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SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting for the board is August 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, August 17th, 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 August 27th. Location is Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Program will be “Ham Radio and Stage Rallies” presented by our own Joe Hibberd, W3QLC. Joe retired after 40 years in public health and was licensed in 1984. If you can't wait to see a rally, the Ojibwe Forests Rally needs ham radio operators August 23-24. Visit ojibweforestrally.com.

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

NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, DAVE LARSON, KEØHAL

As Summer will be winding down soon, most of our main events for the year have been completed. Thanks to all for your involvement. Please let board members know of any ideas you have for future events as we strive to get more member participation. We are working on planning a Winter Field Day for January 2020.

ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR

1. The ARES SET (Simulated Emergency Test) originally set for Sept. 21 conflicts with a number of club events. Therefore, I will be making a change to Sept 28 or Oct. 5. Plans are moving forward. Let EC

The Digital Corner

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm. Go to 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.

John know if you have preferences or concerns.

2. We are considering moving the ARES Net on the third Wednesday back to the 146.985 repeater until antenna adjustments are made. This will increase our coverage in the near term until those adjustments bear fruit. Watch for the email reminder of the net on August 20 with a definite decision. Thanks for your flexibility.

John Regan, KAØHYR
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PREDICTING AND FINDING BAND ACTIVITY

With poor conditions, it's good to plan on-air time so it is productive, using available propagation aids. Broadcast propagation info includes: WWV and WWVH; ARRL propagation bulletins; beacons; listening on the bands to hear openings, fading, strength of signals and locales heard. Often, you can turn on the radio, set it to a frequency and see what passes through the passband while you pay bills or do other routine tasks. Accessed from your computer or cell phone, some of the sites below can aid your planning and operation.

NW7US's propagation forecasts for the month, with an emphasis on MUF and optimal frequencies;

NOAA space weather for geophysical alerts;

PSK reporter which can show you where your signal has been heard;

Reverse beacon network, similar to the PSK reporter;

NCDX Foundation beacon network;

G3USF's and K9MU's 50 Mhz. global and north American beacon list;

WSPR - weak signal propagation reporter network;

ON4AA's website hamwaves.com which provides more real-time propagation information, including MUF and OWF (optimum working frequency) from your location or the location of your ISP.

Try these. Happy hunting and good luck.

Brian McInerney, NØBM

SEMARC SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE

The Board has decided to authorize the sale of certain club equipment to support the purchase of a new club radio (tentatively an ICOM 7300). Equipment for sale includes the following: Yaesu FT 980-\$200, Yaesu FT 990-\$600, ICOM PRC1000 - \$250, Coleman 5000 watt generator - \$400. Members will have the first opportunity to purchase the surplus items at the August meeting.

VE SESSION REPORT

Dan Franz reports we had 4 candidates, resulting in 3 new techs and one person who will need to re-test.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting presentation is still in the planning process.

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 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

- August 13 - (T) Board Meeting
- August 17 - (S) VE Session (Breakfast)
- August 27 - (T) Member Meeting
- September 10 - (T) Board Meeting
- September 21 - (S) VE Session (Breakfast)
- September 24 - (T) Member Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

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