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**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting for the board is May 14th. 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, May 18th, 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 May 28th. Location is Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Program will be “Dayton Hamvention”. Frank Karnauskas and Dick Roberts will be presenting about their experiences.

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

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM**

Lots of activities coming up for SEMARC, ARES, and in public service. First off the Skywarn Training, followed by our Fox Hunt. I’m looking forward to being involved with both of these, plus USS Ward, Moon Landing and Field Day. There is an ongoing and updated calendar on the Facebook group “Minnesota Amateur Radio.” Look for you on the ground, listening for you on the air.  
73’s Ryc

**ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR**

1. Washington County ARES Nets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM will change to the 147.180 (PL 74.4) Repeater effective May 15 and each month thereafter. This repeater is the one originally intended for ARES work and the support of SEMARC is appreciated.

**The Digital Corner**

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.  
Go to [www.w1hki.com](http://www.w1hki.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.

The antenna is located in Newport and has emergency power connections.

2. Saturday, May 11 will see the annual Armed Forces Crossband Test. Details will be available on the ARRL web site or [www.w4cae.com/event/](http://www.w4cae.com/event/) and will be hosted by the MARS system. All are invited to participate. Look for the pdf with the time and frequency info at the above sites.

3. Do you have your storm shelter area designated in your home for the approaching tornado season? It is a good exercise to have it designated and cleaned out and ready for occupancy this spring. And, don’t forget the All Hazards Radio to be set up and operating.  
John Regan KAØHYR

**VE SESSION REPORT**

In April we had 5 candidates. One passed all 3 tests and went from no license to an Extra!  
Three passed Tech and one became an Extra. The next VE session will be May 18th.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Info was given to 8 schools in the SE Metro area in November. The deadline for applying is the end of May.

**FIELD DAY EVENT, JUNE 22 AND 23**

Dave Blume, KDØIRF, is leading this year’s Field Day event. Again this year the event will be located at the St. Paul Ski Club Chalet (1265 Sterling St. S., Maplewood, MN 55119). At this time, the plan is to operate 2 stations (one upstairs and one downstairs to help with the extraneous noise). Remember, while the Field Day operation portion is for 24 hours, we have antenna/rig setup and teardown events. Anyone willing to help with these activities please contact Dave.

**FOX HUNT MAY 11**

Dan Franz, WDØGUP, leading on Saturday, May 11, from 8am until noon. Meet at Zion Lutheran Church parking lot. Let’s make use of those antennas and techniques Dan taught us about! There will be two VHF foxes and one HF fox.

**FIRST MOON LANDING SPECIAL EVENT**

SEMARC will be joining the ARES go-kits in the park on July 20 with a special event. The call sign NØM (NASA- zero-moon landing) has been approved by the ARRL. Club members can be approved to activate the call from their own stations on the succeeding Sunday and Monday. I thought that would be a good idea for those members who might not be able to join because of family commitments on what will undoubtedly be one of the best weekends of the summer. It will also allow members who still work an opportunity to participate; the Ward event is difficult for members who are not retired to participate...and we need to be aware of such things. More to come.  
Brian McInerney NØBM

**JULY MEETING**

The July meeting presentation will be on Civil Air Patrol communications by Lt. Colonel Ron MacCarthy. Ron is MN Wing Director of Communications.

**SEMARC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you have some material for the newsletter you should contact Dave Larson KEØHAL before the first of the month at [daveanddanita@usfamily.net](mailto:daveanddanita@usfamily.net) or call him at 612-437-9288.  
Have a topic for a program? Please contact Skip KSØJ and we can work it in.

**Planning Calendar**

May 14—(T) Board Meeting  
May 18 - (S) VE Session (Breakfast)  
May 28 - (T) Member Meeting  
June 11 - (T) Board Meeting  
June 15 - (S) Breakfast & VE Session  
June 22 & 23 (S/S)-Field Day  
June - No Member Meeting due to F. Day

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is May 18th. 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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