

SVARA Harmonic

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The Prez Says:

Another year is upon us and we have many activities coming up for members to enjoy. I am slowly getting back up to speed after the accident and Judy, my wife, KC8BYI is doing well also. We fully intend to participate in all the activities we usually do; albeit we may need some help with the physical aspects of setting up the trailer and other events. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that gave so generously to the Jeff and Judy accident fund. Your contributions allowed us to repay a private loan we had arranged to purchase our desperately needed van.

And I'm on a new crusade to make everyone aware of the benefits of good insurance. Call your agent and review your coverage of your auto policy. Thanks to Jan over at Landmark Insurance (was that a free plug?), we had the coverage necessary to pay over a quarter million dollars in medical bills. How's that saying go? "It costs a little more but I'm worth it"

I would also like to send get well soon wishes to our former President, Keith DeLong, N8XD for a speedy recovery from his current medical condition. Keith had a mild heart attack and is apparently resistant to some of the drugs they gave him afterwards. Let's keep Keith in our prayers.

I would like to have some presenters at our meetings this year. I am going to contact Mark Torregrossa, KD8DNI, of WEYI TV25, to see if he will do another presentation on weather forecasting this spring. I welcome any and all suggestions for presentations at the meetings. Also, I would like to have some project nights (or mornings) this year. I am available most of the time and I am willing to open the Red Cross for these activities, if it is available.

Care Break:

The Care Break forms are in and we have previously agreed to host all three (3) again this year. This is our premier fund raising activity and keeps your dues low. It's also a great way to meet people and maybe even end up with a funny story to tell. Hopefully gas will stay low this summer and ease the strain of driving out there.

73,

Jeff, KC8BDQ

Important SVARA Dates for 2009:

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays:

January 2 nd	February 6 th	March 6 th	April 3 rd
May 1 st	June 5 th	July 3 rd	August 7 th
September 4 th	October 2 nd	November 6 th	December 4 th

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays:

January 3 rd	February 7 th	March 7 th	April 4 th
May 2 nd	June 6 th	July 4 th	August 8 th
September 5 th	October 3 rd	November 7 th	December 5 th

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays:

January 14 th	February 18 th	March 18 th	April 15 th
May 13 th	June 17 th	July 15 th	August 19 th
September 16 th	October 14 th	November 18 th	December 16 th

General Membership Meeting
January 2, 2009
American Red Cross Building

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM. Twenty – two members and guest were present.

KC8BDQ announced that N8XD had suffered a mild heart attack. KC8YVF said Keith was recuperating at his home. A card was retrieved and circulated.

KC8BDQ addressed attendees on his hopes for SVARA in 2009

Partition for membership of Tim Carter KD8JXN was made. Motion made by KC8YVF seconded by N8REB.

Secretary's report accepted as presented. K8CQF made a motion and N8XH seconded with all in favor.

Treasurer's report accepted as presented on motion by WA8GRI seconded by WA8KFC. Summary of 2008 also presented motion to accept made by W8EAB was seconded by KD8FQL. Using credit unions were discussed.

Old Business

KC8YVF reported that the order for shirts and jackets would be placed at Sports Junction within a week.

KC8YVF also reported on changes to repeater due to reroofing Rosien Tower.

New Business

KC8BYI inquired about applying for all three summer care breaks for 2009. Motion to apply for all was made by N8REB seconded by KC8IJN.

50/50 Drawing won by N8REB

Motion to adjourn by WA8KFC seconded by K8CQF and was closed at 8:56

Respectfully submitted,
Michael K. Linton
N8XPS Secretary

S.V.A.R.A
Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2009
Texan Restaurant on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm. Present were: KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, W8EAB, KC8YVF, KD8IOK, and N8XPS

KC8BDQ wanted consider ideas for meeting demonstrations.

Board opened discussion to determine new chairman. KC8YVF was nominated by W8EAB and seconded by N8XPS motion carried.

KC8BYI announced W8LVP volunteered to be public information officer.

Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by W8EAB and was seconded by KC8BDQ.

Treasurer's report accepted at the general meeting.

Chairman's report: Included updates on repeater and inquiries over Rosien Tower, and shirt and jacket order. A possible tower for the Red Cross and the need for radios for 911 may find money through Timothy Genovese.

Old Business: Gavel plaque ordered for N8XD at cost of \$47 expected for presentation at February general meeting.

New Business: Current repeater committee will be KC8BDQ as President and named N8XD, N8YXR as Trustee and named KC8YVF. KD8SWR named to board by motion of KD8BYI seconded KD8IOK motion carried.

K8CQF nominated as club historian. N8EAB named to Care Break Committee.

Due to scheduling conflict the club breakfast time is moved to 8:30 a.m.

KC8BYI moved to adjourn seconded by KC8BDQ meeting closed at 8:56.

Respectfully submitted,
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N8XPS, Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 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,
9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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