



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 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 3/1/2024

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:04 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
Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Renee Paquette KE8MYJ
Randy Mey KE8AHW
Jim Long W8AGW
Lee-Perry Belleau - Online
Dave Schneider N8ERL
Rick Schattally KC8VOA
Greg Smith KE8WXJ

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for February, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, seconded by Jim W8AGW. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for January – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie was not present. Michigan Crossroads, Cadillac Swap, Midland Swap June 15 at the Salvation Army building.

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming swaps in March – International DX contest on 3/3-3/4, QSO parties.

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 3/2 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot

There will be a board meeting on March 13 at 7 pm to discuss Tom's findings for club insurance.

Old business:

Mike KD8MMH talked about the new equipment purchased for the Saginaw 147.24 repeater. Includes a new POE switch and network cables purchased by Jeff KB8SWR.

Mike KD8MMH, Ron KC8YVF, Rick KC8VOA and Tom N8EUI talked about the repeater updates that were performed on February 10. Upgraded included a new network rack among others. Information can be found on the K8DAC website.

New business:

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to have Tom N8EUI check into new insurance for the club and report back to the board, Seconded by Renee KE8MYJ.

Field Day 2024 – Dave, Mike, Ron and Tom will co-chair the event like last year.

Clayton KE8CB suggested to use the Carrolton Township Hall for club meetings. After discussion, the club elected to continue using the conference room at Harry Browne Airport for club meetings. The airport is a county partner and offers Wifi, a large screen TV for presentations, a kitchen for different club events and other amenities that suit the club needs. The backup location would be the conference room at Covenant Anderson as used before the Pandemic.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to reimburse Ron KC8YVF for food purchased for the work repeater work crew, seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Mike KD8MMH and Ron KC8YVF were reimbursed by the club for expenditures from the repeater work on February 10.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be March 28 – Will cover 72 hours kits
- MS Walks dates are posted on the club website.
- Skywarn training will be on March 21

Presentation

Ron KC8YVF, Tom N8EUI and Mike KD8MMH did a presentation on HamClock and Geochron ham clock and utilities.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Jim W8AGW. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

SVARA Board Meeting March 13, 2024

Called to order at 7:05 pm by Mike KD8MMH

Attendance:

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

Topic of Discussion: Club Insurance.

The old insurance company Mercer is no longer offering insurance to Ham Radio Clubs and has suggested using the new insurance company Philadelphia.

Insurance for 2023 was \$407.07 through Mercer.

The Philadelphia insurance company did not answer Tom's request for a quote. They required additional information before one could be provided.

ARRL insurance would provide the same coverage as Mercer for a cost of \$300. This is just for liability and not for equipment (same as Mercer).

Equipment coverage through the ARRL would be \$1.40 per \$100 worth of equipment.

The board accepted a motion from Rick KC8VOA and seconded by Mike KD8MMH to move ahead with the insurance from the ARRL.

Tom N8EUI will check to see if the Medical coverage can be increased from \$10,000 to a higher amount.

Tom will also check on equipment coverage and if that can also cover the club trailer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

2024 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
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Digital Modes

Winlink

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