



FIRESIDE CHAT

The Fireside Chat is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. This month it is on Tuesday June 1st and Tuesday June 15th at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Webex virtual meeting at:

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

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!

SEMARC BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting for the board is June 8th. 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 June 29th. No program has been planned at this time.

WINTER FIELD DAY

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Minnesota Birthday Bash WØM

An intrepid group gathered on a cool day at Pioneer Park for the 163rd anniversary of Minnesota statehood to operate a special event. The bands were variable: despite that fact, we made about 130 contacts on SSB, FM and FT8. Publicity was good, with reps from the Stillwater Gazette and KSTP on the scene and interviewing operators. Post event coverage in the paper and on TV. Way to go, Joe, W3QLC!

Memories: Dave, KA8VHF, running stations on FT8, including DX; a [mystery man](#) taking down our antenna during actual operation; visitors/ hikers from Stillwater, Dave KDØIRF stopping by with spouse and in-laws; good donuts and sandwiches. We all wish the bands could have been more cooperative, but it was a fun day.

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Field Day 2021!

Field Day is upon us again, the weekend of June 26-27. We are fortunate to have this year's effort led again by Field Day Chair Dave Blume, KDØIRF. We will be at Fire Station #3 in Old Cottage Grove this year.

You will need a SEMARC ID card to enter the fire station. If you need one, contact me at joehibberd11@gmail.com

For our newer members and hams, FD is a chance to get in the field and practice our emergency communication skills.

FD success depends on: being safe; having a plan; assigning tasks; scheduling operators; gamering bonus points; and, submitting our club score. As you might imagine, there is more than enough work to go around.

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POTA 2021

Vice President Dave Larson KEØHAL is chairing two (2) field operating events in preparation for the official **Parks On The Air** in September.

An operating event will be held on July 31 at Cottage Grove Fire Station 3 (same site as Field Day). We may have the Civil Air Patrol or Army Reserve participate with us. Emphasis will be on portable operations. Time to be determined. Contact Dave Larson KEØHAL if you are willing to help set this up. daveanddanita@usfamily.net

A Parks on the Air (POTA) event will be held on August 28, site TBD. This will be a trial run to get us ready for the POTA Special Event to be held near Hastings on September 11.

Once again contact Dave Larson (contact info above) if you'd like to help set up this event.

Dave Larson, KEØHAL

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

THE DIGITAL CORNER

Digital Net follows SEMARC net on Wed pm.

Go to 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
n0uc@comcast.net for net bulletins & help.

2021 MS-150 Bike Route Support

We still need radio operators for the MS-150 in two weeks (June 12th). We have opening for 8 radio operators to man rest stops, 4 SAG Drivers, 9 SAG Navigator and 2 our Vehicle radio operators. If they are looking to sign up for the rest stop assignment is under HAM Radio Operators. SAG Drives do not need to be a HAM Radio operator. If you have any other questions fell free to reach out to me.

Thanks,

Chris Schultz, NREMT, COMT(t)

Call sign: KCØYFX

Home: (320) 217-2692

Cell: (507) 351-2113

The link for more information about the event and the sign-up links are below.

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Member Meetings

We are checking with the church to determine when we can get back to in-person meetings. Stay tuned for more on this.

Dick Philstrom WØTLE SK

It is my sad duty to tell you Dick Philstrom WØTLE has passed away Saturday May 8th. I have known Dick more recently since 2007 when I joined the QCWA. As details become available I will pass them on.

Dan Franz, WDØGUP

May VE SESSION REPORT

We had 5 candidates total. 4 new Technicians. One upgrade did not get what he was looking for.

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 Franz, WDØGUP

SEMARC VE Sessions

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

June 8th (T) Board Meeting

June 19th (S) VE Session & B'fast

June 29th (T) Club Meeting

July 13th (T) Board Meeting

July 17th (S) VE Session & B'fast

July 27th (T) Club Meeting

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Participants: Joe, W3QLC; Dick, NØUC; Dave, KA8VHF; Dave, KEØHAL; Roger, AEØTE; Dave KDØIRF; Ryc, KDØZWM who operated from home (results unknown at this time); and Brian NØBM.

From the Stillwater Gazette -

With a view of the valley and the St. Croix River on a warm sunny Tuesday, amateur radio ham operators celebrated the state's 163rd birthday at Stillwater's Pioneer Park on May 11 by doing what they do best: talking to people across the country using ham radios.

https://www.hometownsource.com/stillwater_gazette/news/local/birthday-bash-ham-radio-operators-honor-minnesota-s-163-years-at-pioneer-park/article_01d2bbdc-b415-11eb-a51f-a3a38d31eed9.html

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Reach out to Dave, KDØIRF@yahoo.com with your offers to help... setting up, operating, logging, taking down, copying the FD message for bonus points, offering to make a satellite contact, originating a message to the section manager; inviting a newbie to have some fun, etc. Let him know what times you can work. He requests you contact him as soon as you can so he can write up a sked.

Seriously, folks, this is an instance where many hands make for light work and for fun. Think about how you can help and reach out to Dave. He'll appreciate your efforts. Further notices in e-mailings and on the SEMARC website.

If you want to participate in Field Day but can't get to the fire station, you may operate from home. Contact Dave and he will give you information about doing that.

Make sure you put Field Day, June 26-27, on your calendar.

Cont. from page 2 - 2021 MS-150 Bike Route Support

Join a community of riders dedicated to changing the world for people with MS one pedal stroke at a time. The Bike MS: MS 150 was the first ride in the Bike MS series, starting in 1980. Feel the extraordinary support and excitement throughout your one-day journey as we come together to reach our goal—a world free of MS.

Route Change: The route for 2021 will be a loop route that starts and finishes at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN. Keep an eye on the Route Details page for further updates.

For more info please follow the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ms150eventsite>

To volunteer with us on the route as a SAG Driver or Navigator, a HAM radio operator, a Ride Marshal, a Bike Medic, a Route Marshal, or a Motorcycle Escort - please follow the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ms150routesupport>

To volunteer with us at one of our Rest Stops along the route, please follow the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ms150reststops2>

Location: 1700 105th Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55449

SEMARC Scholarship Fund

At the April membership meeting the members approved our proposed changes to the scholarship format as approved by the Board of Directors at their April meeting.

The new format included raising the scholarship amount to \$1000 per award, removing the SAT/ACT requirement and the STEM preference clause starting with the 2022 offering.

We will continue with the same schools for 2022 if the changes do not produce candidates then in 2023 we will widen the offering to all schools in Washington and Dakota counties.

Dick Roberts, NØUC

Committee Chair

Welcome to the Washington County ARES website (ARES Unit 163MN01).... Face - to -face ARES activities are in suspension until further notice due to Covid-19....We are entering the TORNADO season; Have your personal home plan ready. The three WORST MONTHS for tornadoes in Minnesota are May (15%), June (37%) and July (25%) according to MN DNR (More Info under News tab).....Check the two ARES Digital Nets in Minnesota and participate; Info under the [Events tab](#) gives details.....60 Meter Interoperability exercises scheduled = see events tab and participate with us!!.....The 147.180 Repeater is running at the Newport site (PL 74.4) and Forest Lake site(PL 100); we use this repeater for drills and activations. This covers the entire county and is in our WashCoARES Emergency Communications Plan... Support our Amateur Radio Clubs through your participation.

John Regan KAØYHR

Winter Field Day 2021

CLUB RESULTS											
CALL	CAT	SECT	PH	CW	DI	MULT.	PWR	BONUS	CLAIMED	CALCULATED	CLUB
PTS	PTS	PTS	PTS	PTS	PTS	PTS	PTS	PTS	SCORE	SCORE	
ABOKT	1H	MIN	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	South East Metro Amateur Radio Club
AEOTE	1H	MIN	62	0	0	3	2	0	372	348	South East Metro Amateur Radio Club
KABVHF	1H	MIN	73	0	0	2	2	0	292	272	South East Metro Amateur Radio Club
KDORF	1H	MIN	116	0	0	3	1	1500	1854	1814	South East Metro Amateur Radio Club
KEDHAL	1H	MIN	22	0	0	2	2	1500	1588	1583	SOUTH EAST METRO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NØUC	1H	MIN	232	0	0	3	1	1500	2196	2144	South East Metro Amateur Radio Club
WØSU	1H	MIN	0	107	0	2	2	0	848	784	South East Metro Amateur Radio Club

Full results here <https://www.winterfieldday.com/club-results-1>

Stillwater Amateur Radio Club

SARA has graciously welcomed SEMARC members to attend their events, and more...

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 06/10/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 07/01/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 07/22/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 08/12/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 09/02/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 09/23/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Radios in the Park 2021](#) - 05/20/2021 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[Round Robin Ragchew on the SARA repeater](#)

147.060 - info to access the repeater is here [WØJH Repeater](#)

Tuesday's - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday's - 9:00 pm - 9:30 pm

[Social/Special Meetings](#)

Thursday Evenings: Social and informal "Eyeball QSO"

sessions from 6PM to 8PM

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