

SVARA Harmonic

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Field Day:

Field Day is June 25th and 26th this year. The club will be operating at Richland Township Park in Hemlock again this year. We will start setting up at 9:00am. Operations will start at 2:00 pm Saturday and continue until 2:00 pm Sunday. On Saturday evening there will be a club picnic at 6:00 pm. Sloppy Joes will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Come and participate with your fellow amateurs.

Care Break:

Judy, KC8BYI, is looking for your help with the Fourth of July Care Break. Sign up for as much time as you can. Your club needs you! An official sign-up sheet is later in this newsletter. Send it to: Judy Weirauch, 806 S. Oakley St., Saginaw, MI 48602. Thank you!

July Club Meeting:

The July meeting is on Friday, July 1st. The meeting will be held at the Care Break site. There will be a club picnic at 6:00 PM. The club will provide **barbecued ribs and chicken** at the picnic. Bring a dish to pass and join your fellow club members for dinner. The club meeting will be at 8:00 PM following dinner. Topics of discussion will be the July 13th outing on Belle Isle, Field Day results and the upcoming fox hunt.

Club Breakfast:

The club breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 2nd at 9:00 AM in the back room of the State Street Texan Restaurant.

Birthdays:

July 8 KA8CRW, June Kosanovich
July 8 Patricia Steffes
July 9 Diane Morris
July 12 N8REB, Dave Buerkel
July 20 WA8GRI, James Stutesman
July 24 WD8RIL, Lawsy Nuechterlein
July 28 Susan Schram

Anniversaries:

July 7 Verlyn, KC8ZML, and Leanna Haahr
July 10 Robert, KA8UWH, and Dorothy Jahn
July 19 Robert, N8YXR, and Jennie, KC0RBV
Tuttle
July 31 Roger, KB8QO, and Jennie Candiff

FOURTH OF JULY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, July 1	Saturday, July 2	Sunday, July 3	Monday, July 4
12 – 3 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
3 - 6 am		Jeff, WD8M	Jeff, WD8M	Roger, KB8QO
			Roger, KB8QO & Jennie	Jennie Candiff
6 - 9 am				
9 - 12 noon	Jeff, WD8M		Lou, KD8BLZ	
	George, N8NPW			
12 - 3 pm		Lou, KD8BLZ	Bob, N8YXR	Bob, N8YXR
		Eileen Vescio	Jennie, KC0RBV	Jennie, KC0RBV
3 - 6 pm	Muriel, KD6TVY	Bill, WA8KFC	Jeff, KC8BDQ	Muriel, KD6TVY
	Wayne, W7KEH	George, N8NPW	Judy, KC8BYI	Wayne, W7KEH
6 - 9 pm		Gordy, KC8YVD		
		Joe, KD8AFM		
9 - 12 midnight		Gordy, KC8YVD		
		Joe, KD8AFM		

Club Picnic at 6:00 PM – Barbeque ribs and Chicken will be grilled – Bring a dish to pass. Club meeting follows dinner at 8:00 PM at the Care Break site.

S.V.A.R.A.
General Membership Meeting
June 3, 2005
American Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM

After introductions, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented on a motion by Dave, N8ERL and seconded by Bob N8XYR.

A motion was made by Bill, WA8KFC to accept the secretary's report and was seconded by Bob, N8XYR. All were in favor.

Old Business

Aaron, KD8AVA produced an excellent video of the S.E.T. Check our website, www.k8dac.com for a download link.

Judy, KC8BYI passed a sheet around for Fourth of July Care Break sign-ups

Rick, KC8VOA reported he still had several openings for Field Day.

Ron, KC8YVF delivered the T-shirts to the care break site.

New Business

There will be a ham swap and testing at the Midland County Fairgrounds June 18th.

Thank you to the estate of silent key Steve Block, KC8BTE for the donation of several antennas to the club.

Lou, KD8BLZ presented an article on Broadband over Power line (B.P.L.). He will draft a letter of opposition to send to legislators.

The Dow Run will be this Saturday in Midland. Volunteers will meet at 7:30 am at the Community Center.

An off-hand remark by Jeff, KC8BDQ suggesting a menu of ribs and chicken at the club picnic July 1st led to serious discussion and finally a motion. Bob, N8XYR seconded and all agreed.

The club welcomed a new member, Red, W6RTO on a motion by Bill, WA8KFC and seconded by Judy, KC8BYI.

The club agreed to attend the 2005 Metro Youth Day on Belle Isle in Detroit July 13th.

Rick, KC8VOA suggested we have a spare tire for the trailer. Jeff, KC8BDQ moved to purchase a tire and rim prior to the event. Rick seconded and all agreed. After some discussion of where to purchase, Rick moved to pass the assignment to the trailer committee for their discretion. Bob, N8XYR seconded the motion and all agreed.

Lou, KD8BLZ won \$24.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Jennie, KC0RBV won a handsome computer case, donated by Lou, in a second chance drawing. And a great penny bank (a Shay's water bottle that got broken at care break) was won by Joe, KD8AFM in a third chance drawing.

The members present watched a video on foxhunting.

On a motion by Bill, WA8KFC and seconded by Bob, N8XYR the meeting closed at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

SVARA
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2005
American Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Rick, KC8VOA, seconded by Roger, KB8QO and supported by all.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Care Break: We had more sign-ups for this care break than in years past. There were also more proceeds than the same weekend last year.

It was suggested we have an activity at care break such as a puzzle or treasure hunt.

It was agreed we should have the FT-897 available for HF use at the care break site.

Rick, KC8VOA made a motion to purchase a 15 meter hamstick and a 20 meter hamstick for use on the trailer. Jeff, KC8BDQ seconded and all agreed. Jeff will purchase at the Midland Swap.

Keith, N8XD reported that the details of this summer's fox hunt will be announced soon. George, N8NPW volunteered to tow the trailer to Belle Isle July 13th.

The rent has not been paid on the James Township site. The site is not operational at this time.

Ron, KC8YVF presented plans to remodel the interior of the trailer. Improvements would include better storage for the beams, new flooring and new cabinets.

Field Day: Roger, KB8QO will be band captain at the club trailer. The trailer will operate on 10, 15 and 20 meters. As we will be using the club call (K8DAC), we will be restricted to advanced privileges or lower. We should send out a press release for this event. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. The club will provide Sloppy Joes and fixin's. There will be a SSTV demonstration. Station layout was discussed. We need more volunteers. Judy will send out a reminder postcard with general info about the event.

Judy, KC8BYI reminded the board about some unpaid members. It was agreed to send them one more reminder.

On a motion by Judy, KC8BYI and seconded by Rick, KC8VOA the meeting closed at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary