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**Happy New Year!**

**ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 10TH**

We will have our first meeting of 2017 and that is our annual meeting meet at the Green Mill in Hastings. We have reserved the private room and will have a nice buffet for our banquet. Please the separate announcement for details.

We will have a closing financial report and the installation of officers for 2017 as follows:

This is what the slate of candidates looks like as approved by the general membership in November:

President	Ryc Lyden	KDØZWM
V President	Brain McInerney	NØBM
Treasurer	Dick Roberts	NØUC
Secretary	Skip Jackson	KSØJ
Board (18)	Pete Sigtermans	NØFKC
Board (18)	Dave Blume	KDØIRF
Trustee	Dave Schultz	KBØSED

Board (17) Dan Franz WBØGUP

Dan has one year left on his 2 year term.

Besides a nice dinner, prizes will awarded as usual. Bring along a guest if you like. A nice time is expected depending on the weather of course. RSVP required.

**NO OTHER MEETINGS IN JANUARY**

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC, KDØZWM**

"I'd like to take a moment and thank Jeff Walker and the entire board for an outstanding year. SEMARC has a long and proud tradition of service and support of our hobby. I've been proud to be a part of it, and and honored to be your new president. In the coming year I'd like to focus on working with the City of Cottage Grove; increasing our membership; and promoting amateur radio. Thank you again for your support." 73-

**NOTE FROM PAST PREZ JEFF, AAØIJ:**

I've enjoyed being president of SEMARC, and I am grateful for the opportunity. Having served, I realize how difficult it

can be to find members to staff our positions. If you appreciate ham radio and your friends at SEMARC, I'd ask that you'd think of a way that you can make SEMARC better by serving on the board, producing a program, or just helping a fellow member.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve as president in 2016. 73-

**ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR**

Washington County ARES Nets take a break until January 15. SEMARC Wednesday night 2m Net still takes check ins for ARES in the first part of the net.

All Amateur Radio Operators are welcome to check into the Hospital Compact Net (now called the Metro District ARES Net) on the first Thursday of every month on the Hennepin County Repeater: 146.700-, PL 127.3).

ARES members check in representing one of 30 hospitals; General Amateur check-ins are taken after the hospitals. It is a test of the back-up communications that Amateurs provide to area hospitals. This is a good way to support an important ARES function.

ARES Resources:  
[semarc.org](http://semarc.org)  
[mnwashcoares.org](http://mnwashcoares.org)  
[minnesotaares.org](http://minnesotaares.org)  
[aresmn.org](http://aresmn.org)

**VE SESSION REPORT**

The November VE Session had 3 candidates, One for Tech and two for general. All passed and tried the next level and without success.

All were offered a SEMARC membership.

The next VE session will be January 21st.

**SPECIAL OPERATING EVENT 2017**

We have had some suggestions for a special operating event for 2017 including an event commemorating the early air mail flight services use of beacons and markers that were common in the 1920's. There are remnants of one of these close by.

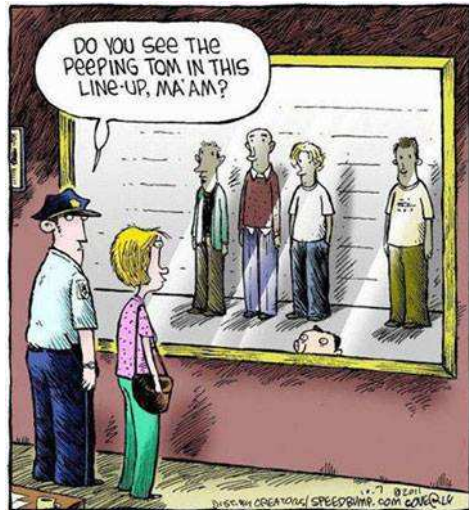
Lets get the planning done and set up a special event in 2017 on either this topic or another.

Bring your ideas to a meeting and join in the fun.

**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**

- Jan 10 - (T) Annual meeting and dinner
- Jan 21 - (S) VE Session
- Feb 14 - (T) First Board Meeting of 2017
- Feb 18 - (S) VE Session
- Feb 28 - (T) Member Meeting
- Mar 14 - (T) Board Meeting
- Mar 18 - (S) VE Session
- Mar 28 - (T) Member Meeting

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is January 21st. 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.

**South East Metro Amateur Radio Club**

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1655 - 68th st Street West  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077-2222  
651-208-0889

**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 146.985 and QSX to 144.950.  
Mode is BPSK125. Other modes possible.  
Sign up with NØUC for net bulletins & help.