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SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting is the February board meeting on February 13th. Location is Zion Lutheran Church and the time is 7:00pm. Any member may attend this planning session. Board members and committee chairs are usually present.

SEMARC BREAKFAST

We will gather this month on the same day as VE testing, February 17 for breakfast at The North Pole Restaurant in Newport at 7:30 am. No reservations just show up for a good breakfast and great company. We will be in the back room.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

Our next regular member meeting is February 27th. Location is Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

The hottest HF mode today, FT-8 first appeared in beta as part of WSJT-X in August of 2017, 3 days before the CQ 10-Meter Digital Contest. It quickly became the #1 mode for that contest. Now out of beta, FT-8 use has grown to now exceed 50% of all HF contacts, according to ClubLog data recently released. And that includes CW and PHONE. What's with this FT-8? Joe Heitzinger, KCOOIO, will share the story of FT-8, it's rocket rise in use, and how you too can operate FT-8.

We will have refreshments as usual with coffee and water supplied by the club and some cookies from members with February birthdays.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

As Super Bowl LII comes to a close I'd like to thank all that were involved with this effort. The Metro Amateur Emergency Network (MAEN) was instrumental in being the third tier for timely communication. The ham community acted professionally and courteously as I knew they would. Now on to SEMARC fun!
73, Ryc

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The Digital Corner

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.
Go to www.w1hkj.com for software & help.

Fldigi v. 3.23.09 Flmsg v. 2.0.17
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

John has published a new ARES newsletter on the ARES website. Please go and get all the latest information there.

There are changes coming to ARES from ARRL HQ. Please stay informed at the ARRL website or read the info on the www.mnwashcoares.org website.

A reminder that John Regan's email will be changed effective December 31 to jeregan3@gmail.com.

VE SESSION REPORT

The January 20th VE session had five candidates each taking and passing one exam, three tech, one general and one extra.

The next VE session will be January 20th.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

All paperwork has been submitted to participating schools for the 2018 scholarship. Thanks to John KAØHYR.

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENT 2018

We have selected an event about the USS Ward. Target date in May 8, 2018. The call is W2W and will be published in May QST. Contact Brian or John to participate.

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

SEMARC MEMBER CORNER

See the attached article by Brian NØBM on members old and new. This month Brian gives us a look into the SEMARC VE group and it's members and leadership.

SEMARC has a top notch VE team and that is one of the club's most important features and indeed it's heritage.

HAMFEST SEASON IS UNDERWAY

The next important hamfest is in Buffalo, MN on March 24, 2018. In April it is in Brainerd and in May it is in Superior, WI.

Stay tuned for more details but go to your local hamfest and join in the fun.

SEMARC WEBSITE

Go to www.semarc.org for latest info on club and projects.

Thanks to Dick Roberts our webmaster for his fine work.

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.

WANT AD

Anyone want a classic wooden toboggan? 8 foot with cushion - like new
Real collector's item
Make any offer !!!!

Contact Skip



Planning Calendar

- Feb 13 - (T) First Board Meeting of 2018
- Feb 17 - (S) VE Session
- Feb 27 - (T) Member Meeting
- Mar 13 - (T) Board Meeting
- Mar 17 - (S) VE Session
- Mar 27 - (T) Member Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is February 17th. 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.**

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