space for us on Slack and sent out an invitation on the email reflector. That URL is available right here: https://join.slack.com/t/edwaynet/shared_invite/zt-3my97r3qq-mfz1w5FuKjP6bfROI6d2A
- Currently we have a few members signed up on Slack. Go ahead! Take the plunge! Join up and start chatting with the group. We need to see how well it works.

List of Attendees (* = Zoom):

Number	Zoom	Name	Callsign
1		Ed	N7PHY
2		Jorge	KM7AEG
3		Barry	K7BWH
4		George	N7PNK
5		Tom	K7BXA
6		Mike	K7MH
7		Neri	NC7N
8		Brian	N4WZY
9	*	Mike	W7NP
10		Chris	KI7LBC
11		Dave	WB6URD
12		Jason	K7III

Number	Zoom	Name	Callsign
13		Walt	W7PRB
14		Larry	KK7PRX
15		Tom	KH6HDA
16		Michael	KJ7JTZ
17		Daniel	KJ6SEE
18	*	Scott	KB7RSV
19	*	Brian	KG7PD
20		Robert	KD7WNV