



# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: (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 and Place:**

American Red Cross 1232 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw  
1<sup>ST</sup> Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted

**Club Meeting Dates:**

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

**Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi’s on State St.):**

A club breakfast is held monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi’s  
All dates are Saturdays: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2

**Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):**

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes in meeting dates are post on the club website.  
All dates are Thursday: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 19, November 16, and December 14

**ARES Members:**

Ares training for January will be “Using HT’s as mobile and home station radios”. Visit the Ares website for more information. Ares training for February will be “Regional InterOp Conference Review”.

**Weekly Nets Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.**

**District 3 Net**

145.310  
Sunday 6:00 PM

**SVARA (Saginaw)**

147.240  
Monday 9:00 PM

**MARC (Midland)**

147.000  
Thursday 9:00 PM

**D3 Digital Training Net**

**(Olivia 8/500) Seasonal**  
3.586 MHz USB  
Sunday 8:00 PM

**BAARC (Bay City)**

145.310  
Tuesday 9:00 PM

**MI Digital Traffic Net**  
**(Olivia 8/500)**  
3.583 MHz USB  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
8:00 PM

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for December 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Mike KD8MMH, who lead the pledge of allegiance.

Food was enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who had something to eat. The lack of leftovers was appreciated. After eating the meeting proceeded as usual.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Joe K8CQF. The motion passed.

Duane KD8AUY, presented the Treasurer's report. Duane also mentioned the upcoming annual club auction. Horst KD8ZXR, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Doris KD8MMJ. The motion passed. Mike KD8MMH, had Santa Graham numbers from the holiday in the heart of the city event. We had 200 on Friday and another 75 on Saturday. Emmett NE8B, also mentioned that our participation in the event was featured on the news. Lou W8LPV, officially passed the PIO position to Tom N8EUI. We will be helping with the Citizen Corps golf outing again this year. SkyWam recognition day was mentioned as well as General License classes being held by the Midland club starting in January.

Election results

President  
Mike KD8MMH

Vice President  
Brian K8HY

Secretary  
Mike K8AVJ

Treasurer  
Mike N8XPS

Board Member  
Doris KD8MMG

A hearty thanks was given to Duane KD8AUY, for his tremendous service as club Treasurer.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to donate \$75 to the church for the use of their facilities. The motion was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. It was announced John K8WZM, built a Lego church that is on display at St. Helen's Church located on the corner of Diendorfer and N. Charles. Prizes provided by Lou were raffled off. Thank you for the cool stuff Lou.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Gordy KD8YVD, and seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for December 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Duane KD8AUY.

Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the Harmonic news and was seconded by Tom N8EUI. The motion passed.

#### **President's Report**

Mike KD8MMH, reported that the Christmas party was good.

#### **Vice President's Report**

Brian K8HY, reported on the search for an alternate location. The JA building located near the YMCA is being given to the city of Saginaw. It is currently close but would be perfect for meetings.

#### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary was absent and so, had nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Duane KD8AUY, presented the Treasurer's update.

Duane also mentioned the need for a press release with the details about the grant. Changes and corrections for the Harmonic newsletter. A large sign or display for Christmas events was discussed. Mike KD8MMH, mentioned he has a large Christmas themed sign. Preparation for the annual club dues mailings was discussed. A plaque and letter of recognition for the Frankenmuth credit union foundation is currently in the works. Presentations and demonstrations for the year as well as increasing membership were also discussed.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 7 PM at Biggby Coffee.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Elias K8AVJ  
Secretary

**Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.**

## **2016 SVARA Officers**

<b>President</b>	Mike Dougherty KD8MMH	Term expires 2016	
<b>Vice-President</b>	Brian Kleinfeld K8HY		<b>Board Member</b> Tom Schmidt N8EUI
<b>Secretary</b>	Mike Elias K8AVJ	Term expires 2017	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Linton N8XPS		<b>Board Member</b> Anne Elias KB8AWE
		Term expires 2018	

**Board Member** Doris Miles KD8MMG

## 2016 SVARA Appointments

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 Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY  
 Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

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