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SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting for the board is July 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. We will update when the time comes to start them again.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

Our next regular member meeting is July 28th. The program will be presented by John Dean, KØJDD, on NetLogger. NetLogger is a client server tool that can be used by Hams to manage and/or participate in directed nets.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

It's been many months now since we were last able to meet or play in person. Thankfully, we have the internet to keep us connected beyond the obvious radios! We just completed our first ever Field Day while not being together. I'm hopeful that this is the ONLY time we do it that way. During the next few months we'll try to come up with other opportunities for us to work together as a club and do what we do best. Watch the calendar for our next event and do your best to participate. This can't last forever!

Ryc

VE SESSION REPORT

The first exam since COVID-19 went very well. Two Technician exam attempts and two passed. One General attempt and one passed. Three Extra attempts and three passed. Congratulations to all!

Dan Franz WDØGUP

AUGUST MEETING

The July meeting is on Tuesday, August 25th. The program will be on Minnesota VOAD and will be presented by Ryc.

The Digital Corner

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.

Go to www.w1hkj.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.

ARES NEWS

The American Red Cross and ARES will be holding another joint drill this fall. The tentative date is November 14. The local portion of the drill, like this spring, will be in the morning and will be the major part of the drill. Details are still being worked out. This may be our Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for the fall. So, stay tuned.

The July 15 ARES Net will focus on passing formal written traffic. This is a follow-up to the June net that dealt with the basics of messages. Like to see lots of participation. Hope you can join us.

John Regan KAØHYR

FIELD DAY

Field Day 2020 is now behind us. Several of our members participated from their QTH or Portable locations. Reports received indicate the band conditions were not good at times and at other times so busy you couldn't bust thru to make your QSO's. In my case I was in Wisconsin and did not have much free time to get on the air. I went to a close-by city park and operated with battery power as a Class 1B. ARRL rules said I had to operate QRP at no more than 5 watts. I operated on Sunday morning from about 0900-1100 hours and 40M was very busy. It was frustrating because I wasn't able to get thru at 5 watts to get my contacts. I only managed one QSO but was able to claim 100 bonus points for emergency power, another hundred for operating in a public park, and fifty more for submitting my results to the ARRL electronically. The multiplier for 5 watts is 5, so I ended up with 255 points.

I was hoping to include a report on overall SEMARC results in this issue, but only heard from a sampling of our members. These are the results as reported to me (QSO's and total points):

Vern WAØKRL- 50, 250
Steve ABØXE- 51, 254
Dick NØUC- 139, 566
Dave KDØIRF- 66, 382
Gary WKØX- 140, 548
Ryc KDØZWM- 14, 78
Brian NØBM- 171, 884
John KAØHYR- 15, 67
Dave KA8VHF- 74, 74

Dave Larson KEØHAL

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION (IARU) HF CHAMPIONSHIP

The IARU is an international federation of amateur radio organizations that serves as a forum for common matters and concerns in amateur radio and represents them to the ITU. The IARU was founded in 1925, shortly after the founding of the League.

Summertime brings one of my favorite on-air celebrations – the IARU HF Championship. This year the celebration/contest occurs on July 11, beginning at 7:00 AM local and continuing for 12 hours. The exchange includes a signal report and ITU zone. In Minnesota, we are in ITU Zone 7.

This gathering is a favorite of mine because it provides the chance to work the HQ stations of the member societies in the Union. Remember your first contact with W1AW? Multiply that by 172, the number of member societies in the Union. What a possible gas! Also, officers of the union can be worked and serve as additional multipliers in your score.

Give this contest a spin and see how many zones you can work… take it easy or jump in with both feet.

Brian McInerney NØBM

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is on July 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

July 14-(T) Board Meeting
July 18-(S) VE Session
July 28-(T) Member Meeting
Aug 11 (T) Board Meeting
Aug 15-(S) VE Session and Breakfast
Aug 25-(T) Member Meeting

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