

Hello members,

December 8, 2023

DARC Dues:

DARC Dues for 2024 will be due at the start of the new year. They're still inexpensive at \$20.00 per year. Please mail the attached DARC Application to Jerry KF0AUV. The address is on the application and is on the website. If you can afford to give an extra amount that would be appreciated.

Next DARC Meeting:

The next DARC Meeting is coming up on Saturday 1/20/2024 at 3:00 PM on the air in the DARC Room 2 40012. It's also available for D-Star users on the FCS 004-29. You can also get there on the Echolink under NØBJN-L Node 925804.

Future meetings and get togethers:

We've held our virtual meetings on Saturday afternoons at 3pm on the radio for the past few years. If anyone wants to suggest a different time that might work better for all, please send an email or an old fashioned letter.

We hope to have a few in person meetings for just get togethers in 2024. So far we've held them at Jill's Café in Richmond. That is not ideal for all so perhaps a meeting in St. Cloud would make sense in the future, or even somewhere closer to the Cities. I welcome suggestions.

Updated Bylaws:

Last year Rick, NØBJN, mentioned that he hoped to work on updating the By Laws. I hope to correct the discrepancies in the versions of the by laws that are out there.

Accomplishments:

Last December there was a break-in at the Paynesville site. None of our equipment was damaged but for safety sake some of it was taken offline. Peter, KDOILS, and Shannon, NOANC, worked on security improvements and eventually all 3 repeaters on site were back in business.

On Sept. 15th 2023 a new antenna was installed at the Becker site for the 443.475 repeater. Dave KG0CV took some videos that are available on the DARC website.

<https://the-darc-room.com/becker-443-475-antenna-installation.htm>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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