



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: 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: 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: 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 February 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 16 members and 2 guests present.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Ron KC8YVF. The motion passed.

Ron KC8YVF, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

Mike KD8MMH, mentioned upcoming ham swaps on behalf of Minnie. Mike also mentioned that the Midland club was planning a bus trip to the upcoming Michigan Hamfest on October 7. Ron KC8YVF, reported on the Winter Field Day results. We had three stations and were able to use only the smaller generators for our power. We had around 60 QSOs and some visitors. It was good fun. Dave W8DW, reported on several upcoming contests including state QSO parties, ARRL school Roundup and upcoming DX and North America contests. The Edson radio group aboard the USS Edson ship located in Bay City is expanding. They invite everyone to come take a look. In commemoration of their anniversary this year the Michigan State police having a special event station and is looking for volunteers to run the station. Please contact John WB8RCR, or Ron KC8YVF, for information.

The district 3 repeater located in Bay City and maintained by the Bay Area Amateur Radio Club (BAARC) needs repairs. BAARC has asked other local clubs for assistance. Dave W8DW, made a motion to donate \$200 to the Bay City club for the purpose of repairing the repeater. The motion was seconded by Ron KC8YVF, and the motion passed. If you would like to contact the Bay City club please use their Facebook page. You can find them under Bay Area Amateur Radio Club.

Dave W8DW, discussed a donation to the club he received. Terry KA9SXH, in Wisconsin donated a Ten-Tec Delta2 transceiver and a MFJ Grand Master2 electronic keyer. Dave mentioned that the Ten-Tec radio was in very good shape and would make a good addition to the club's radio list. Joe K8CQF, discussed a special event that the club has done in the past and suggested the club hold a similar event in the future. The club held an Island Hunters DXpedition and transmitted from Ojibway island. Joe said the event was quite fun. This led to a discussion on other possible special events and expeditions.

Mike KD8MMH, mentioned we are looking for presentations and as always, if anyone has anything that they would like to present they are welcome to do so. Please contact Mike KD8MMH, to let him know when you would like to present. The upcoming Care Breaks were discussed. We need more people to volunteer for these events. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike KD8MMH. Considering that people were quite eager to start bidding Joe K8CQF, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. The motion passed.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for February 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Duane KD8AUY, with Mike KD8MMH, Dave W8DW, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Joe K8CQF, Mike K8AVJ, Anne KB8AWE, and Nate KD8GOW, present.

President's Report

Mike KD8MMH, reported he is updating the mailing list for the annual dues mailer.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary received an email through the club website from Mike W8MJC, Vice President of GMARC (GM Amateur Radio Club). The GMARC club was wondering if we would be interested in connecting the SVARA repeater to their repeater via Echo Link during their "Tech Net" held Sunday's at 7 PM. Mike W8MJC, described the net as "we share information, help as Elmers, and go back and forth on technical topics and issues of interest to the ham radio community." More information below.

Treasurer's Report

Mike N8XPS, reported the club made \$328 from the auction. Mike also updated the board on the donation to BAARC for maintenance on the Bay City repeater.

Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to make Terry KA9SXH, of Wisconsin a life member in recognition of his many donations to the club. The motion was seconded by Dave W8DW. The motion passed.

Dave W8DW, reported that after some effort he was able to successfully create the Echo Link connection using the Fusion repeater. Dave reports that for the future he will try using the .24 repeater to connect the repeaters during the GMARC TechNet when possible. He is currently working out the bugs. This Net takes place Sundays at 7 PM. Club membership and the grant project were discussed briefly. The grant project seems to be on schedule despite some setbacks.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to remove Duane Morris KD8AUY, from the Frankenmuth Credit Union account and add Michael Linton N8XPS, in his place. Doris KD8MMG, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The motion to adjourn was made by Duane KD8AUY, and seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

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	Term expires 2016	
Vice-President	Brian Kleinfeld K8HY		Board Member Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Secretary	Mike Elias K8AVJ	Term expires 2017	
Treasurer	Mike Linton N8XPS		Board Member Anne Elias KB8AWE
		Term expires 2018	
Board Member	Doris Miles KD8MMG		

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