

SVARA Harmonic

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Notice of Change to our non-profit status

The April meeting will include a discussion of the club's non-profit status and the proposed application for 501 (c) (3) status. There are some changes that need to be made that affect all members and your input on the matter is greatly needed. The final vote on these changes will be held at the May 2009 meeting.

Submitted by WA8GRI:

From the spring 2009 edition of the QCWA Journal:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MICHIGAN CHAPTER 10! April 13, 1959, was the date that QCWA issued a charter for Michigan Chapter 10. Although all of the founding fathers are now silent keys, we are all thankful for their foresight and determination to make Chapter 10 one of the oldest and most active chapters in QCWA.

Commencing in early 1959 and under the leadership of ED TROMBLEY W8CAM, from Saginaw Michigan, the petition for a "Michigan Chapter" became a reality. It was the very first QCWA Chapter in Michigan. Our current membership exceeds 125 plus members and currently holds both a weekly SSB net and CW net.

Written by Lowell Corbin W8IQB

2009 Mid Michigan MS150 Bike Ride July 11 & 12

The dates have been set for this year's Mid Michigan MS150 Bike Ride, July 11 & 12. We are in need of operators to work the 2 day event. The MS150 event is the largest Amateur Radio public service event in South East Michigan. It requires a minimum of 75+ amateurs, to cover some 200+ miles of route, plus rest stops, and some 20+ mobile units each day. Each amateur that participates in the two day event will supply his or her own equipment, mainly consisting of a 25 Watt or greater UHF FM radio, Magnet Mount antenna, cigarette lighter socket Y adapter, and power cords. Food and lodging for Saturday night are provided for by the MS organization. The event starts promptly at 7am Saturday and concludes late Sunday afternoon after the last rider arrives back. The Saturday night entertainment at MSU is a fun time for all.

If you are interested in participating or need any questions answered, please email Fred, W8FSM - fred@moses.bz. We currently have many open assignments for either Saturday or Sunday, and many 2 day assignments as well.

To sign up for the event or get more information visit our website @ <http://ms150.moses.bz>
73, Fred - W8FSM, MS-150 Amateur Radio Communications Manager (ARCM) fred@moses.bz

MEMORIAL DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, May 22	Saturday, May 23	Sunday, May 24	Monday, May 25
12 – 3 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
3 - 6 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
6 - 9 am		Joe, K8CQF	Joe, K8CQF	Joe, K8CQF
		Duane, KD8AUY	Duane, KD8AUY	
9 - 12 noon	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB
	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	
12 - 3 pm		Bob, N8YXR		
		Jennie, KCORBV		
3 - 6 pm	Bill, W8CWD		Bill, W8CWD	Wayne, W7KEH
				Muriel, KD6TVY
6 - 9 pm	Wayne, W7KEH	Rob, KC8IJN		
	Muriel, KD6TVY	Jeff, KD8IOK		
9 - 12 midnight		Rob, KC8IJN		
		Jeff, KD8IOK		

General Membership Meeting
March 6, 2009
American Red Cross Building

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm with 33 members and guests present.

Amanda Stange KD8JAZ petitioned for membership. A Motion to admit was made by N8YXR with KC8WZM seconding. All were in favor.

Secretary's report: Motion to accept as printed in Harmonic by N8ERL, N8YXR seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept as presented by KB8BYI made by N8EAB. N8YXR seconded with all in favor.

Vice President's report: W8LVP composed a presentation then addressed the City Council on Mobile Amateur Radio Operation. Thanks to an inquiry by KD8KEN. Spoke with Tom Jaffke W8TJ on the status of the 501c3. He will have final language in about a week.

Old Business

KC8YVF reported on attempting to contact the housing commission and other work toward returning antenna towers to Rosien Tower. Parts are to be gathered anticipating warmer weather. Link frequency is coordinated to Livingston County that reported background noise, will be monitored for the next year, and shirts and jackets still available.

New Business

K8CQF planning to conduct weekend licensing class. Date is to be determined.

KC8VOA read a thank you letter from MSWalk organizer. The 6th annual event will take place on Saturday May 6th. Assemble at 7:30 am at Frankenmuth Heritage Park.

KC8BYI reported that the Care Break forms have been sent. She circulated signup sheets and reminded members to pay dues.

KD8FQL asked the club to partake in the Michigan QSO party. In the past, there has been a presentation by KD8AUZ.

KC8YVF reported on the Hemmeter Hobby fair, the equipment supplied by regional grant, second club call sign, and Volkslaufe race on the 4th of July in Frankenmuth, and Hoyt Nursing & Rehab Center to install amateur radio station with ladies studying for licenses.

The Covenant Neighborhood Association is planning Children's Fun Day in July at Bliss Park.

Bonnie Leiner contacted SVARA via KC8WZM. It was relayed to KB8BDQ.

N8ERL reminded that Field Day on June 27 & 28 will be here in no time.

N8YXR was recognized for receiving Ruby Award for outstanding professionals under 40.

KC8YVD won \$28.00 from 50/50 drawing on behalf of KD8AFM

Motion to adjourn by N8LPV seconded by N8YXR meeting ended at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Linton N8XPS
Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting
S.V.A.R.A.
State Street Texan Restaurant
March 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm on the nose KC8BDQ, N8LPV, KC8BYI, N8XPS, W8EAB, and KD8IOK were present.

President's Report: KC8BDQ announced that through the efforts of N8ERL and KD8AUY S.V.A.R.A. now proudly owns nine sections of Rohn 55 tower in good condition. They are currently stacked at the in the yard of N8ERL **temporarily!** A location for long term storage is needed. The tower sections were graciously donated by AJ2S Dr. Edgar Allport of Frankenmuth. A letter informing and expressing our gratitude will be drafted and sent to the good doctor.

Vice President's Report: N8LPV has been able to talk with W8TJ Tom Jaffke and found he is busy with a trial but our 501C3 package ready for presentation and further updates. K8CQF recommended to ARRL that N8LPV be the Legislative Assistant for District #9. Inquired if a swap and shop announcement could be added to the Harmonic. N8LPV will assist K8CQF with the upcoming Technician's License training class.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept minutes as presented in the Harmonic made by KC8BYI and seconded by KC8BDQ and passed unanimously. Also the Honorary Membership has been presented to W8HZF on March 9 2009 by N8XPS (my 15th anniversary in Amateur Radio).

Treasure's Report: As presented at General Membership Meeting

Chairman Report: Was not presented due to KC8YVF needing to be away.

Board Members Report: KD8IOK inquired about trailer committee and the possibility of making improvements to the Club Trailer with assistance from KC8IJN, N8ZPO, and N8TKQ. KC8BDQ appointed KD8IOK to the trailer committee with volunteer KC8BYI, trailer committee meeting to take place immediately following board meeting. W8EAB inquired if Red Cross building would be open for Michigan QSO party on April 18th.

Motion to adjourn made by KC8BYI seconded by N8LPV meeting broke up at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
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Secretary



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 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,
9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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