



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:

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

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

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

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July N/A, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

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.

District 3 Net

145.310
Sunday 6:30 PM

SVARA (Saginaw)

147.240
Monday 9:00 PM

MARC (Midland)

147.000
Thursday 7:30 PM

TCARA (Tuscola)

146.66 MHz
Monday 7:30 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.360 MHz
Wednesday 8:00 PM

MI Digital Traffic Net

3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

SVARA Meeting 4/7/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:02 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Jeff Burghraef KC6CJY
Dave Paquette W8DW
Mike Linton N8XPS
Bill Hasse KE8WVB
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Dave Schneider N8ERL
Renee Paquette KE8MYJ – online
Tom Schmidt N8EUI – online
Fred Bolger KE8QCO – online
Dan Guiette KC8ZMM – online

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for February, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second by Minnie KD8PAZ, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for February – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Ron KC8YVF, seconded by Dave W8DW, motion carried by all. Club dues were due in March.

Motion by Mike KD8MMH to accept a new member Bill Hasse KE8WVB, Seconded by Mike N8XPS, approved by all, 2023 dues were paid.

Announcements

Next club breakfast will be on Saturday at Sullivan's on Gratiot at 8:30 am
There will be no Board meeting in April

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on the Cadillac swap on May 6

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on the Michigan QSO party on April 15. There are also several other state QSO parties and a Canada event going on in April.

Old Business

Mike talked about the YMCA program day on June 15 and 16 we could participate in. The club decided to participate on just Friday the 16 from 4-8 pm. Mike KD8MMH contacted Hanna at the YMCA and will follow up with them.

The club donation to the Michigan QSO party plaque did not happen; we will look at a donation for next year's event.

New business

Mike reported on the Midland Club

- The Central Michigan Emergency Network group offered a tower site on Poseyville Rd for the Midland Repeater if they wanted to move to a different location (again). They think they have figured out what the issue is at the current location.
- The Midland club did a presentation on ARISS

Dave N8ERL reported that the county is looking at possibly charging a fee to use the conference room at Harry Browne airport. He did not know the amount proposed. He will keep in touch with the airport management on this matter. The club could go back to the conference room at Covenant Harrison where we had our meeting before Covid.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the MS Walk in Frankenmuth, we still need operators for the event on May 13. If anyone can help, contact Ron at kc8yvf@arrl.net.

Mike KD8MMH asked if we wanted to do Field Day in June? The club wanted to do the event this year again and Mike will check with Kochville Township for use of the park.

Dave W8DW reminded everyone of Parks on the Air, and Volunteers on the Air events going on throughout the year.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- ARES training in April will be held at 911 and we will have an hands-on operating the station
- Skywarn Training for 2023 - NWS Skywarn training in person and online available, check the Detroit weather service web page at www.weather.gov/dtx
- AUXCOM cards are in progress with the county. ARES members should complete the application form, background check form and ICS classes 100, 200, 700 and 800 as soon as possible.
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Dave W8DW did a presentation on the Michigan QSO Party

The QSO party is on April 15 from noon to midnight. The exchange has changed to signal report and county from a number and county.

Information can be found on the miqp.org website

The contest will run on 10-80 meter and if 10 meters is open even Technician class have privileges on 10-meters.

3 people from Saginaw participated in 2022.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Secretary

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