



**SEMARC BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting for the board is February 9th. We plan to have a virtual meeting. Joe Hibberd will send out an email to all members the day before with instructions on how to join in on the meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm. This will be a virtual meeting. The new club officers will be installed and 2020 business concluded.

**JANUARY FIRESIDE MEETING**

We have scheduled an informal fireside meeting on January 26 at 7 pm. More on this at the annual meeting.

**REGULAR MEMBER MEETING**

Our next regular member meeting is February 23rd. No program has been planned at this time.

**NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM**

As we begin a new year I want to express my thanks to both Dick Roberts and Skip Jackson for their many years of service to SEMARC. I've been very fortunate to work with them and have their council. Thank you.

As we begin this new, hopefully better year we want to have as many opportunities as possible to connect with each other. There will be 4 special events including: Winter Field Day; Minnesota Statehood: Field Day; and something in the fall. Section Manager Bill Mitchell has a 52 week challenge that is included. I'm working on a SEMARC challenge as well.

Also, for those interested Red Cross and ARES will have 4 Winlink EmComm exercises and Winlink Thursdays for practice and there is a MNARES Winlink every week.

So, this year will be busy and we will make the most of it. Here's to a safe and fun 2021. Ryc, KDØZWM.

**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.

**VE SESSION REPORT**

There was no testing in December. Testing will be done again on Saturday, January 16th.

**52 CONTACTS CHALLENGE**

As we reach the end of the year, and as we transition leadership in ARES to a new section emergency coordinator, I thought it would be a good time to bring up a challenge I have for encouraging on-air practice:

During the calendar year, log 2-way contacts with at least 52 unique callsigns in any combination of voice, data, and Morse code. Of those 52 contacts, no more than 10 can be on any one repeater or linked repeater system (e.g. DMR). Of the 52 contacts, at least 5 should be simplex.

Contacts you make while operating at a multi-operator station/event (e.g. Field Day) can count toward your total. Digital data use is strongly encouraged (e.g. Winlink, RTTY, fldigi, FT8, APRS). Bonus: submit your log in ADIF format to a Winlink address; don't forget the // WL2K subject prefix.

Clarifications:  
DMR counts as voice unless you are passing arbitrary data in a digital format (e.g. messaging).  
For Winlink, if you connect with an automatically controlled data station (e.g. node or igate), that is the station that counts as your contact.

While demonstrating that you can send/receive email via Telnet Winlink is very useful, it does not count toward these 52 contacts of on-air experience.

At this point, it is not a requirement for ARES membership, but we are presenting it as a challenge. Let's see how many of you can do this!

Bill Mitchell, AEØEE  
MN Section Manager

**WINTER FIELD DAY**

Just a reminder that Winter Field Day is January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. We are doing this socially distanced - working from your own locations and using your own callsign. Any electronic file submission needs to be in the Cabrillo format, and in the Club section, please input :

**South East Metro Amateur Radio Club.** Anything other than that will not be counted towards the club's total.

Should you have additional questions, please contact David Blume at [KDØIRF@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KDØIRF@YAHOO.COM)

**ARES REPORT**

Nothing new to report this month.

**TELEGRAPH ARTICLES**

If you have any articles for the Telegraph, please contact Dave Larson [daveanddanita@usfamily.net](mailto:daveanddanita@usfamily.net).

**SEMARC VE Sessions**

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is on January 16th. 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**

- Jan 12-(T) Annual Club Meeting
- Jan 16-(S) VE Session
- Jan 26-(T) Fireside Chat Member Meeting
- Feb 9-(T) Board Meeting
- Feb 20-(S) VE Session
- Feb 23-(T) Club Meeting

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