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### MARCH BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting is March 8, 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.

### MARCH REGULAR MEETING

Our Next regular member meeting is March 29, 2016. We will have our regular meeting with program to follow.

Program tonight by John Dean KØJDD:

**ARISS - Do You Have the Right Stuff?**  
John Dean, KØJDD, will give a brief overview of the ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) Program and provide a glimpse into the preparations currently underway for a contact scheduled to take place in the Fall of 2016 between the ISS and John H. Glenn Middle School in Maplewood, MN.

John is a SEMARC Member and a regular program presenter at SEMARC.

We will have our usual refreshments and I ask anyone with birthday in March to bring some cookies. See you there.

### NOTE FROM THE PREZ, JEFF AAØIJ

Looking for your next project idea, or maybe just a great ham radio article to read? N5DUX has you covered on his awesome site! <http://www.n5dux.com/ham/files/pdf/> where he has assembled some of the greatest radio project ideas into one easy to use place.

### The Digital Corner

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.  
Go to [www.w1hkj.com](http://www.w1hkj.com) for software & help.  
Fldigi v. 3.23.08.15 Flmsg v. 2.0.15  
Flamp v. 2.2.03 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.

There are projects, gadgets and my favorite (antennas). It's a one stop shop to motivate you to improve your operating position. Take a look today, and see if there is something you would like to build. I am pretty sure you will something great to build, and if you need help, I am sure there are lots of club members that will lend you a hand. 73.

### ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

John has created the ARES newsletter and action list for the first quarter or 2016. ARES members are requested to monitor the Website at: [mnwashcoares.org](http://mnwashcoares.org).

ARES nets the on first Sundays and on the 15th of each month.

Spring is rapidly approaching. This means tornado season. While the main months for tornados are June through August, they can occur in any month. Are you prepared for such an emergency?

Skywarn classes are now being held. SEMARC holds theirs on April 23. Come attend the class and get up to date on severe weather. Sign up on [www.metroskywarn.org](http://www.metroskywarn.org).

Have a sheltering plan for your family and home? Check your ARES folder for safety steps, the Go Kit Check List, and the Emergency Communications Plan on the inside front cover. And remember, in the event of a disaster: DO NOT SELF DEPLOY.

The Minnesota Section is divided into 88 ARES divisions, consistent with the state's counties (two for St. Louis County). 50 of those have EC's and 38 are vacant. Thanks for your support of Washington County ARES!!

### VE SESSION REPORT

The February VE Session had four candidates all taking the Tech license test. All passed and no one passed the General. They will be back. Four new hams is good. The next VE session will be March 19.

### 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](mailto:ab0xe@arrl.net)



### Planning Calendar

- Mar 08 - (T) Board Meeting
- Mar 12 - (S) Buffalo H/F
- Mar 19 - (S) VE Session
- Mar 29 - (T) Member Meeting
- Apr 12 - (T) Board Meeting
- Apr 16 - (S) VE Session
- Apr 26 - (T) Member Meeting

### SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is March 19th. 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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