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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.

FIRESIDE MEETINGS

The Board of Directors requests feedback on making the WebX Fireside Chat a weekly event. Your opinion matters, so please respond to n0uc@comcast.net so the Board can make a decision at the February 9th meeting. Thanks.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

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

VE SESSION REPORT

On January 16 we had 9 candidates test. 7 passed Technician, 1 candidate passed his Tech and General, and 1 upgraded to Extra.

MEMBER MEETING PROGRAM SURVEY

The Board is always looking for program ideas for the member meetings. What would you like to see for programs this year? Please send your ideas to Dick Roberts n0uc@comcast.net and he will bring your ideas to the Board meeting.

ARES REPORT

1. Just a reminder that our ARES repeater frequencies are 147.180, PL 74.4 in Newport, or PL 100 in Forest Lake.

2. The Minnesota QSO Party is on Saturday, February 6. We encourage ARES members to participate as well as all amateurs.

John, KAØHYR

ARRL KNIGHT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Skip Jackson KSØJ who was honored for his 16 years of service by the ARRL at it's January board meeting.

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.

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

Another month has gone and we're closer to Spring!!! This last weekend several of us participated in the Winter Field Day. Most operators did quite well. For those of us that have the ICOM 7300, or use the clubs radio, I learned something. My transmit was turned off by the software... on its own. After much consultation on the web I learned that I had to go into the settings and do a partial reset. That would be step one. Luckily it worked and I eventually got back on the air.

Now, I'm excited to get back to the Presidents Challenge and work as many nets as I can. I hope that you do as well. The sheets with many of the 'nets' and the form to use to record them have been previously sent out. If you don't have them, feel free to contact me at: ryclyden@gmail.com. Several events are coming up so please take a look at the calendar. Your board will be finetuning these in the weeks and months to come. We are still looking for ideas for this fall so let us know a 'special event' that we could use for our station.

We also need your input to get the type of presentations that you'd like to see this year. If you have any ideas, contact Dick Roberts at: n0uc@comcast.net. Please attend our General Membership Meetings as they occur. We want to keep in touch as much as possible until we're allowed to get back together. Hear you on the air... Ryc

WINTER FIELD DAY

Thanks to all who participated last Saturday. We don't have a summary of SEMARC participants yet, but those who participated had a good time from what we've heard. Please send me your counts so we can get a good idea of participation. More to come next month. lc_geeps@yahoo.com

Dave Blume, KDØIRF

MN QSO PARTY FEBRUARY 6, 2021

There's a football game this weekend. Good news! It won't interfere with your participation in the MN QSO Party. The party will be held on Saturday, the 6th, from 8 AM to 6 PM, local. Includes all bands except for WARC bands. For Minnesota stations the exchange is name

and county designator. Other states/provinces will send name and state/province designation. DX stations will send only name.

Stations may be worked once per mode and band. Two modes: Phone and CW/digital. No FT4/8 for this party. MN stations are limited to 100 watts, so there should be room for everyone to participate, depending on the bands and propagation. Full rules can be viewed at the Minnesota Wireless Association website.

The first MN QSO party was sponsored by the St. Paul Club and the exchange included the temperature in Celsius for both transmitting and receiving stations. It was a little math/conversion challenge and the party was officially the "Frostbite Falls QSO Party". Name's changed but still a lot of fun. Looking forward to working some SEMARC members.

Brian McInerney NØBM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 2M NET

Our club holds a 2-meter net every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. It is an informal, but controlled, net on the 146.985 repeater. We are in the need for several alternate Net Control Stations who can fill in when one of the scheduled NCS is not available. If you are interested, please contact Dick Roberts at n0uc@comcast.net or Joe Hibberd at joehibberd11@gmail.com.

SEMARC VE Sessions

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

- Feb 9-(T) Board Meeting
Feb 20-(S) VE Session
Feb 23-(T) Club Meeting
Mar 9-(T) Board Meeting
Mar 20-(S) VE Session
Mar 23-(T) Club Meeting

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