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ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 10TH

Don't miss the annual meeting and dinner at the OCB in Woodbury. A great event is planned and we have some nice prizes.

We will open the official ballot envelopes and look at the year 2011 in review and look forward to a great 2012. New officers will be installed and we will learn the new secret password and handshake.

Bring a guest and pay for dinner at the door and come to the private room in the back at 6:00 pm or later.

BOARD MEET ON FEBRUARY 14TH

The next official meeting is the board meeting on February 14th. All are welcome to attend. Regular time, 7:00 pm at fire station number 2.

MEMBERSHIP STATS FOR 2012

We finished 2011 with 44 members total. Not a record by any means but a nice number overall. If you are reading this newsletter and like what you see here, please join us as a member in 2012. We promise to have a good time and have some great programs.

YEAR END REPORT BY THE PREZ

Once again SEMARC kept a busy schedule through the year with fun activities and great program presentations. Dan Franz, WDØGUP, kicked off the year in Jan. with a Fox Hunt and chili feed.

Through the year we had several informative programs at our club meetings: Dick Roberts, NØUC, presentation on Baluns; John Dean, KØJDD, talk on LoTW; Jim Richardson speaking about Severe Weather and Ham Radio; Greg Widin, KØGW, updating us on the ARRL, Tim Burd, WD9IGX, speaking on Phase Locked Loops are just a few that come to mind.

Mother Nature was not able to dampen our spirits at the Strawberry Fest even

Pete's Corner

"When in doubt, QRO." -- Clinton Herbert AB7RG

Pete - NØFKC

Happy New Year!

though the field was flooded. Dan Franz still splashed through the water and set up his radio and made several contacts.

When SEMARC found their website down Dick Roberts took up the challenge with Skip Jackson, KSØJ, and designed a fantastic new website. When June rolled in Gary Esler, WKØX got us organized for another great Field Day at Fire Station 2. Dan Franz stepped up to the plate in the fall to take charge of the Boy Scout's JOTA. One of our best highlights of the year was the awarding of The Dave Harrell Memorial Scholarship to Caleb Boe, KDØOZK.

Club members also participated in ARES activities with John Regan, KAØHYR, leading the way. Denny Ackerman, KBØOOO, represented SEMARC by taking charge of the VE testing at Fire Station 2.

SEMARC continues to grow and flourish because of the involvement of its members. Here is to a great 2012 in SEMARC. Cheers!!!! Steve Howard, ABØXE

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2011-2012 scholarship committee work has been completed and the packages have been delivered to schools.

SEMARC PARTICIPATES IN ARES

Go to the ARES website for information. Website is: www.mnwashcoares.org. Contact John KAØHYR at 651-491-6611.

VE SESSION RESULTS FOR 2011

For the year 2011, we had 39 applicants earn 15 techs, 12 generals and 7 extras. That is 3.5 applicants per session. Thanks to all the VE's that made this happen.

MESSAGE FROM SEMARC BOARD

Happy New Year and you should try to get into the peak of the sunspots that may be this year or next. Propagation this good is hard to pass up. If you are not doing HF because of license or equipment, just ask for help.

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.



The Vikings Insist on a Roof.

WANT ADS

Beautiful old wooden toboggan - 7 foot & pad \$100.00 - Call Skip (does not come with snow)

SEMARC Planning Calendar

- Jan 10 (T) - Annual Meeting & Dinner
- Jan 21 (S) - First VE Session for 2012
- NO REGULAR MEETING IN JANUARY**
- Feb 14 (T) - Board Meeting
- Feb 18 (S) - VE Session
- Feb 28 (T) - Member meeting
- Mar 13 (T) - Board Meeting

SEMARC VE Sessions

VE exam sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. This month the session is January 21. 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. No testing in December.

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