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FIRESIDE CHAT

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

<https://richardroberts.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 July 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 July 27th. No program has been planned at this time.

Note from the Prez, RYC KDØZWM

First of all thank you to all that helped to prepare, run and take down for Field Day ([photos](#)). In my view, it was a total success and it was so good to see people in person! Our season of doing things together is well underway and it's exciting to see and participate in. Our public service component is looking into venues that we can be a part of. One such possibility is the Washington County Fair, but there are others within our area. We are not limited to Cottage Grove, or even Washington County. Please consider places and events that we can be part of and let Dave Finley know.

On another note, there are a few of us that are interested in going for our Amateur Extra license. If you have a General ticket and are interested in becoming part of a class let me know and we'll see about setting something up. Again, thank you so much for all of the work and participation in SEMARC.

In **August** we will have **in-person meetings** of the Board of Directors and the General Membership.

Upcoming SEMARC POTA 2021 events in July and August

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

1 - An outdoors portable operating event will be held on **July 31** at Cottage Grove Fire Station 3 (same site as Field Day), so bring some shelter from sun or rain with you if you have it. We may have the Civil Air Patrol or Army Reserve participate with us. Emphasis will be on portable operations. Bring your gear and show us what you have, or just come and learn more about portable operations!

Time to be determined. Contact Dave Larson KEØHAL if you are willing to help set this up or have questions. daveanddanita@usfamily.net

Outdoor portable operation is my favorite way to operate. Additional information will be emailed out in July.

2 - 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

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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

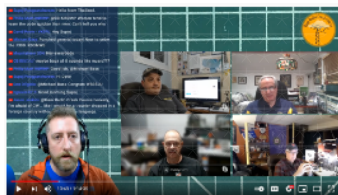
Meet on 146.985 and QSY to 144.950.

Mode is BPSK125. Other modes possible.

Sign up with **NØUC**
n0uc@comcast.net for net bulletins & help.

Learning Morse Code

Josh Nass of Ham Radio Crash Course interviews four members of *The Long Island CW Club* <https://longislandcwclub.org/>



Click image to view

I personally found this video to be a good intro the LICW. If you don't know Josh his YouTube channel is excellent.

The guy on the lower right has been licensed for *5 months!* and loves CW.

LICW recommended software <https://www.g4fon.net/>

Keys they recommend, 3D printed - starting at \$25 <https://cwmorse.us/>

There are many more sites that are very good I'm sure. If you have some you like please share them. I will continue to update this info in future newsletters.

Roger Holger, AEØTE

MAGIC (YARD SALE) Tailgater

Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 6:00 AM

Public · Hosted by [The Magic Repeater Group](#)

Joe Hibberd, W3QLC

May VE Session Report

One Candidate, he passed his Tech.

VE News, we will be normalizing VE operations as it relates to COVID. For the time being I will still preregister candidates and VE's. That means no walk-ins but we also will not have head count restrictions. I also have incorporated a self-survey and ask anyone that answers yes to any of the questions to call me. And this month we welcome Roger AEØTE to the VE team.

Thanks to all VE's that helped us get through this tough COVID time.

Thanks,
Dan Franz, WDØGUP

Planning Calendar

July 13 th (T) Board Meeting	August 10 th (T) Board Meeting
July 17 th (S) VE Session & B'fast	August 21 st (S) VE Session & B'fast
July 27 th (T) Club Meeting	August 31 st (T) Club Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

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

Ojibwe Forests Rally Needs Hams

The 2021 Ojibwe Forests Rally, August 27-28, is just 2 months away. It is part of the national championship for stage rallies. It consists of a driver and co-driver (navigator) driving at high speeds through forest roads in the Park Rapids area.

Ham radio provides the safety net that coordinates the logistical, operational and emergency activities of the event.

Ham radio operators are needed to volunteer at "controls" (checkpoints) and marshal points in the forest. For a description of how ham radio is used, visit [Ham Radio & Stage Rallies \(semarc.org\)](http://Ham Radio & Stage Rallies (semarc.org)).

If you are interested, please contact Tom Nelson NØGQA, chief of communications for the rally, at 970-222-2125 or tnelson@frii.com.

73,
Joe Hibberd, W3QLC

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

Stillwater Amateur Radio Club

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

[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

[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
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[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

South East Metro Amateur Radio Club

Dick Roberts, NØUC
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Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077-2222
651-208-0889



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: During times of national, state, and local emergencies, and for community and public events, amateur radio operators provide communication resources at no cost to people in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Amateur radio organizations, including Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and Amateur Radio Emergency Services, are trained to provide effective emergency communication and support; and
- WHEREAS: Amateur operators trained in spotting and reporting severe weather assist the National Weather Service and the State of Minnesota through the SKYWARN program; and
- WHEREAS: Amateur radio clubs throughout Minnesota provide courses of instruction and assist elementary and high school students on amateur radio operations, enhancing student interest in science, geography, and physics, and providing opportunities for students to become licensed amateur radio programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 26, 2021, as:

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS RECOGNITION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16th day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Our fearless leader raking in the contacts.

PIONEER PRESS

June 26, 2021

COTTAGE GROVE Ham radio fans to show their skills

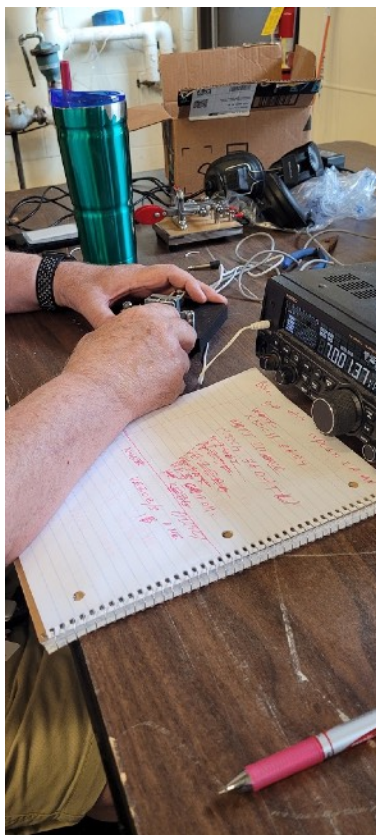
Area amateur radio operators will show off their communications skills this weekend in Cottage Grove as part of a 24-hour national amateur radio exercise.

Members of the South East Metro Amateur Radio Club will at Cottage Grove Fire Station No. 3 from 1 p.m. Saturday until 1 p.m. Sunday. Similar events involving more than 18,000 radio operators are being held at more than 2,500 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

In addition, information about becoming a ham will be available, including how licensed operators can assist with weather spotting and emergency communications.

The public is invited to visit and ask questions about ham radio. For more information, go to www.semarc.org or call Joe Hibberd at 651-491-4753.

— Mary Divine



Dave Blume, KDØIRF asks -

What do you do when your scheduled CW operator uses an Iambic Keyer and the radio that is at the CW station uses a 1/8" stereo plug instead of the 1/4" plug?

We do what we do best - scour the family van for an unused Dollar Store set of head phones with the 1/8" stereo plug!!!

THE SEMARC TELEGRAPH

