



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 FreeConferanceCall.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 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 2/2/2024

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:10 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Dave Paquette W8DW - online
Mike Linton N8XPS
Renee Paquette KE8MYJ
Randy Mey KE8AHW
Jim Long W8AGW
Jenny Rogers
Lee-Perry Belleau

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for January, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, seconded by Tom N8EUI. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for January – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Ron KC8YVF. 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 on up-coming swaps in February

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 2/3 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot
There will be no board meeting in February.

Old business:

2024 Club dues are due by the March meeting, so get your 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.

New business:

Mike talked about an online line Cub Membership Dues pay system called HamClub Online. Midland might look at this type of system because their members can pay at different times. Offers multiple club

management tools.

June 15 if the Midland Swap at the Salvation Army building

Ron will look for a different Fox Hunt location for the June ARES event. Suggestions were the Freeland Park off old Saginaw Road, and a new park Gratiot near River in Thomas Township.

Mike reported we had three new membership applications from John Long W8AGW, Lee-Perry Belleau and Jenny Rogers. Motion to accept by Gordy KD8YVD and seconded by Mike N8XPS. Motion carried by all.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- AUXCOMM cards need to be picked up
- Next ARES meeting will be February 22 - fldigi, flmsg, flamp
- MS Walks dates are posted on the club website.

Ron KC8YVF did a presentation on the club's website K8DAC

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm, motion by Gordy KD8YVD, seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
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