



# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are still 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. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

**Club Meeting Time and Place:**

American Red Cross 1232 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw

1<sup>ST</sup> Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. Changes are posted to the club website.

**Club Meeting Dates:**

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

**Club Breakfast Dates (Ihop on Tittabawasee Rd.):**

A club breakfast is held monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Ihop

All dates are Saturdays January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Meeting date may change based on room availability. Changes in meeting dates are posted on the club website.

All dates are Thursday: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

**ARES Members:**

Ares training for March will be Skywarn Net practices and exercise. Visit the Ares website for more information. Ares training for April is TBD.

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

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| <b>District 3 Net</b><br>145.310<br>Sunday 6:00 PM  | <b>SVARA (Saginaw)</b><br>147.240<br>Monday 9:00 PM   | <b>MARC (Midland)</b><br>147.000<br>Thursday 9:00 PM  |
| <b>D3 Digital Training Net</b><br><b>(Olivia 8/500) Seasonal</b><br>3.586 MHz USB<br>Sunday 8:00 PM | <b>BAARC (Bay City)</b><br>145.310<br>Tuesday 9:00 PM | <b>MI Digital Traffic Net</b><br><b>(Olivia 8/500)</b><br>3.583 MHz USB<br>Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM |

## **Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for February 2,2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mike N8XPS, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 12 members and 7 guests present.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Dave W8DW. The motion passed.

Due to paperwork delays from the bank the treasurer's report was not available.

Mike N8XPS, mentioned upcoming ham swaps.

Dave W8DW, mentioned a lot of upcoming contests.

Ron KC8YVF, discussed the Winter Field Day event. Things went well with setup and operation. The weather was quite warm compared to previous years. Those who participated had an enjoyable experience.

The MS walk in Frankenmuth will be headed up by Ron KC8YVF, this year. If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Ron KC8YVF, or Mike N8XPS. A sign-up sheet will also be passed around later.

Ron KC8YVF, made a motion to grant lifetime memberships to Jeff KB8SWR, Fred W8FSM, Randy N8VDS, and Tom N8ICS, for their work on the grant project. The motion was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

Two membership applications came up for vote. Ron KC8YVF, made a motion for the first application Richard WW8W, and was seconded by Tom N8EUI. Dave W8DW, made a motion for the second application Ryan KB8RCR, and was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Both applications were in order and both members were accepted.

Lee KC8ITI, one of our guests from the Midland club, mentioned a training class they were holding for the extra class license with a license exam to be held after the class completion.

Mike KD8MMH, thanked Randy KE8AHW, for volunteering as a net control operator.

Randy KE8AHW, made a motion create a commemorative thank you plaque or certificate for Emmett NE8B. the motion was seconded by Gordy KC8VYD, and passed.

Jon KC8USU, one of our guests from the Bay City club, asked if they could be included in announcements about upcoming activities. They would like to join more of our activities but need more notice for upcoming events.

After regular business we proceeded with the club auction. Official totals are not yet available however, it looks like the club did very well this year.

After the auction concluded the motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mary WB8LZA.

## **Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for February 15, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mike KD8MMH, with Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Tom N8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike K8AVJ, present.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Mary WB8LZA. The motion passed.

### **President's Report**

The president had additional paperwork for the treasurer.

### **Vice President's Report**

The Vice President was not present.

### **Secretary's Report**

The secretary updated the board on the progress of certificates to be awarded.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer was not present.

### **General Discussion**

The upcoming MS walk in Frankenmuth was discussed. Field day planning was briefly discussed. A plan for work on the Red Cross radio room was discussed. Membership renewals were discussed. Dave W8DW, will be sending reminder postcards to members.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Elias K8AVJ  
Secretary

## ARRL News

### 2017 ARES Annual Report

The 2017 ARES Annual Report is now available [online](#). Last year showed a continued trend in improved reporting with 87% of ARRL Sections submitting at least one report during the calendar year. There were a few changes to reporting last year. First, new forms were used. ARRL Field Service staff standardized the current field organization forms to make back end processing easier. Second, severe weather and SKYWARN activations were put into their own category. And third, the value of a volunteer hour was updated; the new value of a volunteer hour is \$24.14.

### ARRL Delta Division Sections Ink Major Mutual Assistance Agreement

Like other parts of the US, the south-central region is subject to large scale disaster events. The New Madrid Seismic Zone or New Madrid *Fault* Line, an origin of major earthquakes, runs in the southern and Midwestern portions of the country, from New Madrid, Missouri. The region also suffers from notorious multistate-tracking tornadoes, and major hurricanes.

ARRL Field Organization officials of the Sections of the Delta Division - Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee - recognize that amateurs in an impacted area often cannot activate and/or deploy for emergency/disaster relief operations owing to their priorities of meeting the immediate needs of family and protection of property. Thus, to meet the communications needs of served agency responders in the disaster area, trained radio operators must come in from the outside, from the unaffected areas. That is the premise of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) effected by the four Sections of the Delta Division as signatories.

The document was prepared to establish a framework for cooperation among the sister Sections: during natural and man-made disaster incidents, in order to mitigate the potential problem of lack of local amateur operators available for duty for the reasons cited above, operators from the other non-impacted sections can be recruited and deployed to the affected section. The Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee Sections agreed through approval of their respective Section Managers (SMs) that the SM of the Section that is anticipated to be the first and most impacted by the disaster will be titled the *SM Coordinator* for the incident.

The *SM Coordinator* may request that the *Delta ARES Emergency Net* manager organize and activate the HF emergency/tactical phone net. Once the Net is activated, only the *SM Coordinator/Communications Group Leader* can order it to stand down with the understanding and agreement of the other three Section Managers. The Delta ARES Emergency Net Manager informs ARRL Headquarters of the emergency/tactical net's activation.

Under the agreement, in the event that the *SM Coordinator* becomes unavailable to serve, the applicable Section Emergency Coordinator or other person designated by the *SM Coordinator* will assume the coordination role. If incident-related traffic becomes heavy in a sister section, the *SM Coordinator* may request that an HF phone net in that section also be activated to handle the overload with appropriate liaison between the nets.

Under the new MoU, deployment of teams or individual volunteers will be strictly controlled by the Delta Division Section Managers or Section Emergency Coordinators. The *SM Coordinator* will engage traffic net managers for coordination and handling of potential Health and Welfare (H/W) traffic, and to ensure that a liaison will monitor the main Emergency/Tactical Net to move H/W traffic off frequency for handling as indicated. The *SM Coordinator* may declare a moratorium on inbound H/W traffic contingent upon capability to deliver messages in a timely manner to the addresses in the impacted area. When conditions improve such that messages can be delivered, the moratorium can be lifted.

Decisions made by the *SM Coordinator* will be made in consultation with the sister Section Managers. It is the responsibility of the SMs of the lesser impacted Sections to work with their SECs and STMs to coordinate and render assistance as needed. The MoU was signed into effect last August.

[The new Delta Division Sections' MoU is a great example of the implementation of the ARRL Mutual Assistance Team (ARESMT) concept, which recognizes that a neighboring section's ARES resources can be quickly overwhelmed in a large-scale disaster. ARES members in the affected areas may be preoccupied with management of their own personal situations and therefore not be able to respond in local ARES operations. Accordingly, communications support must come from ARES personnel outside the affected areas. This is when help may be requested from neighboring sections' ARESMT teams. For more information on ARESMT protocols, download the *ARES Field Resources Manual* [here](#). - Ed.]

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have, and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.

### 2018 SVARA Officers

|                       |                      |                     |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>President</b>      | Mike Linton N8XPS    | <b>Board Member</b> | Mary Paquette WB8LZA |
|                       |                      | Term expires 2018   |                      |
| <b>Vice-President</b> | Brian Kleinfeld K8HY |                     |                      |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | Mike Elias K8AVJ     | <b>Board Member</b> | Doris Miles KD8MMG   |
|                       |                      | Term expires 2019   |                      |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | Anne Elias KB8AWE    | <b>Board Member</b> | Tom Schmidt N8EUI    |
|                       |                      | Term expires 2020   |                      |

### 2018 SVARA Appointments

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#### Repeater Committee

Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
 Dave Paquette, W8DW (Trustee)  
 Brian Kleinfeld. K8HY  
 Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

#### SVARA Elmers

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