



**EDITOR'S NOTE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has really put a hold on face to face activities. We are still holding some activities that can be done from QTH but others have to be cancelled for now. Please carefully read the following articles so you can participate as much as possible and have some fun!

**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting for the board is April 14th. We plan to have a virtual meeting. Skip will send out an email to all members the day before with instructions on how to join in on the meeting.

**SEMARC BREAKFAST**

Breakfasts are on hold for now. The May date is the 16th and we will update in the May Telegraph.

**REGULAR MEMBER MEETING**

Our next regular member meeting is April 28th. This meeting will be an online meeting hosted by Matt Holden, Dakota Region Director of ARRL. A link will be sent out for club members to get their registration.

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM**

Well... what can I say? With all of the best intentions we set up a calendar of events that is going to be a challenge. Until further notice, since dates and directives keep changing... we will not be meeting in person. Nor will we be holding events in public. It is our intent to continue our special events but to do them remotely. Until we as a community are safe from this pandemic we have to do our part. This is particularly true given the demographics or our group.

Also, The Cottage Grove Fire Chief has okayed SEMARC to have access and utilize the Old Cottage Grove fire station. We will be able to set up a radio area and use whenever we want. The only stipulation is members must wear a SEMARC ID when on the premises. So, it's ours for

Field Day and Winter Field Day plus other events.

**SKYWARN TRAINING**

The April 25 class has been cancelled.

Dave Finley KA8VHF

**VE SESSION REPORT**

The April exam has been cancelled.

Dan Franz WDØGUP

**MAY MEETING**

Our May meeting is scheduled for May 26th. Watch for more information in the May issue of Telegraph.

**ARES NEWS**

- From ARES:
1. ALL Face-to-face ARES events suspended until further notice.
  2. Washington County REP Drill Hands on Training for May 5th is cancelled by EM Specialist Lee Dhein. Stay tuned for the Status of the actual REP Drill June 10th.
  3. The Stillwater Lift and Loop event May 16th utilizing ham radio operators is postponed until a future date uncertain.
  4. Take care, follow the virus guidelines, and Stay Healthy!!

John Regan KAØHYR

**USS Ward Special Event**

SEMARC will again sponsor a commemorative event for the Ward this year. Dates are May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. May 4<sup>th</sup> was originally scheduled but the State Capitol grounds were closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> were added to allow more members to participate from home or guest stations.... and allow greater participation by the larger ham community.

The call sign reserved for the event is NØW - Navy zero Ward.

The decision to commemorate the Ward occurred too late for the event to be published in QST. However, the event has been listed on QRZ.com and E-ham.net; additionally, the SKCC has been asked to add it to their calendar. Several of our members operate contests/special events using straight keys and it was thought worthwhile to advertise the event with SKCC. Some of those

members are Navy and Coast Guard vets. Club members may reserve time, band and mode slots for operation on each of the three days. Slots as long as 4 hours may be reserved, although shorter time periods are great, too. Our past experience leads us to conclude the weekend and digital modes may prove fertile opportunities for contacts - so please think about that as you consider how you wish to participate.

Times and modes may be coordinated through NØBM at [NOBM@arrl.net](mailto:NOBM@arrl.net). More details coming later this month via email.

Let's have some fun!

**SPARK ACTIVITIES**

I cancelled the April 18 "Inventing" Merit Badge Class Dan Franz and I had setup. It will be rescheduled when conditions improve to ensure a safe environment for the 'Scouts.

Jim Boyd KCØQCO

**FIELD DAY**

Field Day is still planned for June 27th and 28th. We are planning for Cottage Grove Fire Station 3, but there's a good chance it may be held from QTH's per ARRL. The ARRL just sent out an update to members yesterday. We will keep everyone updated.

**SEMARC VE Sessions**  
 VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is on hold. 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**  
 Apr 14-(T) Board Meeting-Virtual  
 Apr 28-(T) Regular Member Meeting-Virtual  
 May 12-(T) Board Meeting  
 May 16-(S) VE Session and Breakfast  
 May 26-(T) Regular Member Meeting

**South East Metro Amateur Radio Club**  
 Dick Roberts, NØUC  
 1655 - 68th Street West  
 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077-2222  
 651-208-0889

**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.