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### BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11TH

Our next board meeting is October 11, 2016. All board members and committee chairs should attend but all members are welcome.

Critical item tonight is to activate Nomination Committee for 2017 officers. Important unfilled office is Club Trustee.

Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church. The second door on the east side should be open.

### MEMBER MEETING OCTOBER 25TH

We will have our next meeting and program on October 25, 2016. Program is still open at this time but a special announcement will be forthcoming.

We will try to finalize our slate of candidates for cub officers.

### NOTE FROM THE PREZ, JEFF AAØIJ

I'm reading a fascinating book by Tim Berners-Lee titled "Weaving the Web". In this book, he describes the history and thought processes that went into creating the internet protocols, naming conventions, web browsers, web pages and even the HTML commands we take for granted today. With millions of webpages currently on the internet, I was surprised to find the VERY FIRST ONE created still exists. You can visit it as well. The web address is "[info.cern.ch](http://info.cern.ch)". It's kept the same way that Tim Berners-Lee left it in his honor. Visit it if you get the chance.

### NPOTA OPERATING EVENT

SEMARC will be participating in the ARRL 2016 National Parks on the Air (we are within the Mississippi River National Park area - within sight of Lock and Dam #2.) Since we will be operating in such a limited time frame, we need to schedule operators and loggers. The plan is to schedule 30 minute blocks - while alternating between phone and CW

Monday October 10, 2016  
Jaycee Park Hastings Minnesota  
Setup 11:00 - 1:00

Operation 1:00 - 4:00

Tear down 4:00 - 5:00

If interested in participating in this event report time choice to:

### 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. 3.23.14 Flmsg v. 3.00.02

Flamp v. 2.1.03 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.

David Blume (ic\_geeps@yahoo.com) or Brian McInerney (n0bm@arrl.net)

### ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

Washington County ARES successfully conducted its annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) across September 22-24, 2016.

The scenario was a Pandemic like outbreak requiring Washington County ARES members to communicate from their home station or portable station. This SET test used multiple bands and modes to assess ARES capabilities. QSO's were obtained on HF and VHF and used voice, CW, and digital modes.

A secondary goal was to get an 80% participation rate among the 31 members. While we only obtained 52% participation, we were able to successfully achieve communications on all the modes and bands. Some were slightly more challenging however.

An additional goal was to assess our capability to communicate using DC power as the power source. Half of the ARES members used DC power on some or all of the QSO's.

Thanks to all who participated and supported our SET. And, Thanks especially to our Net Control Stations NØUC and NØBM, Dick and Brian, for taking on this especially important role!!

### VE SESSION REPORT

The September VE Session had 5 candidates, Two got new techs, two upgraded to General and one to Extra. Great result!!

This is the first time we have formally offered SEMARC membership to all successful candidates. All accepted.

The next VE session will be October 15th.

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We presented the scholarship to Richard Marsh in September.

### DIGITAL NET VACATION OVER

The digital net restarted October 5th. All are welcome. See the digital corner over to the left.

### 2017 ELECTION SLATE

We are looking for candidates to run for some club officer positions. We will need a President, Treasurer and some board members. Please consider being on the board. It is important for the club.

### 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.

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"Mr. Nelson...I'm afraid you will have to leave the air for a while during this procedure."

### Planning Calendar

Oct 10 - (M) Operating Event  
Oct 11 - (T) Board Meeting  
Oct 15 - (S) VE Session  
Oct 25 - (T) Member meeting  
Nov 08 - (T) Board Meeting  
Nov 19 - (S) VE Session  
Nov 29 - (T) Member Meeting  
Dec 13 - (T) Board Meeting  
Dec 17 - (S) NO VE SESSION THIS MONTH

### SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is October 15th. 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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