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BOARD MEETING MARCH 14TH

Our next board meeting will be March 14th at the Cottage Grove Perkins as we did last month. Time again will be 6:00pm. This is our usual planning meeting as we continue to develop the strategy and tactics for 2017.

We usually have board members and committee chairs meet but any member may attend of course.

REGULAR MEETING IS MARCH 28TH

Our regular member meeting for March is the 28th at the usual time and place at Zion Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm.

Our program is John Dean KØJDD reporting on the successful ARISS contact at the John Glen Middle School in February.

You may recall that John gave us a preview of the event last March. The contact was scheduled for the fall but was delayed. Come hear all about it with video and pictures.

As usual, we have a short business meeting and then our program. Refreshments will be furnished by any members having a birthday in March. The club will furnish water and coffee.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC, KDØZWM

Things are looking good for SEMARC! We have lots of opportunities for our members to practice their hobby and share it with the non-hams.

I'm looking forward to our special event station and Field Day. Please try to invite a fellow ham to our next meeting! We have a great presentation and lots to offer. 73 de Ryc

ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

Washington County ARES Nets are now in effect on first Sunday and each 15th. SEMARC Wednesday night 2m Net still takes check ins for ARES in the first part of the net.

The March ARES Meeting to be held at CG City Hall was rescheduled to Thursday, March 16th because of threatening weather. Same time is 6:30 pm. Cottage

The Digital Corner

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.
Go to 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 QSJ to 144.950.
Mode is BPSK125. Other modes possible.
Sign up with NØUC for net bulletins & help.

Grove City Hall is on Ravine Parkway.

Skywarn training sponsored by SEMARC will be May 6. Details on time forth coming. Check club web site. Keep your certification current. Register now at Skywarn website.

ARES in Minnesota has a few web sites you might want to check periodically. They include:

MNWASHCOARES.org which is our Washington County ARES web site

MINNESOTAARES.org which is the state level ARES web site

These web sites help you to maintain situational awareness of incidents affecting ARES units.

VE SESSION REPORT

The February 18th VE Session had 2 candidates, One for General and one for Extra. Both passed. Both were offered a SEMARC membership.

The next VE session will be March 18th.

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.

CLUB ENROLLMENT FORM TIME

You will find the 2017 club membership form enclosed with this newsletter. If you have not filled one out and returned with your dues, please do so now. Bring to a meeting or mail it in.

Remember, our non-profit status requires clean and accurate records so that is why we do this every year.

REMEMBER THE SEMARC NETS

We have 3 nets on Wednesday evenings and you are welcome to join in the fun.

A slow speed Morse code net is at 1900 hours 28.110. The 2 meter FM net is 2000 hours on the repeater 146.985.

The digital net will begin following the regular net on the repeater and then QSJ to a simplex frequency.

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

Mar 14 - (T) Board Meeting
Mar 18 - (S) VE Session
Mar 25 - (S) Buffalo Hamfest
Mar 28 - (T) Member Meeting
Apr 11 - (T) Board Meeting
Apr 15 - (S) VE Session
Apr 25 - (T) Member Meeting
May 6 - (S) Skywarn Session (SEMARC)

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is March 18. 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 also posted on the webpage. No testing in December.

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