



EDITOR'S NOTE

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to put a hold on face to face activities. We are still holding 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 May 12th. 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 June date is the 20th and we will update in the June Telegraph.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

Our next regular member meeting is May 26th. The program is not yet set. Information will be sent out for club members regarding a virtual meeting.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

While we are not meeting in person, we have a few options to keep in touch. Our meetings will take place at the same times. Each of these will have reminders and invites sent out so that membership can attend. One of the big news items is that we now have the City of Cottage Grove fire station in Old Cottage Grove for use whenever we need it. That's Field Day, Winter Field Day and other events. The only requirement is that you must be wearing your SEMARC ID Badge while in there. If you do not have one or lost it contact Skip. For those of you familiar with the fire station we have the large training room where the TV is set up and will have part of the first office that has the desk. USS Ward special event station is coming up on May 5th, 8th and 9th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and we are looking for 2 hour shifts. Contact Brian if you can work this. All communi-

cations will be from home. Amateur Radio is the quintessential 'social distancing' model. Have fun.

VE SESSION REPORT

The May exam has been cancelled.

Dan Franz WDØGUP

JUNE MEETING

There is no June general meeting since this is Field Day month.

ARES NEWS

From ARES:
 1. The REP Drill is cancelled for June due to Covid 19. This follows the cancellation of the Hands on Training previously scheduled for May 5th. So, both are cancelled for 2020. ARES members are still urged to complete the pre-Hands on Training on the web or YouTube. Connection points have been sent to ARES members previously.
 2. ARES members are reminded to use the 147.180 repeater. The Newport site uses 74.4 PL Tone and the Forest Lake site uses a PL Tone of 100. Try it out when you can.

John Regan KAØHYR

USS Ward Special Event

Dates are May 4th, 8th and 9th. The results of the first day of the Ward special event are as follows:
 Three participants: NØUC, KEØHAL, NØBM;
 Over 180 QSOs in FT 8, CW and SSB;
 Partial analysis indicates 24 states and 4 countries were worked;
 Propagation was troublesome; CW and SSB QSOs were few and far between; vast majority of contacts on FT 8;
 NØUC worked FT 8 - KEØHAL worked SSB - NØBM worked FT 8 and CW;
 The call sign reserved for the event is NØW - Navy Zero Ward.
 There are several openings still available for Friday and Saturday, and it would be great if we can get more members involved. A sign up sheet was previously emailed to members and if you want to get involved times and modes may be coordinated through Brian McInerney NØBM at NOBM@arrl.net. Let's have some fun!

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. Watch for updates in June.

SEMARC CONSPIRACY?

I had let my SKYWARN certification expire and was looking forward to the annual training that Dave, KA8VHF had arranged for this spring. Unfortunately, the pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the class. No to worry, though, as two members, KAØHYR and KSØJ, unwittingly conspired to re-educate me.

First, John conducted a WASHCO ARES net where he and other members reviewed some of the training topics related to severe weather. It was a great short refresher for me.

Two days later, Skip, in his SM newsletter provided a link to online training available from the NWS office in Milwaukee. Just go to you tube and search for storm spotter training from the NWS Milwaukee.

There's a great presentation on storm spotting addressing: 1) why spotters are needed; 2) how to prepare for severe weather spotting; 3) how to deploy; 4) what to observe; and 5) how to communicate what has been observed. If you have an hour or so, check out the presentation; it will be time well spent.
 Brian McInerney NØBM

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

May 12- (T) Board Meeting-Virtual
 May 26-(T) Regular Member Meeting-Virtual
 June 9-(T) Board Meeting
 June 20-(S) VE Session and Breakfast
 June 27 and 28-Field Day

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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.