The **SEMARC** Reminder

For February, 2018

Some SEMARC operating and other highlights for the month of February, 2018, ...intended to remind new..... and established members of club activities and events for the month.

On-air activities

The club maintains two repeaters, one at 146.985 (standard offset, no tone) and 147.18 (standard offset, 74.4 tone). On Wednesday evenings, NOFKC kicks of the activity with an informal CW net at 7PM local on 28.110....at 8PM local, following which is the club net for all club members....and, if the planets are aligned, an FL-Digi practice digital net ends the evening's activities. Turn on your radios, listen and join in on the activity.

John, KAOHYR has released the on-air ARES training and ops nets calendar for 2018. The net meets on 146.985 (no offset). The February session is scheduled for the 21st and begins at 6:30 local. NCS will be Brad, WD9GNJ and the subject matter includes a discussion of incident command, including ICS, NIMS, call-out procedures, etc. It promises to be an informative session, so put it on your calendars. As always, check the Washington County ARES website for an updated schedule of activities.

Meetings and other such.....

<u>Regular meeting schedules resume in February,</u> with the Board meeting on Tuesday the 13th and the membership meeting on Tuesday the 27th...any member is welcome to attend the Board meeting.....

<u>VE exams have resumed for 2018 and the team</u> swings back into action on February 17th, so spread the word....

<u>Club breakfast</u> on February 17th, too, at the North Pole, east 61 frontage road, just south of intersection with 1-494.... join the group for an eyeball QSO and a good breakfast....7:30 AM <u>Annual meeting and</u> banquet was a success and great fun...

This version of the Reminder goes to press at the end of a busy weekend, including the St. Cloud hamfest, The St. Paul ARC auction and the CQ 160-meter CW contest. To ensure that we all get on the air and have some fun...a few scheduled activities for February: 2/3 MN QSO Party; 2/18 ARRL DX contest, CW; 2/24 CQ 160-meter contest, SSB.

Two activities that merit your participation: show your support for youth outreach and our SPARK effort by operating in the ARRL annual school club roundup from 2/13 to 2/17. Also, support the Ice Station W0JH special event by SARA, scheduled for 2/17-2/19 on Lake Elmo. Maybe the certificate of participation for Ice Station W0JH will be as nice as those for the last 2 SEMARC special events. :>)