



FIRESIDE CHAT

This is notice that the first monthly Fireside Chat will be this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Webex virtual meeting at:

<https://richardlroberts.my.webex.com/meet/rrobert>

Our first Fireside Chat on January 26 was so successful the Board of Directors decided to continue them on a monthly basis. They will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. The format is open and will be without an agenda or focus. It will be a great opportunity for both new and experienced hams to ask questions and share experiences. Please join us.

FIRESIDE CHAT HELP

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

SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting for the board is March 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.

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FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SARA

Washington County ARES EC John Regan KAØHYR retires

John KAØHYR stepped down as Emergency Coordinator for ARES in Washington County January 31 after 12 years of service. He has led the development of a strong relationship with the Washington County Emergency Management staff. The position of EC is often a challenging job. John's tireless work, his passion for public service, and his background in education and administration have laid a solid foundation for ARES in Washington County.

Joe Heitzinger, KCØOIO

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

President Ryc Lyden announced the following appointments at the February 23 membership meeting:

Dave Larson KAØHAL will serve as a trustee filling the vacant position for the past president. Dave Finley KA8VHF will serve as the new chair of the Public Service committee following John Regan's KAØHYR retirement from that position. Roger Holger AEØTE will serve as editor of this newsletter. And Dick Roberts NØUC will serve as Program committee chair assisted by Roger Holger and John Regan. If you have any ideas for a program following a membership meeting, please contact any of the committee members.

In January we held our first "Fireside Chat" via Webex as a way to see each other and ragchew during the pandemic. It was very well received, so we will continue to hold the chats at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Watch for a reminder two days before the event.

We hope to see you there... Ryc

VE SESSION REPORT

We had 9 candidates total. 3 Technicians, 4 Generals, and 2 Extra class license. A total of 18 elements and of the 9 candidates three of them passed two elements. Last, I am still in need of a couple VE's to fill out the teams. Please consider paying it forward and help administer tests. I am looking for Extra class hams, there is a short open book test, and you would help with three tests a year.

Thanks,
Dan WDØGUP

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

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

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

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

John, KAØHYR

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

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For many of us, our first international radio experience came from listening to other folks' shortwave radios or wondering about the ship-to-shore CW we could hear on our AM transistor radios, just below 540 on the AM dial.

Those may have been the halcyon days of shortwave radio, with lots of stations: Radio Moscow, BBC, VOA, Radio Free Cuba, CBC, and many others. Now, the shortwave bands seem to have more religious stations than private or public broadcast stations. So, as listeners, we hear a little less about world affairs and even less about perceptions of the United States and its activities than when we were new to the hobby.

If you want to spark radio interest in a youngster, check out the following: <http://radio.garden/live/toulouse/radiopresence>. It's a neat little offering that allows the listener to span the globe, clicking on little dots representing stations in countries or places of interest. There still are some great opportunities to listen to others, strengthen your foreign language skills, hear music from your ancestors native lands, and hear how others assess the United States.

It can be an addictive hour or two periodically. Enjoy.

Brian McInemey NØBM

THE DIGITAL CORNER

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.

Go to www.w1hkj.com for software & help.

Fldigi v. 3.23.09

Fmsg 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 n0uc@comcast.net for net bulletins & help.

SEMARC VE Sessions

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

Mar 9 (T) Board Meeting

Mar 20 (S) VE Session

Mar 23 (T) Club Meeting

Apr 13 (T) Board Meeting

Apr 17 (S) VE Session

Apr 27 (T) Club Meeting

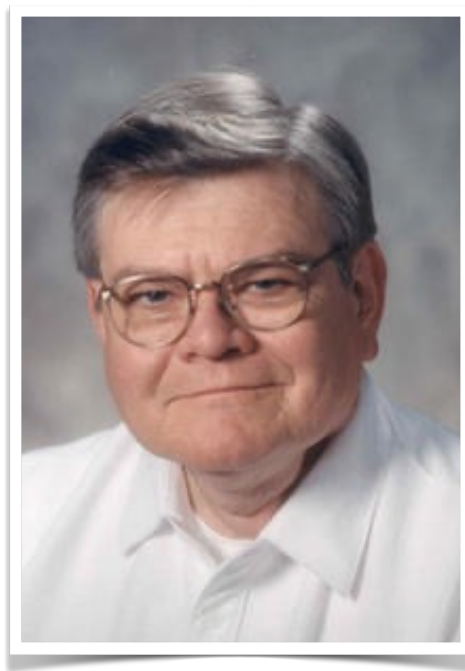
South East Metro Amateur Radio Club

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ARRL Board Confers Award on Skip Jackson, KSØJ

During its Annual Meeting on January 14 - 15, the ARRL Board of Directors announced recipients of the ARRL Knight Distinguished Service Award and the 2020 ARRL Bill Leonard Professional Media Award. The Board also recognized several ARRL-affiliated clubs. ARRL Minnesota Section Manager Richard "Skip" Jackson, KSØJ, is the recipient of the ARRL Knight Distinguished Service Award. During his 16-year tenure, Jackson "has actively promoted ARRL activities in his Section, including visiting hundreds of Field Day operations over the years, represented the League at numerous hamfests, and attended countless club meetings in his state, promoting the League," the Board's resolution read. The Board credited Jackson's leadership for developing "a strong working cadre of volunteers" in the Section, calling him "a model to ARRL Section Managers across the country as a strong supporter of ARRL and its activities."

The Award's namesake is longtime veteran New Mexico Section Manager Joe T. Knight, W5PDY, who was the first recipient of the award in 2003. The Award carries a \$250 honorarium and a plaque.



Minnesota ARRL Section Manager Skip Jackson, KSØJ.