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SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting for the board is June 9th. 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 July date is the 18th and we will update in the July Telegraph.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

Our next regular member meeting is June 30th. The program will be on reporting your field day contacts to the ARRL. Information will be sent out for club members regarding a virtual meeting. We usually don't have a June meeting because of Field Day, but we decided to do one this year because of unusual circumstances.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

SEMARC has been virtually virtual for a few months. We've done a few historic things in our response to the COVID19 pandemic and now having to take into account the safety of our members. If there is a bright side, we should be able to start meeting in person for at least the board meetings and hopefully our general meetings. It may be that we have a 'signup' to ensure that we have a limited number of members at a general meeting, but we will move ahead towards normalcy. Whatever that looks like. I want to thank John Regan and Dick Roberts in particular for supporting the American Red Cross - ARES EmComm exercise. This opens a new chapter in collaboration, coordination and partnerships. I also want to thank all the radio operators that took time to be part of this. Next, we need to work on Field Day! More information will be coming soon. Ryc

VE SESSION REPORT

I have received permission from Cindy at the church to begin testing again. No walk-ins will be allowed and registration

will be required. Lastly, at Cindy's request we will sanitize when we are done. There will be three VE's and myself. That way we can have a screener at the door and three in the room. We will reevaluate the first of every month to see if it is safe to test.

Dan Franz WDØGUP

JULY MEETING

The July meeting is on Tuesday, July 28. The program has not been decided.

ARES NEWS

Washington County ARES completed a drill with the American Red Cross on Saturday, May 30. The drill scenario was the loss of power and internet across the state and nation after a successful hacker attack. The Red Cross opened shelters. ARES provided communications on behalf of the shelter using Red Cross and ICS forms. Other members checked in and provided infrastructure reports from their home QTH; the report used the FEMA infrastructure report format which included the status of power, water, sanitation, medical, communications, transportation, and social status. An aggregated report was forwarded to the Metro District EC and to the North Central Region of the Red Cross. The drill was conducted all from home stations with some stations using battery power. There were eleven check-ins on the repeater (147.180, emergency power capable) and seven check ins on the simplex frequency. Additional hams checked in who were not Washington County ARES members and their reports were also taken. The main digital method was Winlink. The drill was rated as successful. Thanks to all who participated.

John Regan KAØHYR

FIELD DAY

Because of the corona virus pandemic, both the League and the SEMARC Board will approach Field Day differently than in the past.

like home operations. This year, the club will not operate a central location as we have in the past. The club has decided to encourage members to operate from their home QTHs and submit entries to the ARRL including that they are members of South East Metro Amateur Radio Club (SEMARC). Consistent use of the proper name will ensure that the League can accurately combine all member scores and report the proper total for the club when final results are tabulated and published.

The Board encourages members to review the rules, seeing where they may be eligible for bonus points and claiming them. In the past, the club's claiming of bonus points has positively affected our scores.

One of the bonus areas involves using the League web app to submit scores, especially for those who do not routinely use electronic logs. Many of the members may wish to submit their scores using the application. Others may submit their scores on paper, using the official summary form and dupe sheet available from the League. As an aid to members, copies of the summary form and dupe sheet can be downloaded from the club web site.

The Board encourages you to embrace this change and have fun this FD, looking forward to a real get-together in 2021. Additional info will be emailed to members before Field Day.

At our June meeting, just after FD, we will cover how to report your contacts to ARRL. Additional info is on the SEMARC website www.semarc.org.

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is on June 20th. 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

- June 20-(S) VE Session
- June 27 and 28-Field Day
- June 30-(T) Member Meeting
- July 14-(T) Board Meeting
- July 18-(S) VE Session and Breakfast
- July 28-(T) Member Meeting

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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.

The League has modified the rules for FD to allow home operations under commercial power to receive credit for all contacts. Previously, home operations under commercial power could not claim credit for contacts with other like home operations. The club has decided to encourage members to operate from their home