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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 August 3rd and Tuesday August 21st at 7:00 p.m. It will be a Webex virtual meeting at:

<https://richardroberts.my.webex.com/meet/rlobert>

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 August 10th. 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 August 31st. No program has been planned at this time.

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MEETINGS RETURN TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The August membership meeting will be **IN PERSON** at our regular meeting location in **Cottage Grove at the Zion Lutheran Church, 8500 Hillside Trail South** on **August 31**. We meet on the LAST Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

As is our tradition anyone with a birthday in the meeting month is asked to bring cookies or other snack to share.

New members, especially those who passed one of our VE exam sessions, are encouraged to attend so that we can meet you in person.

We hope to see you there.

NOTICE:

146.985 repeater is out of service for repair and users should switch to the 147.18 South with 74.4 tone or 147.18 north with 100 tone till further notice. Our Wednesday will be held there.

Dick, NØUC

SEMARC PARKS ON THE AIR EVENTS

SEMARC POTA (POTA) events are coming up on Saturday *August 28 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.* at Afton State Park.

It seems most of us do not participate in the POTA program and this is a good chance to see what it's like in action.

I have recently participated in the program as a Hunter. Those activating parks are called activators and those wanting to contact them are hunters. The activator does the work (registering the activation, setting up their station

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On the Bands

The bands have been opening up recently, with lots of activity on 10 meters and 6. My antenna is not a good one for 6, but I have caught a couple of openings on 10. Sometimes, I discover openings because I planned to sit down and participate in a special event, QSO party, or mini-contest. Planning is easy when you go to the SEMARC website and look for links to other ham sites. One of my favorites is the 8-day contest calendar of WA7BNM.

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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.

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at the park, calling CQ, logging QSO's, and sending the logs into POTA so everyone gets credit for their contacts). All the hunters need to do is contact the activator and report the following: call sign, signal report, and state.

It's fun to look at the POTA website to see what activations are in process; dial in the listed frequency; and call the activator. It's that easy! You will receive points for your POTA contacts and awards are given when you achieve certain point totals.

POTA is run by volunteers. Among other things, they summarize logs sent in by activators. Your points aren't entered until the activators' logs are received and counted.

The POTA webpage allows you or others to "spot" activations as they occur, so they are easy to find by hunters. Once you are spotted, be prepared for pileups and lots of activity.

I hope to see you at these activities we have prepared for you. I promise you will enjoy it!

Contact Dave Larson daveanddanita@usfamily.net if you'd like to help set up this event.

Dave Larson, KEØHAL

I am sad to announce that Pieter Sigtermans NØFKC passed away on July 1. I just found out so passing it along.

His obituary is at [Pieter H. Sigtermans Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information](#)

Dick Roberts, NØUC

May VE Session Report

This month we had 4 candidates, everyone got New Technicians and one Extra.

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

August 10 th (T) Board Meeting	September 14 th (T) Board Meeting
August 21 st (S) VE Session & B'fast	Sept. 18 st (S) VE Session & B'fast
August 31 st (T) Club Meeting	September 28 th (T) Club Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. The next VE session is on August 21st. 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.

2021 Field Day Results				
QSOs	CW	Digital	Phone	
	131	81	171	
Points	262	162	171	595 Claimed
Power Multiplier (x2)				1,190 Total
Bonus Points				
Emergency Power	200			
Media Publicity	100			
Public Location	100			
Public Information Table	100			
Formal Message to ARRL	100			
W1AW Message	100			
Site visited by elected official	100			
Safety Officer	100			
Social Media	100			
Entry Submitted via Web	50			
Total Bonus Points	1,050			
Total Points for 2021 Field Day	2,240			

I would like to thank EVERYONE who assisted in a very successful Field Day Event. It was nice being in an environment where we can be comfortable as well.

I would also like to ensure that the Salvation Army folks get some sort of thank you. Who can I reach out to - ie a thank you card.

Many hands make light work it is said... Well done SEMARC!!!

David S Blume, KDØIRF



This video might be interesting to some members. It explains SWR, we used to show it when I was teaching Electronics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DovunOxIY1k&t=0s>

Paul Lauritsen, N2VZV

Recently, using SEMARCs gargantuan slingshot, Joe & Dick helped Ryc put up an antenna.

Note to Joe from Ryc - Cord broke off up in the tree. Too close to a squirrel nest I think.

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August has a lot going for it: The Maryland-DC and Hawaii QSO parties; Kentucky state parks on the air; the Norwegian Radio Relay League 10-meter activity contest; Flight of the Bumblebees QRP event; and the QCX challenge, another QRP gathering. For QRP, gather up your rig and go to a favorite local park, have some fun and, hopefully, get a chance to share ham radio with others.

I'm pointing to a few of events: QSO parties; the K1USN slow speed tests; the WW SSB Activity Contest; and the weekly Phone Fray. The Hawaii QSO party includes digital modes for those who are interested. Need HI for digital WAS? Here's your chance. K1USN for all CW skill levels, a couple of times a week.... good for the SEMARC Wednesday night CW group. Weekly Phone Fray on Tuesday evenings, SSB only, 100 watts max output, great for all us regular folks. But most interesting for me is the WW SSB Activity Contest. It's organized by a group of young amateurs, with operating classes for YL's, Youth YL's, Youth and OM's. Scoring favors the young; us OM's get only a single point per contact. But it's organized by the young ops and I hope to have some fun chasing QSOs with them, and encouraging them in their radio pursuits.

We are all busy but scheduling time at the radio ensures we keep our skills sharp and our interest in the hobby strong. So, look forward pick some radio events of interest to you, put them on your calendar and fire up your rigs... you may end up in an interesting ragchew with another ham.

Brian NØBM

Be the first! (well, 2nd) to get your official SEMARC shoes

(Thank you Dan)



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](#) - 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

[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 Wednesdays - 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

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Doing a little portable work at Goose Island County Park, La Crosse, WI.
Biting flies and no insect repellent made this a very short session.
Dave Larson, KEØHAL

An outdoors portable operating event was held on Saturday, July 31 at Cottage Grove Fire Station 3. This was a trial run to get us ready for the POTA Special Event to be held near Hastings on September 11.



Dick Roberts NØUC and Joe Heitzinger KCØOIO



Dave Blume KDØIRF



Chuck Hanson KFØGFK and Gary Esler WKØX



Dave Larson KEØHAL

KENWOOD 570D G PLUS FILTERS FOR SALE

Very lightly used and well cared for rig, including factory mike, manual, power cord, extra fuse, and two highly sought after International Radio Corp. crystal filters (never used and still in the boxes).

Purchased from another SEMARC member 4 years ago who seldom used this radio.

\$500 including the extra filters. Rig only \$350. INRAD Filters only \$150 for both.

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