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BOARD MEETING APRIL 11TH

Our next board meeting will be March 14th at the Cottage Grove Perkins as we did last month. Time will change to 7:00 pm This is our usual planning meeting as we continue to develop the strategy and tactics for 2017. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

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

REGULAR MEETING IS APRIL 25TH

Our regular member meeting for April is the 25th at the usual time and place at Zion Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm.

Our program is Randy Olson, KDØVKP presenting on the subject of old radio restoration.

As an admirer of tube technology, our speaker has acquired 1940's through 1960's communications receivers and related ham radio equipment. Most of this vintage gear needed attention. The presentation "Restoring Old Radios" looks at how components age and provides suggestions on replacements.

Randy taught television production at Brown Institute when it was on Lake Street in Minneapolis, managed two communications oriented non-profits, then lead the design program at Brown College in Mendota Heights. Finally, that radio passion prevailed and he obtained his Technician license in 2013 and Extra class in 2016.

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

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC, KDØZWM

I'm excited about this year! The Cottage Grove Fire Station will begin construction with antennas and connections for us. We're looking at having a focus on youth and GOTA for Field Day. SPARK will offer more classes and we're hoping to have a Technician Class in the fall or winter. Also, remember to handout those SEMARC business cards and invite your ham friends or those interested in getting licensed. - - - 73 de Ryc

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 QSY to 144.950.
Mode is BPSK125. Other modes possible.
Sign up with NØUC for net bulletins & help.

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.

We are planning a Go-Kit picnic again this year so keep posted by checking the MNWASHCOARES website for details.

Skywarn training sponsored by SEMARC will be May 6. Keep your certification current. Register now at Metro 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 March 18th VE Session had 2 candidates, One for Tech and one for General. One passed and accepted the free membership offer.

The next VE session will be April 15th.

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 common in the 1920's.

This subject won out in the member survey so we will plan accordingly.

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.

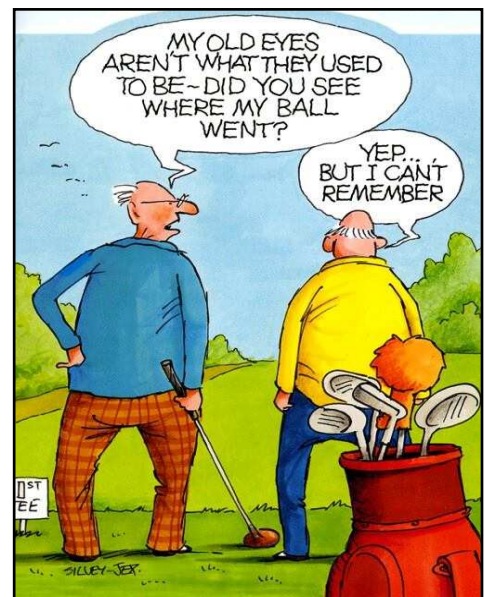
A slow speed Morse code net is at 1900 hours 28.110. The 2 meter FM net is 2000 hours on the repeater 146.985.

The digital net will begin following the regular net on the repeater and then QSY 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

Apr 11 - (T) Board Meeting
Apr 15 - (S) VE Session
Apr 25 - (T) Member Meeting
May 06 - (S) Skywarn Session (SEMARC)
May 06 - (S) ARAC Hamfest Superior
May 09 - (T) Board Meeting
May 20 - (S) VE Session
May 30 - (T) Member Meeting

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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