



SVARA Harmonic

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always 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:

Covenant Hospital Anderson building, first floor lecture room on the corner of N. Bond St. and Almira St. on the 1ST Friday at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

Club Breakfast Dates (Savoy bar and Grill on Franklin St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on the Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. All dates are Saturdays. January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Week following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Dates for the new year are being decided. Changes in meeting dates are posted on the club website.

All dates for 2019 are to be announced at this time.

ARES Members:

Ares training for January is Preparing for Deployment. Winter Field Day planning will also be discussed. Visit the Ares website for more information. Ares training for February is Operational Stress.

Weekly Nets Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:30 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 Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for March 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mike N8XPS, who lead the pledge of allegiance with a total of 13 members and 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.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Mary WB8LZA. The motion passed. Anne KB8AWE reported that the bank account was successfully transferred to PNC Bank.

Minnie KD8PAZ, reported on upcoming swaps. Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests.

Ron KC8YVF, reported on the ARES training that took place on February 28th. He discussed that the March training will cover evacuation prep with Randy Mey KE8AHW, and the April training will cover prep for the May drill. He also reported on the approval for and purchase of a new air conditioner/heating unit for the County trailer.

Mike N8XPS, reported that he made a payment for the P.O. Box for the next six months. He mentioned that the cost was the same whether a six month or one-year payment is made at a time. He will research if there are any alternative P.O. Box options that will save the club money.

General discussion followed a Dave W8DW, reported that he sent out membership reminder postcards from address lists generated by Mike KD8MMH. A total of 48 postcards were sent out. Dave W8DW checked the list and removed a few Silent Keys from the 2016-17 membership list. We need to make sure the lists are checked prior to sending to make sure postcards aren't sent to Silent Keys. Discussion followed on which membership lists to include in the reminders. There was also a discussion of keeping the inactive membership list with the active member list so that they can be transferred over to the active member list. This year's paid membership list will be sent to Ron so he can update the list on the club website.

New business included discussion of the 220 repeater. It is no longer working. Dave W8DW suggested that the Repeater Committee needs to meet and decide if it was/is used enough to justify replacement. A discussion of the types of equipment that could replace it and their cost followed.

Ron KC8YVF announced that next Thursday the Midland club is holding their monthly meeting as Skywarn training, at Midland Law Enforcement Center at 7 pm. Any members needing to update their Skywarn training are welcome to attend. Bay and Genesee County will also hold Skywarn training and it is available online. Please let Ron KC8YVF or Dave W8DW if you update your Skywarn training.

Mike N8XPS, reminded everyone that the club breakfast is at the Savoy at 8:30 am on Saturday morning.

Dave W8DW showed videos on antenna basics and also a tour of the Ten-Tec facility.

The winner of the 50-50 drawing was Ron KC8YVF.

The motion to adjourn was made by Gordy KC8YVD, and seconded by Tom N8EUI.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for March 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Mike KD8MMH, with Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Doris KD8MMG, Tom N8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike K8AVJ, 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

The President mentioned he still needed to stop by the PO Box. He also stated that the club insurance is due to be renewed. Mike also mentioned the movie Dave N8ERL, has chosen for the August movie night.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present.

Chair's Report

Mike KD8MMH, discussed the Midland Skywarn training and mentioned he has extended the offer to the Midland club to join us for Field Day.

General Discussion

Mike N8XPS, made a motion to renew the insurance and was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to start Field Day planning and the selection of a Field Day chair at the next regular meeting. Seconded by Mike N8XPS. The motion passed.

Dave W8DW, gave a repeater committee report. The second are repeater is working well. The 6 m repeater was having issues but those have been fixed now. Wiring cleanup is needed at the Covenant North location.

The District 3 EC position is open if anyone is interested.

Tom N8EUI, discussed his experiences with the new FT-8 mode. Tom was able to make a contact in New Zealand on 20M, that is about 8200 miles away. Even though the amount of information you can send is limited, the ability to make contacts band conditions are less than favorable is incredible.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ
Secretary

ARRL News

Modified Digital *QST* App Now Available for Apple iOS Users

Apple has released a [new app for digital QST](#) (version 5.1) for digital readers that use iOS devices. A long-standing problem involved the inability of some Apple iOS app users to download digital *QST* issues to their devices. When they attempted to do so, the app crashed. The new app is now available on the Apple iTunes store. Apple also required ARRL to create a new version of the app that allows non-members to purchase individual issues of the *QST* digital edition.

"Members must update their digital *QST* apps for the changes to take effect," *QST* Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, explained. "This entails tapping the App Store icon, and then tapping Updates from the store menu. They may have to log in after the update, but should not have to log in after that."



The updated app will be a so-called "in-app purchase" version, which Apple requires ARRL and other publishers to use. "You might think of it as an electronic newsstand. It will allow non-members to purchase single issues of *QST* for \$6.99," Ford said.

Android and Kindle users and those who view digital *QST* on desktop or laptop computers will not be affected by this change. Android and Kindle users *do not* need to update their apps.

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.

2019 SVARA Officers

President	Mike Linton N8XPS	Board Member	
Vice-President	Brian Kleinfeld K8HY	Term expires 2019	Doris Miles KD8MMG
Secretary	Mike Elias K8AVJ	Board Member	Tom Schmidt N8EUI
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		Board Member	Mary Paquette WB8LZA
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