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BOARD MEETING MAY 9TH

Our next board meeting will be May 9th 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**

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

REGULAR MEETING IS MAY 30TH

Our regular member meeting for May 30th is the 25th at the usual time and place at Zion Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm.

Our program is not set at this date but we have several possibilities.

Maybe a review of Dayton will be presented or maybe a program on kit building or new radios. An announcement will be sent out before the meeting.

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

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC, KDØZWM

With the warm weather upon it's time to think of outdoor events. Perhaps a good ole 'foxhunt' could be put together!

One of the things I brought up for discussion at our last general meeting was a 'long-range planning team.'

We have a few members that have 'taken the bait' and we are interested in your thoughts. What would you like to see SEMARC doing in 2, 5 and 10 years from now? Bring your ideas to the next meeting or send me an email at: ryclyden@gmail.com and we'll see if we can work them in. All ideas are welcome! 73 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 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.

We are planning a Go-Kit picnic again this year on June 10. See website.

There is a joint MARS and ARES exercise planned for May 24, 1500Z. Please see ARES websites for details.

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 April 18th VE Session had 4 candidates, Two for Tech and two for General. All passed and one accepted the free membership offer.

The next VE session will be May 20th.

FIELD DAY PLANNING

Our field day will held at the St. Paul Ski club site near 1494 and Carver Ave. Dave Blume is committee chair. Goal is to operate either category 2A or 3A and schedule operators and loggers for best possible operation. Less setup and take down and more operating. See June NL for details. Contact Dave of course.

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.

NEW SEMARC NAME BADGES

We did have nice name badges at one time but lost our ability to get them printed. We are looking at reviving this program and you can send your ideas to Skip. Some prefer a picture badge.

We could purchase a card printer or print and laminate a simple badge like many clubs do. Project under study.

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

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
Jun 13 - (T) Board Meeting
Jun 17 - (S) VE Session
Jun 23-24 - (S,S) Field Day
Jun 27 - (T) No Member Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is May 20. 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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