



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

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

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

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
Sunday 6:30 PM

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 5/5/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Renee Paquette KE8MYJ
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Dan Guiette KC8ZMM
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Dave Paquette W8DW
Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Mike Linton N8XPS
Randal Mey KE8AHW
Ric Sauer KD0RMK
Rick Schattally KC8VOA
Clayton Badgero KE8CB
Thomas Jensen

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for April, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second by Minnie KD8PAZ, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for February – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Dave W8DW, seconded by Mary WB8LZA. Motion carried by all.

Announcements

There will be no club breakfast for May, The Cadillac sway is that morning

There will be no Board meeting in May

Midland Search and Rescue exercise was postponed because of weather condition at the event location

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club
- May meeting had an IT security presentation,
- The school club will again do a balloon launch

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on the Midland swap, Dayton Hamvention and Newberry swap

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on the Michigan QSO party Mike KC8MMH reported on the Midland MS walk. The event went well with about 150 walkers
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Mike KD8MMH talked to the Kochville Township office on using the park for Field Day this year, it was approved by the supervisor but would be brought up at the next township board meeting.

Dave W8DW, Ron KC8YVF and Mike KC8MMH will co-chair again this year.

Dave W8DW reported on the issue at the Covenant Mackinaw receive site. The radio has issues and that site has been shut down until a replacement can be found. Dave replaced a power strip at the site and worked on a WiFi power switch that was damaged.

Dave W8DW reported that the repeater coordination for this year has been taken care of. All of SVARA's repeaters are up to date.

Dave N8ERL reported that the radio club has been grandfathered into using the conference room at Harry Browne Airport. There will be no fee for the club but other groups will have to schedule the room and pay a fee for its usage.

Rick KC8VOA reported that the trailer committee needs to meet to discuss what updates and maintenance needs to be done on the club trailer.

Clayton KE8CB would like to see a group created to do RFI testing.

Text your support for AM radio to AM52886

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- ARES training in May will be at the airport hanger on setup and use of the county trailer
- June will be a fox hunt
- Aug 1 is the Saginaw Township National Night Out event

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 9:02, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Huss KC8YVF

Secretary

2023 SVARA Officers

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Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

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Board Member – Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Board Member – Renee' Paquette KE8MYJ

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