

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members:** Next training is on March 27 at 7pm at the Harry Brown Airport.  
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

- **SVARA Membership renewals are due**

- Don't forget to pay your club membership dues at the next club meeting. You can send a check to the club treasurer if you unable to attend the next meeting. Make checks payable to SVARA and please include your latest contact information. (Phone# and e-mail address) Any non-members or past members who wish to join please go to the membership section of the web page (<http://www.k8dac.com/membership/>) and fill out a membership form.

**SVARA Treasurer**  
c/o Duane A Morris  
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2014 Yearly Membership	Dues
Full Member	\$24.00
Associate Member	\$12.00
Senior Member	\$12.00
Student Member	\$12.00
Disabled Member	\$12.00
Spouse	\$12.00

- **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 March 2014 CLUB EVENTS**

- Skywarn training March 6 at 6:30 PM (see website for details)
- March 7 at 8:00 PM General membership meeting at the read cross
  - March 8 Club breakfast at the Texan on State at 8:30 AM
  - ARES Meeting March 27 at Harry Brown airport at 7:30 PM

- **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 Dates** (at Red Cross):

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

**Club Breakfast Dates** (at State Street Texan):

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

**Board Meeting Dates** (at State Street Texan):

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

General Meeting Minutes  
American Red Cross Building  
February 7, 2014

Mike KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm with 21 members and guests present. Mike KD8MMH then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

John KC8WZM made a motion and Lou W8LPV seconded to accept the minutes as published within the current Harmonic newsletter. Motion Passed.

The Treasure's Report was presented by Duane KD8AU, Ron KC8YVF made a motion and Clinton W8ERK seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

President Mike KD8MMH updated the club on the upcoming swaps.

Winter Field Day report was given by Ron KC8YVF.

Board Meeting Report. Discussion of changing club meeting time and day. Red Cross will be contacted regarding 7PM meeting space starting April 2014.

Discussion of forming club trailer maintenance committee, sign-up sheet passed around.

Membership dues in March 2014. Please supply updated personal information to roster.

Discussion of future presentations .Mike N8XPS suggested Raspberry PI computer. Jim KB8TBI suggested Project Lifesaver and Project Pal presentations.

Birch Run Emergency Prep Expo is April 19, 2014. See Mike to sign-up.

Discussion of Lions Club tickets.

Clinton W8ERK made a motion that was seconded by John KC8WZM to close the meeting. Motion was passed.

Meeting closed 8:35PM. Auction following.

Upcoming events will include Club Breakfast, Board Meeting, and ARES Training

Thank you Doris for taking the minutes in my absence.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA  
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
February 19 2014

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Dave W8DW, Tom N8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter. Motion passed

Duane KD8AUY congratulated Mike KD8MMH on the excellent job he did on the auction.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Duane KC8AUY. Dave W8DW made a motion that the report be accepted and Tom N8EUL seconded it. Motion passed. Duane reported on membership due received to date.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH discussed the Preparedness Expo contract. Mike stated that he checked the club PO Box and it worked as it should.

There was discussion about memberships that do not attend the regular meetings but are current on their 2013 dues. Dave N8ERL suggested sending membership dues notices to non-attending members. There was also a suggestion of forming a membership committee.

Vice President's Report: None.

Chairman's Report: Duane KD8EUY asked about meeting time and day for the board meetings and all agreed that the current time and day will stand. Duane also mentioned updating the Elmers list. Dave W8DW volunteered to be a contest and Morse code Elmer.

Comments: There has been no progress on the clubs Echolink and Mike KD8MMH and Dave W8DW stated that they will take over that project.

Technician class license training was discussed.

Care Break chairmen will be needed for upcoming Care breaks.

Appointing a Field Day chairman was discussed.

Following were ideas for future meeting presentations:

- Echolink
- I-Phone Apps
- PSK31 and RTTY
- Satellites
- Toms Movie of SVARA Field Day event.

Dave N8ERL made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA  
Secretary



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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 8:00 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, 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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