



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING**

Our annual SEMARC dinner and meeting was held once again at the Hastings Green Mill. We had about half our members turn out and the company and food was as great as usual! The slate of officers previously nominated was approved and we're ready to work on another productive year for the club.

**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

There was no January board meeting. Our next meeting for the board is February 11th. 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**

There was no breakfast in December. We will gather in January on the same day as VE testing, the 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 February 25th. Location is Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Program is not set yet.

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**

Another year has started. Thanks to everyone, particularly Skip and Brian for setting up the annual meeting. We are starting off strong with our Winter Field Day. I'm very proud of the fact that we are continuing to find more opportunities for our club to get together and do what we love the most, getting on the radio! Our next 'field day' might be held in the Old Cottage Grove Fire Station if

things go well this winter. It will have an easier access for guests and better room separation. Dave Blume that has done so much for us in the Field Day setups in the last several years will not be available during the event... so I'm looking for others to step up and help make this another success. Thanks for your support over the last 2 years and confidence in the future.

**SEMARC SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE**

Both the FT-980 & FT-990 are sold adding \$800 toward paying for the new IC-7300 purchased for club use.

Dick Roberts NØUC

**WINTER FIELD DAY**

This year's Winter Field Day dates are January 25th - January 26th. We will be operating from the "Old Cottage Grove" Fire Station (Station 3). It is located at 7500 75th Street South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. This is off Lamar Avenue, which is the main North-South street in Old Cottage Grove. We will be inside the facility as a "2I" (two-eye) station. There is a conference room area which should provide enough space to operate.

Setup will be much like Summer Field Day (planning on arrival around 10:00 am for setup - 1:00 pm start). Get radios, coax and antennas setup and some time to test things out and then operate for 24 hours.

If you are interested in participating (at any level) please let me know.

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**SUMMER FIELD DAY**

Dave Blume will be out of town this year. Therefore we need someone to step up and chair this event for 2020.

**A LOOK BACK**

I was scheduled to lead a region traffic net the other night and found the usual frequency of operation congested. As is proper, I found a clear frequency and called the net. After the net was free, I spent some time listening to the stations around the frequency and was surprised to hear a lot of chirpy signals.

For those of you who never operated older equipment, chirp is a distinctive sound to CW in a transceiver when the oscillator is keyed. If you hear chirp once, you will never forget it. Chirp can be caused by poor voltage regulation, "pulling" (when other stages of the transmitter shift when it is keyed) or RF feedback to the transmitter.

I concluded that the hams on frequency were using older equipment, especially when they called CQ AWA (American Wrestling Assn.? American Women in Aviation?). No, I said to myself - probably the Antique Wireless Association. I was unfamiliar with the ham sub group in the Association...and was surprised to learn they have an amateur station, W2AN.

Try the website for the Association, [www.antiquewirelessassociation.org](http://www.antiquewirelessassociation.org). There is a fascinating virtual tour of their museum. Nostalgic for some of the old-timers and perhaps, a fascinating look into history for relative newcomers to the hobby.

Brian McInerney NØBM

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Thanks to all who contribute to this newsletter! Your articles and notes make this publication so much more interesting. Please consider contributing if you haven't already!

Dave Larson, KEØHAL

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is January 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.**

**Planning Calendar**

- Jan 14- (T) Annual Meeting and Dinner
- Jan 18- (S) VE Session and Breakfast
- Feb 11- (T) Board Meeting
- Feb 25-(T) Regular Member Meeting

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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.