

Edmonds Woodway Amateur Radio Club

Meeting of 12 March 2026 Pres. Brian Sears N4WZY presiding.

General Announcements:

Welcome! Daily meet up continues on 28.350 MHz USB.

From the Treasurer:

For details regarding the club budget or financial matters see Barry K7BWH. The club bank balance is in the black. Currently we have 48 paid up members. Anyone wishing to pay dues for 2026 may do so via the club website or by sending a check to Barry via USPS. See the very bottom of the About the Club page on our website for the mailing address.

Mike and Key Swapmeet Report:

The Mike and Key Club annual swapmeet took place on March 7 in Puyallup at the state fairgrounds. This year Edway ARC made an official presence with a club table and a sales table located on the second floor. Manning these tables were: Ed N7PHY, Greg N7IAD, Brian, and Barry. Thanks to careful and extensive preparation by Ed and a number of other members the club had a very successful experience. Our outlay for tables ran to roughly \$100.00. Our return was well over that. Quite a bit of gear was sold thereby freeing a lot of space in Ed's garage. And the club bank balance was significantly improved. Many thanks to Ed, Greg, Brian, and Barry as well as the other folks who helped get gear ready for sale.

Ed and Greg made the trip to Puyallup on Friday afternoon with a load of gear to sell piled into Ed's truck. Once there the Mike and Key crew quickly moved the sale items and other gear up to the table locations on the second floor. Apparently the afternoon while all the tables are being loaded with gear for sale is one of the best times to score amazing deals. People have been known to pay for a table just to gain entry for access before the hordes arrive on Saturday morning.

Our club table was a success as well. Brian had printed up flyers about our club to hand out at the swapmeet. Lots of people stopped by to ask about the club. In addition, we had 15 other members who showed up during the day. Thanks to everyone who helped make this venture a resounding success.

Mike and Key sends organizations who participate in the swapmeet a form for early pre-registration for the following year. A motion was made to sign up for the 2027 swapmeet. That motion was seconded and passed by a vote of the members present at the monthly meeting.

Having sold a large percentage of the used club gear our aim at the coming swapmeet may need to change. It was suggested that our sales table could be a place where Edway members could sell their own surplus gear. Suggestions from our membership are welcome.

IC-705 Special Interest Group Meeting:

The IC-705 group met on February 15th at the Lake Ballinger Center for their first meeting. Attended by: Ed N7PHY, John KM7O, Jorge KM7AEG, Jason K7III, Barry K7BWH, George N7PNK, Greg N7IAD. The IC-705 is chock full of features. The meeting was devoted to sharing information and answering questions. The next meeting will be on March 15th with a similar agenda: ask questions and share knowledge. Everyone is welcome.

Field Day Plans:

Field Day 2027 is only 3 months away: June 27 and 28! Our traditional location has been at the Lake Ballinger Center. Most likely we can use the Center again this year but Saturdays in the summer are a busy time for the Center. We are open to suggestions for alternate locations. If you have an idea for a different location please let us know! As always, club events depend upon the support of club members. If you would like to help set up and run Field Day for the Edway ARC then please let us know. This is always a group effort: help is always appreciated. You don't have to be an expert to join in.

POTA Activation:

Greg and Ed went to St Edwards State Park (US-3261) for some POTA activity. They spent 2 hours on the air and made 22 contacts ranging from Germany, Poland, Czech Republic to Peru using FT8 and USB on 10 meters. The club's IC-7300 was put to good use.

Net Control Volunteers:

Always on the lookout for Net Control Operators. At the bottom of the Net Roster on the Tuesday Net page see Net How-To for an overview of running the net. Greg has promised to work one-on-one with people wishing to try their hand at running the net.

Other Points of Interest:

The club received our copy of "Digital Networking for Ham Radio" from ARRL. We made a contribution to the ARRL in support of this book. Our club is mentioned in the book as a supporter. And we received a copy which is available for club members to borrow.

Presentation:

Brett KI7YFP, presented a discussion and demo of what he works on for Paccar which is the display and control system for drivers for Kenworth and Peterbilt trucks. Trucks and even automobiles are now run and controlled and monitored by multiple networked computers. Brett gave an overview of these systems and then gave a demonstration of how they work using his at home test system. See Brett for more details.

List of Attendees (No Zoom this month):

Number	Zoom	Name	Callsign
1		Jorge	KM7AEG
2		Greg	N7IAD
3		Brian	N4WZY
4		Ed	N7PHY

Number	Zoom	Name	Callsign
5		Brett	KI7YFP
6		Mike	K7MH
7		Barry	K7BWH
8		Scott	KB7RSV
9		Tom	K7POE
10		Tom	K7BXA
11		Tom	KH6HDA
12		Walt	W7PRB
13		Rich	K7RCH
14		Larry	KK7PRX
15		Robert	KD7WNV
16		David	WB6URD
17		Nat	WB3ERS