

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is the 28th of January at 7:00 pm.

(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.

Club Meeting Time (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

Club Breakfast Dates (at):

All dates are Saturdays: January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 8, November 4, December 3

Board Meeting Dates (at):

All dates are Wednesdays: January 13, February 17, March 16, April 13, May 18, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 12, November 16, December 14

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building

December 4, 2015

Mike KD8MMH opened the Christmas meeting at 7:20 with 29 members and guests present. He led with the Pledge of Allegiance, offered thanks to everyone who helped out in the past year, we then introduced ourselves.

Secretary's Report: John KC8WZM made and Lou W8LPV seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented within the Harmonic newsletter.

Joe KD8AFM made and Lou W8LPV seconded the motion to accept the Treasure's Report as presented by Duane KC8AUY.

Mike KD8MMH offered the swap report that included Hazel Park in January, since Minnie KD8PAZ could not attend. He then reviewed some past events including the Holiday Heart in the City. With a note to the change of the SVARA/ARES Breakfast at IHOP Dec 12th at 9am.

The condition of the basement for the American Red Cross Building has improved enough to hold CPR classes although the drywall only goes halfway up the wall. It was decided to return to the Red Cross for the January

meeting that has been moved the second Friday of the month on the 8th otherwise we would meet on New Years Day. That also means that the breakfast will be a week later as well. We plan to hold an action in the February meeting.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the upcoming breakfast and Winter Field Day in January.

Dave W8DW has set up the Fusion repeater with Echolink and is looking for traffic. A date and time has been set for the next Repeater Committee meeting. He wants to move the Fusion to Rosien Tower.

Mike KD8MMH reported that the club had bought flowers for the funeral of Janet Turner and showed a picture of what the bouquet looked like. He also wanted to thank all that have helped with events throughout that past year.

Mike KE8AVJ made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to support Jeff Grego unlicensed for membership.

Mike KD8MMH reported that Midland would be holding a testing session a week from tomorrow. Lee Hodges KC8ITI will be looking to start a Technician License class.

A Skywarn Appreciation net will take place on HF, VHF, Echolink, PSK31, and via linked repeaters.

We took a pause for the meeting to share refreshments and festivities.

The nominations made at the November meeting were reviewed and read as follows.

President	Michael Dougherty	KD8MMH
Vice-President	Michael Linton	N8XPS
Secretary	Michael Elias	KE8AVJ
Treasurer	Duane Morris	KD8AUY
3 year board	Ann Elias	KB8AWE

After some discussion there were no changes were made to the nominations. Lou W8LPV made Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to close nominations. Dave N8ERL made and Doris seconded the motion to elect all nominees by acclamation.

The U.U.S. Edson will be holding special event station on December 7th in remembrance of the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It was also reported they are forming a radio group and amateurs are welcome to join.

Gordy KC8YVD that we suggested we compensate the church for the use the hall, so he made and his son Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to make cut the church a check for \$75.00.

The meeting was turned over to Lou W8LPV to conduct a drawing giving away the gifts he brought.

Then Gordy KC8YVD made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant

December 16, 2015

Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:08 with Mike KD8MMH, Mary W8LZA, David W8DW, Tom N8EUI, and Mike N8XPS present.

Dave W8DW made and Mary W8LZA seconded the motion to accept the board meeting minutes.

The President's Report: The door prize from the Emergency Preparative Expo needed to be shipped. Mary W8LZA offered to help send it. Mike KD8MMH reported that he received an application for membership from Dr. Allport AJ2S. He thanked all who helped with the pot-luck meeting.

Vice-President Report: Mary W8LZA reported that the schedule has been set till January 13th for our regular day and time. They will check with Biggy about the next few months.

Secretary's Report: Mike N8XPS had nothing to report.

Treasurers / Chairman's Report: Duane KC8AUY showed a picture of the flower arrangement he purchased for the funeral of Janet Turner on behalf of the club. He asked about the condition of the basement at the American Red Cross Building. Mike KD8MMH reiterated groups were meeting in the basement again but drywall doesn't cover the walls. It was decided return to the basement for our next meeting. That will be held on the 8th.

It was felt the SVARA/ARES Breakfast went well with 15 members and guests attending.

Dave W8DW reported on the last meeting of the Repeater Committee. They discussed the returning of our 6 meter frequency pair to the State Repeater Committee but decided against it. They are also planning to move the Fusion repeater to Rosien Towers and restore APRS to that location. Dave W8DW said they planned to put to use of an antenna donated by Mark Brown KD8QEB. Attempts will be made to obtain brackets to secure the tower and new coaxial cable for the repeater.

Dave W8DW has been expanding coverage of the Fusion Repeater through echo link. He may connect to the Worldwide Friendship Net that meets daily. He is looking to help program the Fusion into your radios. He has software for popular brands of handhelds. You may bring your handy talky to the January meeting and he will help program it.

Duane KC8AUY made and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:12.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at TBD.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi's

2016 SVARA Officers

President	Mike Dougherty	KD8MMH
Vice-President	Mike Linton	N8XPS
Secretary	Michael Elias	KE8AVJ
Treasurer	Duane Morris	KD8AUY
Board Member 2016	Dave Paquette	W8DW
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