

# SVARA Harmonic

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**For ARES Members:** Next training will be on April 28th.

## **Club Meeting Dates** (at Red Cross):

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

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

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

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

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

## **Other news from neighboring hams:**

Good day to all of you. Each of you has expressed an interest in the Extra Class licensing course we will be putting on in Midland this spring. I am in the process of firming up the roster for this class and I need to know if you are still interested in taking this class. The information on the class is as follows:

Starts April 18th 2011 (Monday) and runs for 8 Weeks  
Class hours 7 PM to 9 PM Monday and Wednesday  
Location: Salvation Army Building 330 Waldo Midland MI

Let me know one way or the other whether you will be joining us. Also we will be using the "The ARRL Extra Class License Manual" Ninth Edition as our text for this class. If you need a book let me know so I can make sure to have enough books on hand. As an instructor I do get a little bit of a discount on these books that I can pass on to you.

Lee Hodges - KC8ITI

## **General Meeting Minutes** American Red Cross Building March 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Judy KC8BYI with 24 members and guests present. This was the first time I recall all attendees were licensed. Madam President led all with introductions, and the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented within the Harmonic newsletter, by Dave N8ERL with a second by Lou W8LPV.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jeff KC8BDQ with a motion to accept made by Emmett W8EAB and was seconded by Joe K8CQF.

Judy KC8BY proceeded with an update on our 501c3 application. Attention was seized by saying "I received a call from the I.R.S." Lou W8LPV, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Judy KC8BYI had an extensive conversation with an agent. It is possible that our application is in jeopardy because of too much community involvement. They requested a detailed letter explaining deficiencies. Lou W8LPV will contact elected officials and the A.R.R.L. to ask for help.

Things are set for the field trip on April 1st. Tom N8EUI addressed the group about the planned tour. He will wait at the door of TV5 to let us in. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.

The State Police has not sent the application for the summer Care Breaks but a sign-up sheet was passed around. One still has a chance to help fill in the remaining slots. Don't let it slip away. A motion was made Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Ron KC8YVF to man Care Break weekend for one less day. Setting up on Saturday morning and running until Monday. Judy KC8BYI is still looking to form a Care Break committee.

Names were taken for the schedule of net control operators.

E.C. Report: Skywarn training will take place at Covenant Cooper Hospital in the lecture theater.

Some other dates of interest coming up include:

Covenant ½ Marathon on April 10th running from 6:00a.m. to Noon, hoping for 15 - 30 operators to help with communications

Midland's MS walk at Central Middle School on April 30th

Frankenmuth's MS walk on May 14th at Heritage Park

Run for Windy on May 15th at Swan Valley High, this year we are assisting to raise money for Julie Windy a teacher seriously injured in a car accident.

Club station will be open for International DX contest from 10 ~ 4 as long as people remain.

New Business: Joe K8CQF wanted to remind us of the 20th anniversary of our convention. He hopes the date can be commemorated. Wayne W7KEH and Muriel KD6TVY were wished well and good bye as they will be moving to Minnesota to be near family.

Ron KC8YVF presented on how to use Echolink and Dave W8DW spoke about the Michigan QSO Party to be on April 16th from Noon to Midnight local time. Please submit your log should you wish to participate. Also a certificate will be issued on behalf of the club.

Gordy KC8YVD won (as usual) \$20.00 even in the 50/50 drawing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Lou W8LPV motion was carried and we all went home.

Respectively Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary

**S.V.A.R.A**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The State Street Texan Restaurant  
March 16, 2011

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:53 with Emmett W8EAB, Doris KD8MMG, Mike KD8MMH, Judy KC8BYI, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Mike N8XPS present.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept minutes as distributed among the board made by Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI presented the unhappy news that the I.R.S. seems unwilling to grant us a 501c3. She received a 7 page letter with an answer due by next Friday. Not only is our current application in jeopardy but our 501c7 status will depend on the response to this letter. Judy KC8BYI will call the I.R.S. agent to request an extension to better respond and will consult with Lou W8LPV on how to proceed hoping some political contacts may offer assistance.

Gordy KC8YUD and Sue Schram will oversee Care Break operations over the Memorial Day Weekend. No forms have been sent by the State Police as of yet.

After the number of sign – in sheets that were circulated at the March 4th meeting Judy KC8BYI will have them posted on the web site as reminders.

There was discussion on the participation in the Covenant ½ Marathon.

Chairman's Report: Duane presented a question raised on the Monday Night Net by Ed W8HZF concerning our corporation reports they have been properly submitted the I.R.S. web site is slow to post.

Old Business: One of the sign – in sheets passed around at the General Meeting was to collect names of control operators for the Monday Night Net. This schedule is open to new additions. Arrangements will be made to honor Wayne W7KEH and Muriel KD6TVY for their service to S.V.A.R.A.

Emmett W8EAB offered reminders of upcoming public service events. MS Walk for Midland, April 30th, MS Walk for Frankenmuth, May 14th, and the Run for Windy May 15th. Ares Haz Mat Training will be on June 4th.

New Business: A question was asked on behalf of Dave N8ERL if a wanted and for sale column could be added to the Harmonic newsletter. All were sure Rob KC8IJN would be happy to include it.

Gratitude was expressed to all who helped clean up after the club station flood.

Motion adjourn was made by Emmett W8EAB then seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary



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-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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