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### BOARD MEETING AUGUST 8TH

Our next board meeting will be August 8th at the Cottage Grove Perkins as we did last month. Time will be 7:00 pm 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 present but any member may attend of course.

### MEMBER MEETING AUGUST 29TH

We will have our regular member meeting on August 29th with our usual business meeting followed by another interesting program. The program this month is on the Russian Woodpecker. This was a USSR over the horizon radar system located in the Ukraine. It caused huge interference in all HF communications for about 20 years. Amateur radio and other HF communication was seriously affected. It ceased most operations in 1986.

We will view parts of an Ukrainian video on the subject and talk about some of the technical details. This is an ongoing political issue between the Ukraine and Russia even today.

We will have refreshments as usual with coffee and water provided by the club and some cookies provided by members with August birthdays.

### NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC, KDØZWM

Your Board has agreed upon a Vision, Mission and Goals for SEMARC. It is directly from our constitution. Nothing new. In the weeks to come, you will receive a worksheet for your input in helping to define the course your club takes to carry out our mission. Please take the time to help us. Thanks.

### ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

ARES participated in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) drill in July with Washington County Emergency Management. The drill was considered a success and my thanks to all that participated. Please send your comments and suggestions to:

[jeregan@mnmicro.net](mailto:jeregan@mnmicro.net)

The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will

#### 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. 3.23.09 Flmsg v. 2.0.17  
Flamp v. 2.2.03 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.

be held one of the last two Saturdays in September. All ARES members are encouraged to attend.

The Metro District ARES Net (former Hospital Compact Net) is held every first Thursday of the month on the Hennepin County Repeater (146.700, PL 127.3). After this net we will try some Fldigi communications, so join us if you can. Please check in either representing one of our hospitals, or at the end under 'general check-ins'.

MNWASHCOARES.org which is our Washington County ARES web site.

MINNESOTAARES.org which is the state level ARES web site.

### SEMARC SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We are waiting for the application for year two from Richard Marsh. It was nice to hear recently from the previous two recipients. We have been successful in this scholarship endeavor.

### VE SESSION REPORT

Dan Franz, WDØGUP our VEC reports that the July session had 4 candidates each passing their Tech test and 2 practiced the general test. Three may be new members. Nice job!

The next VE session will be August 19th.

### FIELD DAY EVENT JUNE 24-25

The field day report will be included with this newsletter separately.

### SPECIAL OPERATING EVENT 2017

We have decided the special operating event for 2017 will commemorate the early air mail flight services use of beacons and markers common in the 1920's. Location is in Mounds Park. Permission has been granted by St. Paul Parks Dept. We can set up near the pavilion and tap power from there.

We have secured a special callsign WØA and the date is September 9, 2017.

### 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 is on vacation until September.

### 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.

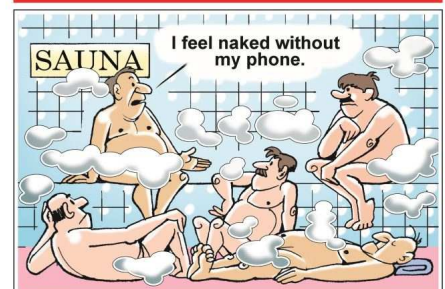
#### For Sale

Astron RS-20M Linear metered power supply 13.8 volt, 16A cont. Perfect cond. New \$137 for sale now at \$70. Hustler 144/440 base vertical: G6-270 is 102" tall with over 6dB gain. 1-piece fiberglass construction survives 100 MPH. New cost is \$199. Sale only \$100.

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### Planning Calendar

Aug 8 - (T) Board Meeting  
Aug 19 - (S) VE Session  
Aug 29 - (T) Member Meeting  
Sep 9 - (S) Special Event WØA  
Sep 12 - (T) Board Meeting  
Sep 19 - (S) VE Session  
Sep 26 - (T) Member Meeting

### SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is August 19. 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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