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FIRST BOARD MEETING OF 2016

Our first meeting is February 9, 2016. we will set some goals for the year and discuss committee assignments and other current topics. All board members and committee chairs should attend but all members are welcome.

Meeting as 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church. Look for us in the back classroom as we don't need the big room for this meeting.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF 2016

Our first regular meeting is February 23, 2016. We will wrap up any final 2015 business and talk about our 2016 priorities.

Our program will be the live demo and tutorial on FLdigi with a special focus on configuration and using FLarq and FLamp. Please come and see what's new in the digital software world.

Skip will demo another computer interface called the Rigblaster Plug&Play. This is a simple option that uses the internal sound card of the computer and is very easy to install and use.

We will offer individual instruction and some hands on practice.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, JEFF AAØIJ

Pinterest is an internet site that where people can share their hobby and ideas with others. This includes amateur radio! Connect up at www.pinterest.com and search for all sorts of amateur radio articles like antennas, antique radio, SDR, Arduino, Raspberry Pi and many radio related reference works. I keep Pinterest handy on my shack computer. It's a great way to get good project ideas, and meet other hams. Give it a try today!

The Digital Corner

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.
Go to www.w1hkj.com for software & help.
FLdigi v. 3.22.13 FLmsg v. 2.0.12
FLamp v. 2.1.02 FLwrap v. 1.3.4
Meet on 146.986 and QSY to 144.950.
Mode is BPSK125. Other modes possible.
Sign up with NØUC for net bulletins & help.

ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

John has created the ARES newsletter and action list for the first quarter of 2016. Please go to the ARES website and review this for all kinds of useful information on amateur radio activities. Nets are listed as well as Washington County ARES activities. This will be useful for all SEMARC members as well as ARES participants.

Go to the ARES website for information. Website is: mnwashcoares.org. Contact John KAØHYR at 651-491-6611.

ARES nets January 15 at 7:00 pm. Following months on first Sundays and on the 15th of each month.

Metro District ARES net on each first Thursday on 146.700, PL 127.3 12:30 pm.

MN HF ARES digital net every Thursday at 8:00pm 3583.5 USB Olivia 8/500.

SEMARC net every Wed, 8:00pm 146.985.

ARES Websites of interest:
semarc.org
mnwashcoares.org
minnesotares.org
aresmn.org

Consider: In case of emergencies, do you have a plan? Remember, your priorities: personal and family safety and then your community. We are in a period of odd weather patterns with sometimes severe outcomes. Have a kit ready.

MEMBER APPLICATION FORM FOR 2016

This form is being included along with this newsletter for your use. The dues for 2016 can be paid at the next meeting. You can also mail them back. Filling out a form each year keeps info current and simplifies our compliance with non profit 501(c)(3) status and filing.

VE SESSION REPORT

The January VE Session had two candidates both taking the Tech license test. Both passed and one took the General and did not pass. The next VE session will be February 20.

SEMARC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have some material for the newsletter you should contact Skip before the first of the month. Please call him at 651-260-4330 to offer suggestions or to add content.

FOR SALE

ICOM 821H Satellite Radio, UHF/VHF
Contact Steve Howard ab0xe@arrl.net



Planning Calendar

- Feb 9 - (T) Board Meeting
- Feb 13 - (S) St. Cloud H/F
- Feb 20 - (S) VE Session
- Feb 23 - (T) Member Meeting
- Mar 8 - (T) Board Meeting
- Mar 12 - (S) Buffalo H/F
- Mar 19 - (S) VE Session
- Mar 29 - (T) Member Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is February 20th. Exams are held at 9:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church. Call 651-769-0358 for information, to register or to arrange for special needs. Information is posted on the webpages also. No testing in December.

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