

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members:** Next meeting is the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 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: 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 Levi's on State St.):

All dates are Saturdays: 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 Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):

All dates are Thursdays: February 18 at 7:15pm, March 17 at 7:15pm, April 14 at 7pm, May 19 at 7pm, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 12, November 16, and December 14

## **General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building**

January 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Mike Dougherty KD8MMH, with three guests and 17 members present.

Emmett NE8B made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by John KC8WZ. The motion passed.

Upcoming ham swaps

Nagoni	Feb 6
Traverse City	Feb 13
Lavonia	Feb 21

Mark KD8QEB donated a respectable repeater antenna for use on the new fusion repeater. With this donation the club will no longer need to purchase an antenna for the new repeater.

Dave W8DW donated a mast to the club. This mast will work quite well for operations like Field Day.

Work on moving the repeater is progressing the coax currently in use is quite old and may need to be replaced depending on condition. Additional links may also be required depending on final placement. Echo linked

operation for the new fusion repeater is in progress and planned for completion after the move. Currently looking for people to use the new fusion repeater so we can get an ideal of its current range and performance. The 220 repeater is currently unavailable. The issue is being investigated.

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting and bring your HT and any manuals you have and we will do our best to help.

Ares training for January 28 consisted of filling out, sending and receiving ICS forms as well as, operating techniques and tips for handling radio traffic.

Ares training for February will cover DMR, Digital Mobile Radios.

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

District 3	145.310	Sunday	6:00 PM
D3 Digital Net (Olivia 8/500 USB)	3.586	Sunday	8:00 PM
SVARA (Saginaw)	147.240	Monday	9:00 PM
BAARC (Bay City)	145.310	Tuesday	8:00 PM
MARC (Midland)	147.000	Thursday	9:00 PM

A discussion on selling Lions tickets this year was had and due to the lack of interest, the decision was made that the club would not participate in selling Lions Club tickets. If you would like to purchase a Lions Club ticket please talk to Jim KB8TBI.

Winter Field Day was advertised. Held on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Harry Brown airport again this year. Thanks to all who came out and had some fun. Setup began at 9am on Saturday and we were on the air at noon. Official results will be posted soon.

North American QSO party was advertised. Held on January 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> for CW and January 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> for SSB. If you participated we would love to hear about it. Please contact Mike KE8AVJ to share your story.

Two new members were voted in, Ken KO9H from Illinois and Ed AJ2S from Frankenmuth. In light of his numerous donations over the years, lifetime membership was granted to Ed for the cost of the membership application submitted. Motions to accept the new members, Ken and Ed were made and seconded by Ron and Janet as well as Ron and Emmett respectively.

In other news Ron KC8YVF mentioned that there has been a significant price decrease for DMR radios. They can currently be purchased online for around \$125 and that includes shipping. If you're interested in learning more about these radios please consider attending the February Ares training as this will be the topic.

The motion to adjourn and was made by John KC8WZM and seconded by Justin KD8PEV.

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**State Street Texan Restaurant**  
January 13, 2016

Duane KD8AUY, called the meeting to order with members Dave W8DW, Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, and Anne KB8AWE present. Members Tom N8EUI, Brian K8HY and Lou W8LPV, arriving shortly after. Duane called for approval of the meeting minutes. Dave W8DW made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections as noted. Mike KD8MMH, seconded the motion.

Position nominations

Mike KD8MMH nominated Duane KD8AUY as chair of the board, Mike N8XPS seconded and the motion passed. Dave W8DW, made a motion to keep the repeater committee the same. Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion and it was approved. Mike N8XPS, made a motion to have Ron continue as the emergency manager Brian seconded the motion and it was approved.

Duane KD8AUY presented the treasurer's report for December and the yearly report showing the 2014 and 2015 expense report. Purchase of flowers was approved. The format of the annual dues letter was discussed. Membership fees are due March 1, payment will be accepted at the March meeting. The club secretary was commissioned to write a thank you letter for donations. Annual insurance payment is upcoming. Lou W8LPV,

will shop around however, the current insurer provides coverage specifically for hams that covers club equipment and liability.

The status of the Red Cross was discussed. All indications are that the Red Cross is going to continue to allow us to use the facilities. Repairs however, are proceeding slowly and will continue at the Red Cross's pace. The need for a secondary meeting location as a backup, was discussed. Putting together a welcome committee was discussed as well as names of Elmers to add to the website. Publicity and public relations strategies were discussed by Lou W8LPV. If you would like to help create materials for the public, such as posters, flyers or presentation materials, please contact Mike KD8MMH.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike N8XPS and seconded by Dave W8DW.



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SVARA Members sponsor the 147.240+ PL 103.5 & 224.28 Open Repeaters K8DAC/R and Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

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

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
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