



SVARA Harmonic

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always 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 at K8DAC-R. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

SVARA club meetings will be held at Harry Brown Airport or on FreeConferanceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

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

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July N/A, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ARES Members:

Ares members please visit the Ares website http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares_training.htm for training schedule information. Ares training are held the fourth Thursday of the month.

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

District 3 Net

145.310
Sunday 6:30 PM

SVARA (Saginaw)

147.240
Monday 9:00 PM

MARC (Midland)

147.000
Thursday 7:30 PM

TCARA (Tuscola)

146.66 MHz
Monday 7:30 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.360 MHz
Wednesday 8:00 PM

MI Digital Traffic Net

3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

SVARA Meeting 2/3/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:04 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Dave Schneider N8ERL
Jeff Burghgraef KC6CJY
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Renee Paquette KE8MYJ
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Randal May KE8AHW
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Bob Weideamiller N8KPR
Brian Kleinfled K8HY
Dave Paquette W8DW – Online
Mary Paquette WB8LZA – Online
Clayton Badgero KE8CB - Online

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for January, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second by Jeff KC6CYJ, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for December – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Randy KE8AHW, motion carried by all.

Tom reported that the PO box went up in cost to \$176 a year.

Mike KD8MMH stated that \$37.50 was used from left over petty cash for the donuts for Winter Field Day.

Announcements

Next club breakfast will be on Saturday at Sullivan's on Gratiot at 8:30 am
There will be no Board meeting in February
Club dues are due by the March club meeting, \$12 for all members

Swap Meet Report

Ron reported that the Traverse City swap meet will be on February 11, Cadillac's will be on May 6 at a new location of Mackinaw Trails Middle School. Information can be found at <https://www.wexaukeearc.org/>

Contest Report

Dave W8DW gave a report on upcoming contests
- ARRL International DX – CW February 18-19
- ARRL International DX – SSB March 4-5

Ron KC8YVF reported on Winter Field Day

- Winter Field Day went well. We had 5 stations in operation at one time and 6 overall participated
- We had 104 contacts, 22 CW, 37 phone, and 45 digital. Total score of 3,552.
- The logs and information is up on the clubs website

Mike KC8MMH reported on the Midland Club meeting.

- Jack K8GTG did a presentation on volunteering
- Mike KD8MMH talked about other Midland events

ARES Report

- Training for 2023 has been set which will include county radio operation, Net Control, Trailer training, 911 training, FLDIGI, Winlink and Skywarn
- Midland is having a in person Skywarn training on March 2, location to be determined. Other trainings can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/dtx/skywarn>
- AUXCOM cards are in progress with the county. ARES members should complete the application form, background check form and ICS classes 100, 200, 700 and 800 by mid February.

New business

Jeff KC6CJY talked about doing an event at the Saginaw YMCA for Kids Day June 3, would the club be interested? Club stated that we would like to participate. Jeff will look into the event further.

Rick KC8VOA asked for a committee to go over the club trailer. Will need to discuss what needs to be done to the trailer. Committee members, Rick KC8VOA (chair), Ron KC8YVF, Rob KC8IJN, Brian K8HY, Fred KE8QCO

Large club generator – where is it?

Brian K8HY has the clubs 1000 watt BlackMax generator

Bob N8KPR talked about the DX Expedition on Boubet Island will be on the air.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 9:17 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Secretary

2023 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF
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