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**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting for the board is September 10th. 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, September 21st, 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 September 24th. Location is Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Program will be "Ham Radio and Stage Rallies" presented by our own Joe Hibberd, W3QLC. This program was scheduled for last month, but technical issues caused the delay. Joe retired after 40 years in public health and was licensed in 1984.

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

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC LYDEN, KDØZWM**

First, I want to again thank the members for their thoughts and prayers as we grapple with the loss of our grandson. Now, at the last membership meeting we agreed that we will do the 'Winter Field Day' which will be held January 25 - 26. It is a sponsored event by the ARRL. More information will be forth coming. Also, we have equipment for sale so that the club can purchase a new IC-7300. Please contact Dick Roberts for more information. Lastly, it looks like I'll finally be on HF! New HOA is working with me!!!

**ARES NEWS - JOHN REGAN, KAØHYR**

Washington County ARES provides hams to test radios in six east side hospitals in a monthly test. The test takes place on the first Thursday of the month at 12:30 PM on the Hennepin County Repeater (146.700- ; PL 127.3). Those hospitals are Bethesda, St. John's, Woodwinds, Lakeview and Regina; St. Joe's is number six and currently does not have a volunteer operator. We are looking for that last operator to exercise the radio at St. Joe's Hospital. As a volunteer, you could check in from the hospital or from your mobile or home QTH as "representing St. Joe's on personal equipment." FYI, You can also check into this net as a licensed radio amateur or as a member of Washington County ARES. So, please consider participating if you are available and interested. We could use the additional help. Thanks to all who support this mission of Washington County ARES.

One of our other members, KØGCP, George Power, runs the net and makes reports to the District ARES officers. This back-up communications is one of the required certification items for hospitals by their Commission. And, our Assistant EC, NØUC, Dick Roberts, has provided much technical support including fixing the power supplies for the hospital amateur radios. Thanks, Dick!!

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**SEMARC WEBSITE**

Dick Roberts NØUC and Joe Hibberd W3QLC have been updating our website. They are seeking your input for the "Links" page. Please send your favorite ham radio websites to [joehibberd11@gmail.com](mailto:joehibberd11@gmail.com). Also include your favorite sources of ham radio news and classified ads.

**NOTE FROM VICE PRESIDENT, DAVE LARSON, KEØHAL**

Club members have indicated willingness to participate in Winter Field Day activities on January 25/26. We are researching the rules and seeing what accommodations we can arrange. Please contact me with your ideas. More to come later.

**OCTOBER MEETING**

The October meeting presentation is still in the planning process.

**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 - \$100, Coleman 4000 watt generator - \$200. Members will have the first opportunity to purchase the surplus items. Note some updates were made on a couple items.

**VE SESSION REPORT**

Dan Franz reports four candidates in August. Three took the Technician exam and two passed. One of these two also passed the General exam. One other candidate took and passed the General exam.

**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**

- September 10 - (T) Board Meeting
- September 21 - (S) VE Session (Breakfast)
- September 24 - (T) Member Meeting
- October 8 - (T) Board Meeting
- October 19 - (S) VE Session (Breakfast)
- October 29 - (T) Member Meeting

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is September 21st. 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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**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.