



**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting for the board is October 13th. 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 September 29th. Matt Holden will be presenting the program. The topic is ARRL current happenings.

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM**

Well... summer's nearly over but we still have events! Our calendar will show what's coming up and we hope that you will participate. Special event for the Air Postal Service, Red Cross-ARES EmComm training and exercise and Winter Field Day. Anyone's guess if we'll be in the old Cottage Grove Fire Station or not. We've also made the decision to purchase an antenna launcher for the club! This will help us at home and other field operations. One request... even though we can't meet in public we still do meet on the web. Please, attend if you can and hear what's going on. We still have presentations, discussions and votes needed. Enjoy the rest of this 'odd' year and hope to hear you on the air. Ryc

**VE SESSION REPORT**

For the last session we had 8 candidates total (7 technician and 1 general). All candidates passed. Congratulations!

We will be testing again this month. We are also looking for additional help on the VE teams. I have one retirement and 2 that have dropped from communications. Requirements are simple: Extra class license (if you are not, talk with me); pass an open book test; review the

**The Digital Corner**

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm. Go to [www.w1hkj.com](http://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.

COVID mitigation plan; and show up once every three months. Contact Dan at 651-247-2164 or [WDOGUP@hotmail.com](mailto:WDOGUP@hotmail.com).

Dan Franz WDØGUP

**OCTOBER MEETING**

The October meeting is on Tuesday, October 27th. The program has not been finalized.

**ARES NEWS**

1. ARES will participate in the American Red Cross / ARES Drill on November 14. Training will take place on September 12 on Red Cross forms and on October 10th using Winlink. (You should download and install the Winlink program on your computer prior to this training.)
2. Our Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be integrated into this ARC/ARES Drill, tentatively scheduled for early October.

John Regan KAØHYR

**KØA FLIES AGAIN**

The Board recently chose September 26 as the date to reprise our special event commemorating the Airway Beacon System used by early pilots in carrying the U.S. Mail. As in a past special event, the club secured the call sign KØA.

In 1920, the U.S. established the North American Transcontinental Air Mail Route. By 1924, ground-based navigation aids were in place. The aids consisted of lighted airway towers mounted on concrete arrows indicating the direction of the next link in the system. In fact, two of the artifacts remain in Minnesota: a concrete arrow which can be viewed in Cottage Grove; and a lighted tower in Mounds Park in St. Paul. The ground-based system continued for a number of years before functioning radio navigation in airplanes became common.

Previously, a group of members operated from the actual tower installation in Mounds Park.

It will be a fine Autumn operating event for the club.

Brian McInerney NØBM

**KØA SIGNUP INSTRUCTIONS**

This year's special event operations will be done at members' QTH. Here is the signup link for reserving time for the special event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EADA928AAFE3-special>

Dave Blume KDØIRF

**NEWLY PURCHASED CLUB ANTENNA LAUNCHER**

At the August member meeting, the Club voted to purchase a Big Shot 1027D line launcher and two 12 oz weighted bags which can be checked out by members for putting up their antenna. To use this equipment, please contact Joe Hibberd, W3QLC, at [joehibberd11@gmail.com](mailto:joehibberd11@gmail.com).

Dick Roberts NØUC

**CLUB BAND FILTERS**

Be sure to attend the September club meeting as we will be discussing and voting on purchase of some band filters for use at events such as Field Day to enable more efficient operations.

Dave Larson KEØHAL

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is on September 19th. 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**

- September 8 (T) Board Meeting
- Sept 19-(S) VE Session
- Sept 29-(T) Member Meeting
- Oct 13- (T) Board Meeting
- Oct. 17- (S) VW Session and breakfast
- Oct 27-(T) Member Meeting

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