

SVARA Harmonic

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The club has been awarded all three Care Breaks this summer. Many volunteers are needed to make these events successful. The more volunteers we have, the fewer hours needed by each volunteer. Please try to find three hours this Memorial weekend to help out your club. You can find more information on the club's website, www.k8dac.com, or by sending email to svaraharmonic@aol.com, or by calling Judy, KC8BYI Treasurer at 989-797-0692.

Thanks to the Michigan Business and Professional Association / Michigan Food and Beverage Association for the donation of two boxes (1000 count ea.) of 8 oz. foam cups for Care Break. Louis Vescio, MBPA Chair and MFBA Vice-Chair, also a SVARA member, arranged delivery to us.

The ARROW radio club is once again running a motor couch tour to the Dayton Hamvention this year. We would like to invite your club members to go along with us. We leave Ann Arbor at 4:30 am on May 21st and we would be returning around 8:30 that evening. The cost of the trip is \$55.00.

I would ask that you pass the information along to your club members on your next net, meeting or by club email. If you or any of your members have any questions please feel free to call me at 734-786-8361 or email me at kc8qcz@aol.com. Information and pictures of last year's trip are posted on our web site at www.w8pgw.org

73's, And Good Reception
Sam Proud KC8QCZ
Arrow Activities Coordinator
Bus Trip Chairman

Birthdays

May 7 Richard, KC5ELY, Kholhoff
May 24 Ed, W8HZF, Ireland
May 25 Larry, WD8RIK, Davison
May 30 Maria Albert
June 5 John, WC8WZM, Kraemer
June 28 Marguerite Schuetter

Anniversaries

May 15 Jerry, WD8OQH, and Deborah Cox
May 20 Gordon, KC8YVD, and Susan Schram
June 11 Aaron, KD8AVA, and Jamie Stella
June 20 Howard, KD8DX, and Judy Hannon

S.V.A.R.A.
General Membership Meeting
April 1, 2005
American Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM sharp. There were 29 members and guests present.

After introductions, there were some brief reminder announcements.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Bob, N8XH seconded by Harold, K8LNR and carried by all.

On a motion by Rick, KC8VOA, seconded by Bob, N8XH the secretary's report was accepted as presented.

The club welcomed its newest member, Jeff, WD8M, as moved by Judy, KC8BYI and seconded by Bob, N8XH.

Don Sefcik, N8NJE our State Official Observer Coordinator, began his presentation at 8:08 PM. He and his assistant Gerald, N8MMF wrapped up about 9:08PM.

Keith, N8XD presented awards to 3 new hams for outstanding achievement. They are: Aaron, KD8AVA, Gorgon, KC8YVD, and Joe, KD8AFM. Keith then displayed our Special Serviced Club award from the ARRL.

Rick, KC8VOA reminded club members of the MS Walk May 7th. The club trailer will be at List School in Frankenmuth at 6:30 AM.

Keith, N8XD announced that General classes begin April 26th.

Rick, KC8VOA announced the Simulated Emergency Test in Chesaning May 19th.

The club presented Wayne, W7KEH and his wife Muriel, KD6TVY with a 50th Anniversary card.

Joe, N8OSL won \$23.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Second prize of a book went to Duane, KD8AVY.

On a motion by Bill, WA8KFC seconded by Jeff, KC8BDQ all agreed to close the meeting at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

SVARA
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2005
American Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

Keith, N8XD made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Ron, KC8YVF seconded and all were in favor.

The treasurer's report for the month was reviewed.
Judy, KC8BYI had no new information on Care Break.
There was no repeater committee report.

The May meeting will center on upcoming club outings including: Simulated Emergency Test; MS Walk; Field Day etc.

There will be a trailer cleaning party at Jeff and Judy's April 23rd.
Rent is due at James Township. We need a letter to accompany our \$1.00 payment.
No further information on Field Day.

Judy, KC8BYI, Chairperson of the Board, reviewed a list of unpaid members this year.
Keith, N8XD made a motion to send these people a postcard as a reminder. George, N8NPW seconded and all agreed.

Keith, N8XD sent a letter to Larry Reed at the Red Cross reminding him of our group's availability to their organization. They have a emergency exercise in the fall we may be able to participate in.
Keith also corresponded with a Scout Director named Amy from Freeland. Her group is caretaker of The Mackinac Island Lighthouse. Maybe we can work with them in the future.
Lighthouse On The Air?

Roger, KB8QO, reported on Stormy, KC8LEP's code progress.

Ron, KC8YVF, suggested having shirts or jackets printed so members can show their club pride at events.

On a motion by Jeff, KC8BDQ and seconded by George, N8NPW the meeting closed at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary