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BOARD MEETING APRIL 12TH

Our next board meeting is April 12, 2016. Field day and any special operating event should be discussed. 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.

MEMBER MEETING ON APRIL 26TH

Our next regular meeting is April 26th. We will have a program and short meeting as usual.

Our program is not settled yet for April so special announcement will be sent out beforehand.

We will have our usual refreshments and we ask any members with an April birthday to bring a few cookies.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, JEFF AAØIJ

If you enjoy microcomputer history, you will enjoy a visit to the "Bugbook Historical Microcomputer Museum" blog. <http://bugbookmuseum.blogspot.com/>

The Blog's author Dave Larsen KK4WW worked at Remington Rand company in St Paul, and then moved on to teach at Virginia Tech and was heavily involved in early Microcomputers. He produced "The Bugbooks" which many of us have on our bookshelves. His blog has a lot of great articles on early personal computers. If you enjoy old computers, this is a great place to spend some time.

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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 or 2016. ARES members are requested to monitor the Website at: 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.metrokywarn.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 March VE Session had four candidates with three new Tech licenses. We also had one upgrade to General. That is a good result. The next VE session will be April 16th.

NEW FACEBOOK LINK

Ryc Lyden, KDØZWM, has started a new local Facebook page link and asks you to look into it if you have an interest:

www.facebook.com/groups/tcmradio/

This is titled "Twin Cities Metro Amateur Radio." Any questions, talk to Ryc.

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.

Have a topic for a program? Please contact Skip and we will work it in.



Planning Calendar

- Apr 12 - (T) Board Meeting
- Apr 16 - (S) VE Session
- Apr 16 - (S) Brainerd Hamfest
- Apr 26 - (T) Member Meeting
- May 07 - (S) ARAC Hamfest (Duluth)
- May 10 - (T) Board Meeting
- May 21 - (S) VE Session
- May 31 - (T) Member Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is April 16th. 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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