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SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our board meeting is September 11, 2018 at Zion Lutheran Church. All board members should attend as well as committee chairs. All members are welcome of course. We need to start the conversation about club officers for 2019.

SEMARC BREAKFAST

We will gather this month on the same day as VE testing, September 15th 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. The VE session will follow at 9:00 am at the church. We need more attendance or we may need to stop this event altogether. I encourage you to come and meet and chat.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

Our regular member meeting is September 25th. Our program this month is still in planning but will be announced following the board meeting.

Reminder that the club will provide some coffee and water, but we rely on members with September birthdays to bring some cookies to share. If no one brings decent cookies, we will have to fall back on Oreos.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

We continue to have events and activities for our members. Our latest is our contact contest through the end of the year. Thanks to Brian M. and David L. for putting this together. I also want you to be aware of the Cottage Grove Fire Department's Central Fire Station Open House coming up on October 13th from 10 to 1. In addition, we are coming to the end of our year and time to consider officers for 2019. Consider serving!

73, Ryc Lyden KDØZWM

ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

John reports that the ARES website is temporarily out of service. He will send out a notice once service is restored.

The ARES Simulated Emergency Test

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.

(SET) is in process at this writing and will not be covered here. All participants have been informed by email. Stay tuned for more ARES news from ARRL HQ and from John.

VE SESSION REPORT

The August 18th VE session had five Candidates total. Four came for the tech and three passed. One came to take the extra exam and passed as well. Membership forms were offered to all.

The next VE session will be September 15th following the SEMARC breakfast.

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENTS 2018

The last *outdoor* operating event of the season concluded on July 28th, when the club celebrated SEMARC in the Park and the K1R special event station honoring the contribution of community first responders.

More than 40 QSOs were made across more than 18 states and on SSB, FM and FT-8 from 5 stations set up by members. ARES or city/county emergency personnel from Bloomington City, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Counties attended. Certificates soon to be ready for download from the Club website.

Thanks to the following for making the event a success: KEØHAL, N1UW, NØUC, KSØJ, KEØIQ, WA8VHF, KAØGX, KCØQCO, WAØKRL, KDØZWM and NØBM.

DIGITAL NET ON VACATION

The digital net is on vacation for a few months for lack of interest. We will check on interest in the late summer or fall.

SEMARC NETS

Don't forget the 2 active nets. We have the 10m slow speed CW net on 28.110 at 1900 hours on Wednesdays.

This is followed by the 2m net at 2000 hours on the 146.985 repeater. This starts with an ARES net followed by the open activity net.

REPEATER NEWS

The fusion repeater will be installed on a monopole tower site in Newport soon.

MEMBER CONTEST

There is a club contest scheduled called “A contact a day”. Awards will be given to most radio active members between 9/15 and 12/31. See separate announcements to be sent to members.

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 on it together.

WANT AD

Toboggan Gone!



Planning Calendar

- Sep 11 - (T) Board Meeting
- Sep 15 - (S) VE Session & Breakfast
- Sep 25 - (T) Member Meeting & Program
- Oct 09 - (T) Board Meeting
- Oct 20 - (S) VE Session & Club Breakfast
- Oct 30 - (T) Member Meeting & Program

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is September 15th. 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 webpages. **No testing in December.**

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