



SVARA Harmonic

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always looking for ideas for meeting presentations. If you have an idea for a presentation or would like to do a presentation after one of our meetings, please contact Mike KD8MMH or any of the board members with your idea.

- **SVARA MONDAY NIGHT 2 METER NET**

Every Monday at 9:00 PM local time, on the Saginaw repeater – K8DAC 147.24, with a 103.5 PL tone or via EchoLink at K8DAC-R. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

SVARA club meetings will be held at Harry Brown Airport or on FreeConferenceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

All dates are Saturdays. January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

Board Meeting Dates (at Bigby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July N/A, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ARES Members:

Ares members please visit the Ares website http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares_training.htm for training schedule information. Ares training are held the fourth Thursday of the month.

Weekly Nets, Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

District 3 Net

145.310
Sunday 6:30 PM

SVARA (Saginaw)

147.240
Monday 9:00 PM

MARC (Midland)

147.000
Thursday 7:30 PM

TCARA (Tuscola)

146.66 MHz
Monday 7:30 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.360 MHz
Wednesday 8:00 PM

MI Digital Traffic Net

3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

SVARA Meeting 1/6/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Jeff Burghgraef KC6CJY
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Dave Schneider N8ERL
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Brian Kleinfled K8HY
Dave Paquette W8DW – Online
Mary Paquette WB8LZA - Online

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for December, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second by Tom N8EUI, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for December – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Mike KD8MMH, motion carried by all.

Announcements

There will be a Board meeting on January 18 at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd to elect a board chair, repeater committee and club call trustee, all are welcome to attend

Next club breakfast will be on Saturday at Sullivan's on Gratiot at 8:30 am

Swap Meet Report

Ron reported that the Traverse City swap meet will be on February 11, Cadillac's will be on May 6 at a new location of Mackinaw Trails Middle School. Information can be found at <https://www.wexaukeearc.org/>

Contest Report

Tom N8EUI gave a report on upcoming contests

Ron KC8YVF reported on Winter Field Day

- Will take place at Harry Browne Airport
- Setup will begin at 10 am on Saturday January 28
- Contests will begin at 2 pm.
- Dinner will be on your own cost, probably from Taco Bell
- Well run to about 10 pm Saturday and then return on Sunday at 9 am
- Tear down will be at noon

Ron KC8YVF made a motion to spend up to \$50 for donuts and hot chocolate for the weekend, seconded by Brian K8HY, motion carried by all. Mike KD8MMH will take of the donuts and HC.

Mike KC8MMH reported on the Midland Club meeting.

- January's meeting was their annual Christmas dinner, held this year at the Red Oak Restaurant in Sanford. They had a very good turnout

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Training for 2023 has been set which will include county radio operation, Net Control, Trailer training, 911 training, FLDIGI, Winlink and Skywarn

- Midland is having an in person Skywarn training on March 2, location to be determined. Other trainings can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/dtx/skywarn>

- Midland and Pinconning now have DMR repeaters installed by the Central Michigan Emergency Network. Midland is on the same frequency as MTC (Mount Clemens) and Pinconning is on the same frequency at Byron Center (BYN)

The Bay City DMR is on the same frequency as Grass Lake.

New business

The club's annual auction that usually takes place in February has been scheduled for Saturday September 16 at noon at Harry Browne Airport. This move to a Saturday in the summer was very popular in 2022, so it was decided to continue it this year.

Gordy KC8YVD made a comment that the new FCC regulations to have your site RF calculations are due. This was an update by the ARRL last year. The RF calculator can be found on the main page of the club's website.

Tom N8EUI stated that club dues are due by the March meeting. The \$12 fee for everyone is still in effect.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Dave N8ERL, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Secretary

SVARA Board Meeting 1/18/2023

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

Ron Huss KC8YVF

Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Rick Schattilly KC8VOA

Renee, KE8MYJ

Mike Linton, N8XPS

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm

First on the agenda was the election of a board chairman. After discussion, Mike KD8MMH agreed to the position, motion was carried by all.

Second, Repeater Committee appointees:

- Dave W8DW (Trustee)
- Ron KC8YVF
- Brian K8HY
- Jeff KB8SWR
- Rick KC8VOA
- Mike KD8MMH – President
- Tom N8EUI
- Renee KE8MYJ

Next on the agenda was the appointee for Club Call Trustee, Dave W8DW will serve as trustee for one more year.

General Discussion

Ron stated that he would do a presentation at the February meeting on the club's 147.24 repeater

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

2023 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Board Member – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Board Member – Mary Paquette WB8LZA
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