

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Holiday Breakfast will be at the State Street Texan Restaurant on Dec. 17 at 9am.
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: December 2.

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: December 3

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: December 14.

FROM OUR MEMBERS:

VE Session

Just a reminder about the VE Session on Saturday Dec 3, 2011 at 10:30 AM at the Red Cross 1232 N. Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI . If you wish to test for new Tech License if not licensed or want to upgrade you present license this is your chance. We will be testing for all license grades Tech thru Extra. The cost is \$15.00 and doors will open at 10:00 with testing beginning at 10:30, no one will be admitted after testing begins. Bring 2 pieces of ID and a copy of your present license with, we will not be able to make copies at the session

CONTEST

There are a number of contest in the month of December but with the bands open and 10 meters as hot as it is the ARRL 10 meter contest should be a good one this year. During the CQWW contest I worked 31 countries including Japan and New Zealand with 100W into a dipole on 10 meters. This contest is both CW and Phone and starts at 0000Z Dec 10 and ends 2400Z Dec 11. This is a good chance for the Techs to use their 10 meter SSB privileges. All information can be found at <http://arrl.org> . If you need information on any of the other contest for the month of December just go to <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>. Hope to see you on the bands.

73's Dave W8DW

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
November 4, 2011

Judy KC8BYI opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, member's introductions, and opening remarks.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by John KC8WZM.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ made by Dave W8DW and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

Announcements:

Dave W8DW shared the unofficial Field Day scores for Midland and us. Most importantly we prevailed by 600 points.

Ares group to meet for a Christmas Breakfast. Dr. Conner will donate 200 feet of ½ inch hard-line we will express our gratitude. Ron KC8YVF said there would be a large exercise on April 18th simulating a whiteout disaster on the Zilwaukee Bridge.

The Red Cross is down-sizing in the area by letting go of city directors and may close the building in July. It was recommended to be on the look out for a new club station location and meeting site just in case. We will begin labeling our equipment in preparation for a possible move.

A Ham swap and foxhunt will be held tomorrow in Petoskey.

The board ordered the scrapers, clips, eraser tops, and adhere able toy tattoos for Santa grams.

Joe K8CQF made reservations for Jim Wades WB8SIW.

Lou W8LPV has written a solicitation letter to be sent out to local businesses early next year.

After stepping down as chair he can no longer offer the scholarship, yet prizes for the Christmas party/meeting will be available.

Upcoming events:

Club Breakfast tomorrow, Board Meeting Nov 16, Santa grams at the museum / zoo on Nov 18/19, Christmas party meeting Dec 2nd, Club Breakfast and Exam sessions will be held on Dec 3 rd, and board meeting on Dec 14th.

A nomination of officers was facilitated by Joe K8CQF the results were.

President	Judy Weirauch KC8BYI
Vice President	Robert Wright KC8IJN & Mike Dougherty KC8MMH
Secretary	Mike Linton N8XPS
Treasurer	Jeff Weirauch KC8BDQ
3 year member	Joe Schram KD8AFM
1 year member	Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Presentation made by Dave W8DW on contesting.

We now have a presence on facebook at "facebook.com/Saginaw valley ARA".

Ron KC8YVF is reprogramming radios from road commission and expecting laptops from MMR.

Joe N8CQF asked if fund raising was for general fund or special projects. He was referred to the letter written by Lou W8LPV. Then Judy KC8BYI asked about his health and his wife.

Lou W8LPV passed out handout for Gunsite the Yavapai Radio Club observance of the 140th birthday of the National Rifle Association.

Judy KC8BYI won \$21.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave N8ERL seconded by John KC8WZM with the meeting ending at 9:09.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
November 16, 2011

At 7:39 chairman Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order with Doris KD8MMG, Emmett W8EAB, Mike KC8MMH, Judy KC8BYI, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Mike N8XPS present.

Secretary's Report: Judy KC8BYI made a motion then seconded by Mike KC8MMH to accept the board meeting minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI brought the ice scrapers, chip clips, eraser tops, and ad hearable tattoos to be given away at the zoo and museum during the taking of Santa grams. Being under the weather she will be unable to attend the City Lights in Old Town or The Holidays heart in the City festivities Mike N8XPS to take over distribution.

We discussed the purchase of personalized license plate frames. Motion made by Emmett W8EAB seconded by Doris KC8MMG.

Duane KD8AUY reported he heard from Wayne W7KEH and Muriel KD6TVY Humbert.

Old Business: Remaining tower sections for Rosien Tower project were carried to the roof, stowed, and ready for spring. Sale of tower is pending.

New Business: Current Ham radio class will visit ARES training.

Motion to adjourn made by Emmett W8EAB seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ we were gone at 8:09.

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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