

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Next training is on April 24 at 7pm at the Harry Brown Airport.
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

- **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.

New Meeting Time

Please note that the time of the regular SVARA club meetings has changed. The meetings will still be at the Red Cross on Michigan south of Covenant Hospital in Saginaw the first Friday of the month but the starting time will be 7:00 PM. We hope this new time fits into your schedule and that you can attend.

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
March 7, 2014

Mike KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm with 25 members and guests present. Mike KD8MMH then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Clinton W8ERK made a motion and John KC8WZM seconded to accept the minutes as published within the current Harmonic newsletter. Motion Passed.

The Treasure's Report was presented by Duane KD8AU, Emmet NE8B made a motion and Dave W8DW seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Minnie KD8PAZ updated the club on the upcoming swaps.

Again there was discussion of forming a club trailer maintenance committee, a sign-up sheet passed around.

Emmet NE8B announced that the Frankenmuth MS walk will be on May 10, 2014 starting at 8:00 AM at the Kern Pavilion.

Echolink was talked about and Duane KD8AUY said he would host it at his QTH.

Ron KC8YVF said that he has started to update the roster on the web page.

Birch Run Emergency Prep Expo is April 19, 2014. See Mike to sign-up.

The membership agreed to participate in Care Breaks for 2014 a sign up sheet will be passed around at a future meeting.

Lions Club ticket sales returns due at the April Meeting.

Mike KD8MMH and Dave W8DW picked up a donated Drake receiver since the last meeting.

Field Day 2014 was discussed and a suggestion was made to have club membership forms available at the event and also at the Emergency Expo.

Dave W8DW talked about the April 12 Michigan QSO Party.

Mike KD8MMH again discussed moving the meeting time from the present time of 8:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A motion was made and seconded to move the time. Motion passed.

Dave N8ERL announced that the Tuskegee Airman "RISE ABOVE" Traveling Exhibit and the beautiful P-51C Mustang in Saginaw, Michigan at the Harry Browne Airport on Saturday, May 3, 2014. There will also a breakfast available at the airport with cost around \$7.50.

The 50/50 was won by Gordie KC8YVD.

Dave W8DW made a motion that was seconded by Mike KD8MMH to close the meeting. Motion was passed.

Meeting closed 9:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
March 19, 2014

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:32 with Dave W8DW, Tom N8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL, Mike N8XPS, Judy KC8BYI and Jeff KC8BDQ present.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter. Motion passed

Treasures Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Duane KC8AUY.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH discussed the Preparedness Expo. Mike KD8MMH asked if we want to purchase a weather radio as a give away at the Expo. A motion was made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Dave W8DW. Motion passed.

Mike discussed SVARA having a regular VE test session.

Vice President's Report: None.

Chairman's Report: Changing the club meeting starting time was discussed. Judy KC8BYI made a motion and Dave W8DW seconded it that a notice of the time change be published in the Harmonic for at least the next six months. Motion passed. Dave N8ERL made a motion to send an e-mail reminder on the Wednesday preceding the general club meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Care Break was discussed. The board decided to only do the Labor Day and Memorial Day care breaks and not do the July 4 break. Dave N8ERL made a motion and Dave W8DW seconded it go along with this plan.

The Board decided not to have a July 4 meeting due to the holiday. Dave N8ERN made a motion and Mike KD8MMH seconded it. Motion passed.

The sale of the Lions Club tickets was discussed.

Comments: Echolink progress was updated. We are waiting for the paper work to be completed to proceed. Hosting the Echolink outside the Red Cross was also discussed.

Technician class license training was discussed.

Dave W8DW volunteered to be this year's Field Day chairman.

Having a table at the Midland Swap was discussed.

Dave N8ERL made and Judy KC8BYI seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 8:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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