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**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting for the board is March 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 on the same day as VE testing 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 next date is March 21st.

**REGULAR MEMBER MEETING**

Our next regular member meeting is March 31st. Location is Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Brian McInerney will be presenting on “Skills for Radio Amateurs involved in Directed Nets”.

Brian will offer a program about serving as a Net Control Station (NCS) for a served agency. The program was originally developed to be used by AERO as part of its training for those amateurs involved in public service work. A short presentation concerning the duties and responsibilities of control stations and net members will be followed by an interactive exercise.

The program is designed to be hands-on and fun, as well as educational.

Everyone will have a part in the exercise.

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

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM**

Our board has been working on events to take place for the next year. I’m very happy with our continued effort to involve members in events that are not

**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.

only fun but, educational as well. Plus, we get to enjoy some great fellowship. I’m holding off on some great news for the group pending an official go-ahead. Stay tuned!

**SKYWARN TRAINING**

Skywarn training will be held April 25 at Zion Lutheran Church from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Fellowship Hall has been reserved from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm to facilitate set up and teardown. I will be the contact again this year for people as they sign up for the class through Skywarn’s portal.

Dave Finley KA8VHF

**VE SESSION REPORT**

The February testing resulted in one new Technician and one new General class licensee.

Dan Franz WDØGUP

**APRIL MEETING**

Our April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28th. No information yet on presentation.

**ARES NEWS**

The “Lift and Loop” trail in Stillwater will hold a Ribbon Cutting on May 16 at 10 AM followed by an attempt to set the Guinness Book of World Records longest line of people holding hands. The trail and the record attempt will use the old lift bridge, follow up the old highway to Houlton WI, around the new bridge, and back to Stillwater. The event will require at least 7000 participants, with 10-15,000 persons anticipated including dignitaries from both states. Current planning involves various parking lots with shuttle buses carrying participants. Hams are currently planned to be involved in operations, traffic, and medical issues during bus transportation with possible fixed radio locations as well. Please pencil in the date of May 16<sup>th</sup> and help with communications if you can. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Amateur Radio Coordinators for this event will be Joe Heitzinger and John Regan working with Washington County COML Nate Timm; Please stay tuned for additional details. SEMARC members interested in participating can contact me.

John Regan KAØHYR

**SEMARC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you have 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.

**SEMARC: A GREAT RESOURCE**

Many of us belong to the Club for a variety of reasons: social opportunities; special events; VE exams; Field Day activities; programs; opportunities to mentor; opportunities to get advice and help from colleagues.

These are all good reasons but I’d like you to consider another one - the SEMARC website. When I want to research a ham radio topic, I often go to the SEMARC site and see what links might be available. It’s an easy way when I forget or lose track of other websites... and our site provides a convenient portal. Both Dick Roberts and Joe Hibberd have worked over time to keep this resource available and as up-to-date as possible for a volunteer effort. Thanks to both of them.

Some of my launches from the SEMARC website: The Radio Amateurs Code; Metro Skywarn; NASA Picture of the Day; AC6V and W1WC links to a wide variety of ham info; WA7BNM’s contest calendar; propagation forecasts; ARRL call sign searches; and a range of other ARRL topics. Give SEMARC.org a try and remember to thank Joe and Dick.

Brian McInerney NØBM

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

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

**Planning Calendar**

- Mar 10- (T) Board Meeting
- Mar 21- (S) VE Session and Breakfast
- Mar 31-(T) Regular Member Meeting
- Apr 14-(T) Board Meeting
- Apr 18-(S) VE Session and Breakfast
- Apr 28-(T) Regular Member Meeting

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