



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
1ST Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: 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: 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 2nd 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 January 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 11 members present.

Ron KC8YVF, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

Emmet NE8B, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by KD8MMH. The motion passed.

Mike KD8MMH, reported on upcoming ham swaps in lieu of Minnie. Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests. Dave also reported on our Field Day results. We had 258 contacts with a total score of 1,948.

Ron KC8YVF, discussed the upcoming winter field day. Ron also presented awards for several different categories including most net check-in's, most Ares trainings attended and most public service events attended. The Ares training schedule was discussed as well as the February auction. Brian K8HY, reported on the new club generator. Mike N8XPS, reported the monthly test of the club's other generators was good. Dates for upcoming board meetings were discussed. See website for most current information.

The club thanked Mike N8XPS, for arranging the location of the December meeting. Alternate meeting locations were discussed, the Junior Achievement building located near the YMCA is being donated to the city and may be a potential alternate location. However, the building is still in negotiations. Equipment purchases for the new IP-based repeater system have started. Dave W8DW, gave a very informative presentation about Echo-Link in general and Echo-Link in regards to our current repeaters. Duane presented the year and treasurer's report as well as the January report.

The lucky winner of the 50-50 drawing with a winning ticket number of 214323 was Mike KD8MMH, congratulation Mike.

The motion to adjourn was made by Emmett NE8B, and seconded by Mike N8XPS.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for January 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at pm by Duane KD8AUY, with Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Doris KD8MMG, and KB8AWE present.

Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

President's Report

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to reappoint Duane Morris KD8AUY, as Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Anne KB8AWE. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary was not present. Anne KB8AWE, reported instead. A draft thank you letter and plaque were presented and discussed.

Treasurer's Report

Mike N8XPS, mentioned the need to have specific motions read into the minutes for the purposes of transferring treasurer's duties from Duane KD8AUY, to Mike N8XPS.

Dave W8DW, discussed a radio and keyer that was donated by Terry KA9SXH, our club member located in Wisconsin. Selling the club's FT-897 and keeping this radio and its place was discussed. Festive lights for the Holiday in the Heart of the City event were acquired. Duane KD8AUY, reminded everyone that dues were upcoming. Dave W8DW, made a motion to reappoint the existing repeater committee and Emergency Coordinator. Doris KD8MMG, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Anne KB8AWE.

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

President Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

Treasurer Mike Linton N8XPS

Vice-President Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

Board Member Doris Miles KD8MMG
Term expires 2016

Secretary Mike Elias K8AVJ

Board Member
Term expires 2017

Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Board Member
Term expires 2018

Anne Elias KB8AWE

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