



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 at K8DAC-R. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

Due to current circumstances club meetings will be held on FreeConferanceCall.com or at Harry Brown Airport. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for location):

The club breakfast is **on hold** until further notice.

All dates are Saturdays. January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 8, June 5, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

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

Board meetings are being held on FreeConferenceCall.com until further notice. Changes are posted on the club website. All dates are Wednesdays. March 17, April 14, May 19, June 16, July N/A, August 18, September 15, October 13, November 17, December 15

ARES Members:

Ares members please visit the Ares website http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares_training.htm for training schedule information. Ares training are held the fourth Thursday of the month.

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

<p>District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:30 PM</p>	<p>SVARA (Saginaw) 147.240 Monday 9:00 PM</p>	<p>MARC (Midland) 147.000 Thursday 7:30 PM</p>
<p>D3 Digital Training Net (Olivia 8/500) Seasonal 3.586 MHz USB Sunday 8:00 PM</p>	<p>BAARC (Bay City) 145.310 Tuesday 9:00 PM</p>	<p>MI Digital Traffic Net (Olivia 8/500) 3.583 MHz USB Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM</p>

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for April 2, 2021

Attendance:

Mike KD8MMH
Ron KC8YVF
Rick KC8VOA
Renee KE8MYJ
Gordy KC8YVD
Fred KE8QCO
Dave W8DW
Randy KE8AHW
Tom N8EUI
Minnie KD8PAZ
Dave N8ERL

Meeting started at 7:04 pm

Mike KD8MMH relayed -

Last night Midland club meeting –

- Michigan QSO party April 17
- Midland VE session April 17
- Dow Run in August
- No MS walk in Midland
- August 28 Dirty Dog Race still on
- No Midland swap in June

Mike asked if we want to do in-person meetings in May. Vote was taken by attending members

Rick – in person

Gordy – either in-person or virtual

Renee – in-person in conference room

Ron – either

Randy – in person

Tom – in person

Dave DW – in person

Minnie – in person

May 2 meeting will be in person at Harry Browne Airport depending on current Covid restrictions.

Mike KD8MMH asked for Monthly meeting topic suggestion. He suggested D-Star. Dave W8DW, Ron KC8YVF and Rick KC8VOA will share what they have learned at the May meeting

Mike KD8MMH reported on the sale of donated equipment. Sale went pretty good. Most radios went. More odd items remain unsold.

Dave W8DW reported on the remaining equipment, will take the website down in a few weeks. Sell some on QRZ.

ATV transmitter and other equipment DaveW8DW would take care of selling on QRZ, but would want a portion of the sale price for his time. Board would have to approve.

Gordy KC8YVD made a motion to allow Dave W8DW to dispose of the remaining equipment as needed.

Motion passed by all. Dave will sell equipment on QRZ or other sites.

Dave W8DW reported on Michigan QSO party April 17. Get on the air. Visit MiQP.org for more information. 12 hour contest.

Mike N8XPS is not on tonight, but Mike KD8MMH made a deposit from the equipment sale. On March 12 - \$36.00, March 18 - \$5129.50 and March 26 - \$225. New account balance is \$15279.69.

Tom N8EUI sent in dues to N8XPS and money for shirt, wanted to know where we are on dues deposits and shirts. Mike KD8MMH reported that Mike N8XPS has made dues deposits to the bank account.

Question from Rick KC8VOA on who has NanoVNA or antenna analyzer. Make sure you ground the antenna before analyzing the antenna or you can mess up the test equipment. Suggested it would be a good presentation on analyzers or VNA's.

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES training on March 25, Winlink basics, installing, getting an account and using Telnet to send your message.

May 8 is the national Red Cross Winlink exercise. Information will be posted on the ARES website.

Great Lakes Area Winlink Net is on Wednesdays, information posted on the ARES website.

Rick KC8VOA reported on the Red Cross Winlink training on Thursday April 8, HF P2P will be on Thursday while the VHF/UHF will run Thursday through Saturday. Need to send one message using one of the 4 methods listed in the training information.

Mike KD8MMH asked who got in on Last Man Standing radio event, Mike W8DW and Ron KC8YVF participated.

Mike KD8MMH asked about an April board meeting. Attending board members decided that if something comes up they will meet, but if nothing is needed, no meeting.

Other Dates:

Ares training April 22

Club Meeting May 7 (in person)

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Secretary

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Board Member
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