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BOARD MEETING APRIL 12TH

Our next board meeting for 2011 will be on Tuesday April 12, 2011. Final plans for website renewal will be discussed. Last chance to add a second special event in early summer will be discussed also. Field day planning will start with final selection of the site.

MEMBER MEETING ON APRIL 26TH

Our next member meeting for 2011 will be on Tuesday April 26, 2011.

The program will feature Jim Richardson speaking on “Severe Weather and the Importance of Ham Radio”

The program will include such important topics as a brief history of the Twin Cities weather office and the genesis of Skywarn, why spotters and amateur radio is important, and some of technical details of the communications plan. We will also review some of the weather events of the last three years.

Jim Richardson has 30 years weather forecast and warning experience in Minnesota. He been employed by the National Weather Service in the Twin Cities since August, 1979. Prior to joining the NWS, Jim worked for a year at the State Climatology Office, and at KSTP TV and radio.

Jim received a B.S. degree in Physics from the University of Minnesota in 1975 and also attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has worked with the NWS Skywarn program for many years. His ham radio call sign is WMØX and has been licensed since 1968.

This is especially timely as our Skywarn training session is on the following Saturday. If you want to attend the Skywarn Class on April 30th, please contact Denny Ackerman to arrange for a reservation.

Pete’s Corner

“When in doubt, QRO.”

-- Clinton Herbert AB7RG

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MAY PROGRAM PREVIEW

The May program will be on “Logbook of the World” presented to us by John Dean, KØJDD. This program will be very interesting to those of us that have not signed up for and do not use it. More later in the May newsletter.

FIELD DAY IN COTTAGE GROVE

Our field day this year will tentatively be held at fire station number 2 as it was several years ago. We like to do this every few years for visibility purposes to allow the fire department to see our field operations in action.

The dates are June 25-26. The rules for field day are posted at the ARRL webpages. Our chairman this year will be Gary Esler, WKØX. More later as the date approaches.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2011

Please get your 2011 renewals in soon as we want to issue new ID cards and we do this infrequently. Don’t miss out. Use the form provided or ask for one at a meeting.

SEMARC PARICIPATES IN ARES

Contact John Reagan, KAØHYR, our Washington County Emergency coordinator if you have an interest in public service and emergency communications. Email him at jeregan@mm.com for information.

Don’t forget our nets at 8:00 pm each Wednesday on the 146.985 repeater and the first Sunday and the fifteenth of each month on the 147.180 repeater. Complete information at www.mnwashcoares.org

The flood situation pressure is off a little with the rather gentle melt and little rain but stay tuned. Some flooding is still expected in the Red River Valley but no outside help will be needed. John is planning a recon relay this spring to exercise the communications skills and equipment so watch the website for details.

WEBSITE SUGGESTIONS

Contact Dick, NØUC with your suggestions for the new and updated SEMARC website.

SEMARC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have some material for the newsletter you should contact Skip before the first of the month. Please call him at 651-260-4330 to offer suggestions or to add content.



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Want ads

Excellent Heathkit Items:

- SB-220 2K Power Amp - \$500.00 (-)
- SB-610 Station Monitor - \$100.00 (-)

Contact Ron Walkinshaw, KØRJW
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SEMARC Planning Calendar

- Apr 12 (T) - Board Meeting
- Apr 16 (S) - VE Session
- Apr 26 (T) - Member Meeting
- Apr 30 (S) - Skywarn Class (register)
- May 7 (S) - Arrowhead Hamfest
- May 10 (T) - Board Meeting
- May 31 (T) - Member Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. This month that is April 16th. Exams are held at 9:00 am at Cottage Grove Fire Station Number 2. Call 651-769-0358 for information, to register or to arrange for special needs. Information is posted on the webpages also.

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