

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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Important Upcoming Club News: This weekend is the **International DX - Phone Contest** and the club stations will be open at the Red Cross on **Saturday March 6, from 9 AM until 4 PM.**

This event is open to any SVARA member and their guests and is one that I look forward to each year.

Are you a new Technician? This is a great chance to get you feet wet in contesting and make some great contacts. So come on down, visit with old friends, make some new ones and talk to other amateur radio operators from around the world! Hope to see you there.

For ARES Members: Beginning this month on Thursday March 25 at 7:00 PM, we are going to be conducting monthly training sessions. These sessions will be covering many different topics and give you an opportunity to get involved in what goes on in the ARES group. The training will also be a bit of a social time and will include a drawing at each meeting. If you have an idea for training, or would like to present a topic, please contact Dave (N8ERL) at wz8ds@yahoo.com.

So mark the day on your calendar and plan to attend our first session on Traffic Handling. (This will be part of the April 10 State Simulated Emergency Test)

Also, we will be beginning monthly Practice Net to let different individuals practice their Net Control skills in a informal setting.

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: March 6th, April 3rd, May 8th, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: March 17th, April 14th, May 19th, June 16th, July 14th, August 18th, September 15th, October 13th, November 17th, December 15th

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

February 5, 2010

The music of Elvis Presley preceded the start of the meeting; which began at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. 27 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

After the treasurer's report was read, a motion to accept by Bob (N8XH) was seconded by Dave (N8ERL) and passed.

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Dave (N8ERL) to accept the meeting minutes as published in the Harmonic; second by Bob (N8XH) and passed.

Old Business:

Dues – The options were once again explained by Judy (KC8BYI).

Option 1:

\$24 Full Membership

\$12 ½ Price Membership

Option 2:

\$30 Full Membership

\$15 ½ Price Membership

- hardships to be brought to the board for review
- Membership forms have a new field for the donation option
- No news on 501c3 status
- Discussion re: option not to change dues at all

Vote was conducted via secret ballot.

Option 1 passed – 14 to 8.

New Member – Duane Brown (KD8MRB); a technician from Hemlock.

Motion to accept by Joe (K8CQF); second by Bob (N8XH). Welcome!

Announcement – Ron (KC8YVF) received recognition from the State for his work as the Emergency Coordinator.

School Roundup – (ARRL – SCR) Club stations K-12 & Universities.

Field Day – Dave (W8DW) will head up Field Day this year. Information is on the website. Start thinking about it.

New Business:

Monday Night Nets – There have been some issues with malicious interference. Hopefully this has been remedied.

Dues – Judy (KC8BYI) collected dues and new forms from members in attendance.

New Members –

Mike Dougherty (KD8MMH)

Motion to accept by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Mike (N8XPS). Welcome!

Mary Paquette (KD8MML)

Motion to accept by Joe (K8CQF); second by John (KC8WZM). Welcome!

Presentation:

K9-ONE presented information on their organization, and two of their dogs performed demonstrations.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Judy (KC8BYI), second by Duane (KD8MRB). All in agreement

SVARA Board Meeting
February 17, 2010
Texan Restaurant, State St.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. with Duane (KD8AUY), Mike (N8XPS), Judy (KC8BYI), Rachele (KD8UOK), Jeff (KD8IOK), Emmett (W8EAB), Ron (KC8YVF), Jeff (KC8BDQ), and Amanda (KD8JAZ) in attendance.

Motion to approve January 13 meeting minutes by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Jeff (KD8IOK); passed.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of February 5th approved report distributed.

Judy (KC8BYI) submitted updates to the ARRL website:

- Lou (W8LPV) as point of contact
- Duane (KD8AUY) as President
- Rob (KC8IJN) as Newsletter Editor
- It still shows us as a Special Service Club; checking on paperwork to send in and make it official

MARC Repeater Directory was last updated in March of 2008, and is due this year. This should be the responsibility of the repeater committee. Ron (KC8YVF) will make these updates. Will need the coordinates of the repeater sites; Rachele (KD8UOK) will look at past records for this information.

Care Break

No paperwork on Care Breaks yet. Judy (KC8BYI) called MSP; they have not sent them out yet due to their relocation to a new office in Lansing. However, they agreed to email a form to Judy.

Care Break Chairs:

Memorial Day – Gordy (KC8YVD)

Labor Day – TBD

July 4 – Mike (N8XPS) tentative

Discussion re: staying open on Monday for July 4 – this should be a club discussion. Judy will fill out the paperwork for 4 days; no requirement to stay the whole weekend, no penalty for packing up early. Will also have to discuss the Friday meeting & meal with the club at a later time.

Chairman's Report

K9-ONE presentation went well.

Door buzzer problems at Red Cross – any ideas?

- Ron (KC8YVF) will acquire a temporary doorbell/buzzer

- Judy (KC8BYI) will create some signs to direct members to the buzzer APRS & 220 repeater back online. Reconnected wires at Rosien.
Location of 6 meter repeater?

International DX Contest – March 6-7

Will announce at meeting and breakfast; open club station if there is interest.

Coming Events:

SkyWarn: April 8

Section SET: April 10

County SET: May 13 – will include Saginaw, Bay & Midland counties; estimate needing 20 people.

Website – updated with new dues, etc.

Old Business:

Haiti – The photographer that interviewed Emmett (W8EAB) is also a HAM. His name is Tom Schmidt (N8EUI), and he was interested in the club so Emmett gave him information on Field Day. He may send a news crew.

Frankenmuth MS Walk – May 15 (Dayton weekend)

New Business:

PRBI Bill – There is an online survey and a form to print & mail.

Mailer for Dues? Will be included in the Harmonic, the new form will be attached.

New Members – Membership package? Judy (KC8BYI) has an old one – she would like someone to review it for updates/changes for the next meeting.

Suggestions for meeting demonstrations – Let Duane (KD8AUY) know.

Offsite meetings – July 4 and Labor Day meetings are at the Care Break site.

Trailer – President & Treasurer will each have a set of keys. Trailer should be returned to Jeff's (KD8IOK) house each time it is hauled for maintenance and prep for the next event.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff (KC8BDQ); second by Emmett (W8EAB). Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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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 1st Friday, at 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,
8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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