

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is the 25th of February at 7:00 pm.

(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 (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

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, December 2

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi's on State St.):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):

All dates are Thursdays: April 14 at 7pm, May 19 at 7pm, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 12, November 16, and December 14

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building March 4

The meeting was called to by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06pm with 17 members present. Mike KD8MMH, led the pledge of allegiance and then started introductions.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as published in the Harmonic News and was seconded by Mike N8XPS. The motion passed.

The president reported on upcoming swaps on behalf on Minnie KD8PAZ. He also discussed the club auction briefly with Duane KD8AUY discussing it further in the treasurer's report.

Grant equipment has been delivered. The repeater committee has moved to the next step in this process and believes we are on track to have the equipment installed by the grant deadline. The equipment that is being replaced is around 30 years old.

The Citizen Corps will be holding another golf outing this year and has again, asked the club for help with handling the collection and processing of donations. As with last year Citizen Corps will be making a donation to the club in appreciation of our help.

Club dues are due! If you have not paid your membership fees yet, please do so as soon as possible. To those who have already paid, thank you for helping to keep the Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association going. Upcoming public service events: Midland MS Walk April 30th and Frankenmuth MS Walk May 14th. The Preparedness Expo will be held March 26th at the Birch Run Expo Center. Care Break is once again upon us. Gordy KC8YVD, has generously agreed to act as chair for the event again this year.

The ARES group held a special training session on March 12th on using packet radio software, in particular, Outpost software was examined. Mike N8XPS, was in attendance and spoke very highly of the experience. SkyWarn Training will be held at 7:00 PM at Covenant Hospital Lecture Theater, 700 Cooper Ave. Saginaw on Monday March 28. If you would like to participate in weather spotting and did not attend this training last year, you must attend the training this year.

ARES training for March will feature a presentation and training by Midland Search and Rescue. April's training will include DMR radio training cancelled due to weather in February.

Mike KE8AVJ, was unanimously voted as the Chair for this year's Field Day. Responses to the survey that was distributed at January's meeting were discussed. Most notably there is a lot of interest in doing some kind of project or activity. Also, several people are interested in license study materials and training.

Duane KD8AUY, presented February's Treasurer's report and the current status of membership renewals.

Duane also discussed the club auction which raised a whopping \$586. Emmitt NE8B made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Mary W8LZA. The motion passed. Duane gave his "Wires" presentation. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Emmitt NE8B, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD.

Respectfully Submitted
Mike Elias, KE8AVJ
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
March 16

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:17 with Tom N8EUI, Mike N8XPS, Mike KE8AVJ, Duane KD8AUY, Dave W8DW and Anne KB8AWE present.

Dave W8DW made a motion to accept February's meeting minutes as published in the Harmonic News. The motion passed.

The President's report

Mike KD8MMH, was absent.

The Vice-President's report

Mike N8XPS, reported on the packet training that took place on March 12th. The training covered multiple setup arrangements, operating technics and troubleshooting. It was a very fun and informative event.

Secretary's report

Mike KE8AVJ discussed Field Day planning and activities. He also discussed a possible club outing.

Treasurer's report

Duane KD8AUY, presented the expenses for March thus far. As well as the current renewal status. As of the board meeting, 37 members had renewed, with 22 of those renewals by mail and 15 by non-mail.

General discussion

The need to find a replacement P.I.O. was again discussed. Upcoming events include SkyWarn training and the Preparedness expo. The need for, and benefit of, CPR trained club members was discussed. If we have enough people we will ask the Red Cross if they can hold a training session for the club. If you are interested please contact Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, or Mike KE8AVJ, and we will add your name to the list. EchoLink connection to the fusion repeater is now up for testing. Please give it a try. It can be found under Dave's call W8DW, for testing but will be listed under KD8KDP after it has moved to its permanent location. As a reminder, all ARRL members qualify for insurance through the ARRL. This insurance covers your equipment and liability. Visit www.arrlinsurance.com for more information. Time to start planning, the Michigan QSO party is just around the corner. April 16th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW and seconded by Mike N8XPS.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Elias, KE8AVJ

Secretary



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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at TBD.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi's

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