



# 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 FreeConferenceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

**Club Meeting Dates:**

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

**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 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

**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 17, February 14, March 13, April 17, May 15, June 19, July N/A, August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, December 18.

**ARES Members:**

ARES members please visit the ARES website [http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares\\_training.htm](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.**

**Mid-Michigan Net**  
147.240  
Sunday 7:00 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  
Tuesday 8:00 PM

**MI Digital Traffic Net**  
3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)  
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

## **SVARA Meeting 4/5/2024**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Dave Paquette W8DW  
Randy Mey KE8AHW  
Dave Schneider N8ERL  
Rick Schattally KC8VOA  
Greg Smith KE8WXJ  
Bob Weidenmiller N8KPR  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ

### **Introductions**

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for March, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for March – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Fred KE8QCO, seconded by Greg KE8WXJ. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie presented the swap meets for the next few months , Centerville, Cadillac, Allegan, Hudsonville, Chelsea

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming swaps in April – Michigan QSO Party, 11 state QSO parties, Solar QSO party on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 4/6 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot  
There will no board meeting for April.

### **Old business:**

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to have Tom N8EUI check into new insurance for the club and report back to the board, Seconded by Renee KE8MYJ. - Tom checked with the ARRL. The board approved the change to the ARRL and the new policy will begin on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Tom will pay the bill.

Field Day 2024 – Dave, Mike, Ron and Tom will co-chair the event like last year.

Clayton KE8CB suggested to use the Carrolton Township Hall for club meetings. After discussion, the club elected to continue using the conference room at Harry Browne Airport for club meetings. The airport is a county partner and offers Wifi, a large screen TV for presentations, a kitchen for different club events and other amenities that suit the club needs. The backup location would be the conference room at Covenant Anderson as used before the Pandemic.

**New business:**

Mike reported on the Midland club information

- The Midland School club will have their balloon launch on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Midland has a new EC – Ric Sauer KD0RMK
- June 15 is the Midland Sway at the Salvation Army
- Dow Run will be June 1
- August 17 is the Dirty Dog Run

Club shirts are available, see Mike KD8MMH

Solar Eclipse QSO Party will be on Monday April 8 on 10-160 meters

Field day is coming up on the last full weekend of June

Ron KC8YVF asked everyone to “Get on the Repeater”. A challenge to call on the repeater at least once a day to try and get more people on the air.

Ron KC8YVF stated there is a new GMRS repeater in Saginaw. It is linked to several other GMRS repeaters on the east side of the state.

**ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be April 25 – Directional Antenna Project
- MS Walks dates are posted on the club website. We currently have 9 people signed up, need at least 18
- Skywarn training – if you missed the March 21 in-person training and still need to get your training for this year, check the National Weather Service website at [Weather.gov/DTX](http://Weather.gov/DTX)

**Presentation**

Dave W8DW on the Michigan QSO Party, Mike KD8MMH on the Solar Eclipse.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

## 2024 SVARA Officers

**President** – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
**Vice-President** – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY  
**Secretary** – Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
**Treasurer** – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

**Board Member** – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
**Board Member** – Mary Paquette WB8LZA  
**Board Member** – Renee' Paquette KE8MYJ

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CW (Morse Code)

Contesting

Digital Modes

Winlink

APRS/WX

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