



# 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 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

**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 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

**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 17, February 14, March 13, April 17, May 15, June 19, July N/A, August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, December 18.

**ARES Members:**

ARES members please visit the ARES website [http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares\\_training.htm](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

TBA

**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 1/5/2024**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:04 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Greg Smith KE8WXJ  
Raul Costoya KE8LYV  
Bob Weidenmiller N8KPR  
Dave Paquette W8DW – online  
Mary Paquette WB8LZA – online  
Wendy K8WSR – online

### **Introductions**

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for December, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, seconded by Greg KE8WXJ. 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 Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie was not present. Traverse City in February, check the clubs website for more information.

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW reported RITTY contest, CW/SSB North American QSO party, Winter Field Day for January.

### **Announcements**

ARES/Club breakfast Saturday 1/6 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot  
Board Meeting will be held on January 17 at 7 pm at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd.

### **Old business:**

Winter Field day is coming the last weekend in January, so make your plans for the event.

The club is looking for members to do presentations. Let Mike KD8MMH know if you want to present something to the club.

### **New business:**

The Midland, Bay City and Saginaw clubs are looking into linking the 3 repeaters to allow more contacts to be made and having a better chance of hearing someone on the air.

The District 3 ARPSC net is no longer on Sunday evening at 6:30. The net will be replaced with a once a month net yet to be scheduled.

2024 Club dues are due by the March meeting, so get you money in to Tom N8EUI. The dues will remain at \$12 for the remainder of 2024.

There is a new net on Sunday evenings at 7 pm. This is the **Mid-Michigan Net** and is open to all radio amateurs. It will take place on the Saginaw 147.240 MHz repeater (103.5 PL) and last about an hour.

There is also a new **Digital Training Net** that will take place at 8 pm on Sunday's for the next 6-8 weeks on 10 meters. It will be on 28.085 USB, 1500K sweet spot using Olivia 8-500. This net will utilize Fldigi for the software and it is a free download.

### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- AUXCOMM cards are in - so pick yours up if you applied
- Next ARES meeting will be January 25
- MS Walks dates are posted on the club website.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm, motion by Gordy KD8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

### **SVARA Board Meeting January 17, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

Called to order at 7:10 pm by Mike KD8MMH

#### **Attendance:**

Mike KD8MMH  
 Brian K8HY  
 Tom N8EUI  
 Ron KC8YVF  
 Renee K8MYJ  
 Mary WB8LZA  
 Rick KC8VOA  
 Dave K8DW

#### **Board Chairman for 2024:**

The board selected Mike KD8MMH as board president for 2024

#### **Repeater Trustee Appointment for 2024:**

Dave W8DW will continue as trustee for the club calls and repeaters for 2024

#### **Repeater Committee Appointees for 2024:**

1 Ron KC8YVF  
2 Mike KD8MMH  
3 Dave W8DW  
4 Rick KC8VOA  
5 Jeff KB8SWR  
6 Brian K8HY

#### **Trailer Committee Appointees for 2024:**

1 Rick KC8VOA  
2 Ron KC8YVF

3 Mike KD8MMH  
4 Rob KC8IJN  
5 Fred KE8QCO  
6 Brian K8HY

**Webmaster:**

Ron KC8YVF will continue as Webmaster for the club and ARES websites for 2024

**Other Business:**

2024 dues will remain at \$12 for the next year

Each officer will fill out a list of their duties and responsibilities for posting to the club records.

Also the Webmaster will complete a list of their duties and responsibilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

## 2024 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  
**Board Member** – Renee' Paquette KE8MYJ

## 2024 SVARA Appointments

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Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY  
Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA  
Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR  
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Renee Paquette, KE8MYJ

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