



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 11/3/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:04 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Ron Huss KC8YVF
John Perkins KC8BWD
Dave Paquette W8DW

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for October, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second Fred KE8QCO, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for October, Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Ron KC8YVF, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie was not present. Mike KD8MMH reported on Troy and Livonia

Contest Report

Dave W8DW – ARRL November Sweeps CW and SSB, Europe RITTY, CQWW DX CW

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 11/4 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot
There will be no Board Meeting in November

Old business

Ron KC8YVF will purchase the new RTCM – Gordy KC8YVD made a motion and Rick KC8VOA seconded to spend up to \$400 on a backup RTCM - **The RTCM was ordered on 10/29/23 at \$305.95. The order was listed as "Processing" as of November 1.**

Rick KC8VOA will set up a trailer meeting the second week of October – **Had meeting on October 10, need to get with Rob to check out trailer.**

November 17 and 18 is the Saginaw Holiday in the Heart of the City. SVARA will again be at the Zoo on Friday night and Jim Wade is planning to come. We will also be at the Hoyt Library on Saturday morning.

New business

Ron KC8YVF stated that the clubs ARRL Affiliation page has been updated, corrected club officers, added additional club information, updated member numbers.

\$200 will be used for Jim Wade for gas. This year will be cash so he can use it at any gas station.

Rob KC8IJN will bring the club trailer to the zoo about 4:30 pm

Dinner after the zoo was discussed; Famous Dave's open only to 9 so that will not work. Outback is open

to 10 or later depending on business, Texas Roadhouse is open to 11 – Texas Roadhouse was selected at the destination for dinner on Friday.

Money will be given to Rob KC8IJN for gas for transporting the club trailer.

Mike KD8MMH stated Duane Vasold obituary was listed online, no funeral

Ron KC8YVF will look into Michigan Truck Spring checking out the club trailer suspension, frame and brakes.

QRZ page – Dave N8ERL has been taking care of the page, would like to have someone else take it over. Ron KC8YVF volunteered to do the page. Dave will make the arrangements.

December meeting Holliday pot luck will be on Friday December 1. Everyone bring a dish to pass. Meeting will start at 6 pm for dinner and meeting at 7 pm.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- SET review was done on October 26
- Next meeting will be on November 16, Will cover advanced Winlink capabilities
- AUXCOMM cards are in - so pick yours up if you applied
- SVARA/ARES award breakfast will be on December 2 at Sullivan's at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome so bring a spouse, guest, or fellow Ham.

2024 SVARA Nominations

Mike KD8MMH opened the floor for club officer nominations.

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

VP – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

Secretary – Ron Huss KC8YVF

Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Open Board – (Rick KC8VOA term expires) -

Renee Paquette KE8MYJ 2022-2024

Mary Paquette WB8LZA 2023-2025

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Secretary

2023 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Board Member – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Board Member – Mary Paquette WB8LZA
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Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR
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