



FIRESIDE CHAT

The Fireside Chat is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. This month it is on Tuesday April 6 and Tuesday April 20 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Webex virtual meeting at:

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

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. 7 people attended the first Chat, please join us!

POTA EVENT

SEMARC will be operating a POTA event on Sept. 11, details to follow.

SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting for the board is April 13th. 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.

REGULAR MEMBER MEETING

Our next regular member meeting is April 27th. No

MINNESOTA BIRTHDAY BASH

May 11-May 12, 1500Z-0200Z, WØCGM

Lowell Park - Stillwater, MN

South East Metro Amateur Radio Club. 7.250

Certificate. SEMARC, 1655 68th Street West, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

This is to commemorate Minnesota Statehood. May 11, 1858.

In December 1856, Henry M. Rice brought forward two bills in Congress: an enabling act that would allow Minnesota to form a state constitution, and a railroad land grant bill. Rice's enabling act defined a state containing both prairie and forest lands. The state was bounded on the south by Iowa, on the east by Wisconsin, on the north by Canada, and on the west by the Red River of the North and the Bois de Sioux River, Lake Traverse, Big Stone Lake, and then a line extending due south to the Iowa border. Rice made this motion based on Minnesota's population growth. www.semARC.org

NOTE FROM THE PREZ, RYC KDØZWM

Now that the weather is warmer it's time to get outside and do some field work! Your board has been working hard on setting up a schedule for us to work together, either independently (for now) or together as things loosen up. Please take a look at the calendar for events. If you haven't connected with us during our 'fireside chats' hosted by Dick Roberts please make an effort to do so. They are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you have any ideas for other ways of us keeping connected please let a board member know. Thanks for all of your support over the years! Any day now we'll be seeing each other in person.

I can't wait. 73

~ Ryc Lyden, KDØZWM

VE SESSION REPORT

We had 6 candidates total. 4 Technicians, 1 General, and 1 Extra class license. At one point we had 12 people signed up but 6 cancelled at the last moment.

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

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program has been planned at this time.

WINTER FIELD DAY

The ARRL has not released results yet. We will make those available when we receive them.

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.

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

220 MHz REAPEATER

For those with 220mhz radios. The Twin Cities Repeater Club has a great repeater on 224.540 pl100hz. Net every Sunday evening at 6:30pm.

Joe, W3QLC

NEW \$35 FCC APPLICATION FEE DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT YET

The final rule change was published in the Federal Register on March 19, 2021:

[Federal Register - schedule-of-application-fees-of-the-commissions-rules](#)

Even though the document has an effective date of April 19, the Amateur Radio fees will not yet be required.

The fee changes outlined in this order will not take effect until the requisite notice has been provided to Congress, the FCC's information technology systems and internal procedures have been updated, and the Commission publishes notice(s) in the Federal Register announcing the effective date. This will most likely be in the summer.

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From my American Legion magazine:

Wouldn't it be great to get out on the golf course and lie in the sun?

I went to the local Kleptomaniacs Anonymous meeting last night. All the seats were taken.

When life gives you mold, make penicillin.

Joe, W3QLC

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 April 17th. 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

- Apr 13 (T) Board Meeting
- Apr 17 (S) VE Session
- Apr 27 (T) Club Meeting
- May 11 (T) Board Meeting
- May 15 (S) VE Session
- May 25 (T) Club Meeting

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The following application types will be subjected to the fee when the rule finally takes effect.

New, Modification (Upgrade and Sequential call sign change), Renewal, and Vanity callsign requests will be subjected to the \$35 application fee. There will be no fee for Administrative Updates (email or mailing address changes, name changes).

The instructions on the FCC Fee Schedule are for the applicant to pay application fees directly to FCC via the License Manager System or Fee Filer System. VECs and VE teams will not have to collect the \$35 fee at the session.

The ARRL VEC exam fee will remain at \$15.

When the FCC application fee eventually takes effect, new and upgrade applicants will pay the \$15 exam session fee to the VE team as usual and then pay the \$35 application fee directly to the FCC.

Joe, W3QLC