



SVARA Harmonic

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- **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: 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: April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, 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: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 19, November 16, December 14

ARES Members:

Ares training for January will be “Alternative Food Sources”. Visit the Ares website for more information. Ares training for May will be “Dual Band J-Pole Antenna Build”.

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 March 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 13 members and 2 guests present.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

John KC8WZM, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Ron KC8YVF. The motion passed.

Minnie KD8PAZ, reported on upcoming ham swaps. Mike KD8MMH, reported that the board voted to grant Terry KA9SXH, lifetime membership in recognition of his contributions to the club. Mike N8XPS, noted that Terry had already paid his membership dues for this year. Mike KD8MMH, and Mike N8XPS, reported they attended the Bay City club's monthly meeting and presented them with the donation toward their repeater repair project. The Bay City club said they were welcome to come back any time. Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests for the month, as well as, the upcoming Michigan QSO party. Dave will also be doing a presentation on the Michigan QSO party at the April meeting. Upcoming volunteer opportunities were mentioned, including the Frankenmuth MS Walk, Care Break and the Midland MS Walk. For more information on these events please visit the club webpage or contact Ron KC8YVF, or Mike KD8MMH, if you would like to volunteer.

Jeff KB8SWR, brought in a rack of club owned equipment that had been recently repaired and discussed ongoing efforts. The work on the Regional Amateur Emergency Communication upgrade project continues. Parts have been purchased and are being assembled and bench tested. Most of the equipment should be ready to install when the weather breaks.

Mike KD8MMH reminded everyone of the club breakfast held at Levi's on State Street as well as the board meeting held at Biggy B's coffee on Bay Road and this month's Ares training, which covers operating through long-term power outages. Ares trainings are held at Harry Brown airport. Please check the Ares website for the most up-to-date information. The Ares group will also be making latter lines a pole and tennis for their May training. Please contact Ron KC8YVF, for more information.

The 50-50 drawing was held while preparing for the presentation. The winner had ticket number 214347 but it appears I did not write down their name. So, congratulations to you, you lucky winner. Mike KD8MMH, Ron KC8YVF, and several other club members attended a presentation at, and tour of, the new State Emergency Operations Center. Ron and Mike gave a presentation on the experience which was very informative. After the presentation one of our guests Brooks N8RDZ, submitted a membership application. Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to accept Brooks N8RDZ, as a member and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mike KD8MMH, and seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for March 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Duane KD8AUJ, with Mike KD8MMH, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Tom N8EUI, Mike K8AVJ, and Anne KB8AWE present.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

President's Report

Mike KD8MMH, reported on pricing for the thank you plaque for the Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation. The final price will depend on the size and detail of the logos but Mike estimates it should be no more than \$125. Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to set aside \$125 for the plaque. The motion was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary brought a document which was discussed later.

Treasurer's Report

Mike N8XPS, reported the membership dues mailing had gone out and he had already received a pretty good response. Mike also reported the generator stored at Bob KD8RJJ's house passed its monthly test.

Dave W8DW, reported he had submitted the necessary paperwork to the Michigan Repeater Council for updating our frequency allocations. Dave also reported that EchoLink was down and he will look at it as soon as he gets a chance.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

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	Board Member	Doris Miles KD8MMG
		Term expires 2016	
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		Term expires 2017	
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		Term expires 2018	

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