

# SVARA Harmonic

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## Important Upcoming Club News:

### Field Day

Field day this year is the weekend of June 26-27. I am still looking for people to take charge of and set up stations on 80 Meters, 20 Meters 10 Meters and a VHF station or any combination of these. With the band conditions the way they are maybe a combo of 20/10 would work out well.

I need to know ahead of time so if you need something for your setup maybe we can come up with a solution.

This is an event that is not only fun but test our ability to setup and operate in an emergency situation.

If interested, please contact me via email or come talk to me at the club meeting. A reminder just because you take charge of a particular band doesn't mean you have to do all the set up yourself. There are always others that like to pitch in and get you station up and running.

Dave

W8DW

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### Care Break Sign-up:

	Friday, May 28	Saturday, May 29	Sunday, May 30	Monday, May 31
12 - 3 am	//////////////////////////////////// ////////////////////////////////////	Mike-N8XPS	Mike-N8XPS	Mike-N8XPS
	//////////////////////////////////// ////////////////////////////////////	John - KC8WZM	John - KC8WZM	John - KC8WZM
3 - 6 am	//////////////////////////////////// ////////////////////////////////////	Mike-N8XPS	Mike-N8XPS	Mike-N8XPS
	//////////////////////////////////// ////////////////////////////////////	John - KC8WZM	John - KC8WZM	John - KC8WZM
6 - 9 am	//////////////////////////////////// ////////////////////////////////////	Joe - K8CQF & Pat Hardt	Joe - K8CQF & Pat Hardt	Joe - K8CQF & Pat Hardt
	//////////////////////////////////// ////////////////////////////////////	Duane - KD8AUY	Duane - KD8AUY	Duane - KD8AUY
9 - 12 noon	Ron - KC8YVF	Ron - KC8YVF	Ron - KC8YVF	
	Emmett - W8EAB	Emmett - W8EAB	Emmett - W8EAB	Emmett - W8EAB
12 - 3 pm		Doris - KD8MMG	Doris - KD8MMG	Doris - KD8MMG
3 - 6 pm	Wayne - W7KEH			Wayne - W7KEH
	Muriel - KD6TVY			Muriel - KD6TVY

6 - 9 pm				
9 - 12 midnight	George – N8NPW	Lou – W8LPV	Lou – W8LPV	//////////////////// ////////////////////
	Minnie Passmore			//////////////////// ////////////////////

**For ARES Members:** Next Thursday (May 13) is the Saginaw County Simulated Emergency Test. For those who have committed to help out, thank you. For those that have thought about it and have not yet signed up please let me know as soon as possible.

The event starts at 8 am and will run until about 3-4 pm. Those operators coming from out of town can "pre-stage" at the McDonald's just north of the Saginaw Red Cross on Michigan Ave by 8. I don't expect to start the call up of the ARES members until 9 a.m. or so. We have 7 medical facilities, 9 busses, and several command and support locations to cover in 3 counties so there are plenty of opportunities with the busses and command locations being assigned first.

I only have 16 people signed up so far from 4 counties and need a total of 30 to cover all bases. I still need operators from Bay County to cover the bus and Bay Regional Hospital so Joe or John, if you can help get the word out to Bay and other counties for the need of additional operators that would be appreciated.

**EVERYONE MUST HAVE AN ARES ID CARD!!! No one will be allowed on a bus, at the airport or other command location without one.**

Thank you,

Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
EC, Saginaw County

**Club Meeting Dates** (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Club Breakfast Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Board Meeting Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**General Meeting Minutes**

American Red Cross Building  
April 2, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Duane (KD8AUY) at 8:00 p.m. with 20 members and guests present, followed by opening remarks including reminders of presentations by Ron (KC8YVF) about APRS and Joe (K8CQF) about Ham radio history.

Motion made by Dave (W8DW) with a second by Judy (KC8BYI) to accept new member, Chris (KB8MLC). Additional motion made by Emmett (W8EAB), second by Gordy (KC8YVD) to accept Minnie (call sign pending).

Lou (W8LPV) offered free software. Duane (KD8AUY) led the pledge of allegiance.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Harmonic newsletter was not distributed; Rob (KC8IJN) was out of town.

### **Treasure's Report:**

Presented by Judy (KC8BYI); motion to accept made by Bob (N8XH) with Joe (K8CQF) seconding.

### **Old Business:**

Lou (W8LPV) reported on current status of our 501c3 application and showed the hand-full of paperwork preformed thus far.

### **New Business:**

Dave (W8DW) is hoping for greater participation in the Michigan QSO party on April 17th and is looking for help with Field Day. Joe (K8CQF) offered the use of a 160 meter vertical antenna.

Ron (KC8YVF) reported on the ARES training held at Harry Brown Airport. Turnout was twice as expected. Upcoming events will include County Emergency Test on May 13<sup>th</sup>; before MS Walk in Frankenmuth on May 14<sup>th</sup>, with the Run for Windy taking place on May 15th.

Ron (KC8YVF) reported receiving authorization from the Rosein Tower building manager. Also mentioned that Jeff (KB8SWR) is looking for a crane to lift the antenna structure to the roof; looking to install one tower by May 13th. Joe (K8CQF) asked about the club liabilities.

Care Break sign-up sheet passed around by Gordy (KC8YVD); looking for volunteers. Judy (KC8BYI) regaled Care Break stories.

50/50 drawing of \$18.00 was won by Emmett (W8EAB). Duane (KD8AUY) reminded all of the Club Breakfast tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

ARPS presentation by Ron (KC8YVF). Roger (KB8QO) delivered a box of E-QSOs.

Motion made by Bill (WA8KFC), seconded by Emmett (W8EAB); meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

### **SVARA Board Meeting**

Texan Restaurant, State St.

April 14, 2010

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Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. with Duane (KD8AUY), Mike (N8XPS), Judy (KC8BYI), Rachelle (KD8UOK), Ron (KC8YVF), Emmett (W8EAB), and Jeff (KC8BDQ) in attendance.

The harmonic was not distributed this month; board members did not have a copy of April 2 meeting minutes to approve.

**President's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Vice President's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of April 2 approved report distributed.

Current Care Break sign up sheet is on the web; Gordy receives the sign up notices. Still have not received paperwork. Need to ask Jeff (KD8IOK) if he can haul the trailer: Friday around 9:00 a.m. and Monday about 7 or 8:00 p.m. Notify Gordy at the next meeting.

Did not receive newsletter this month. Duane (KD8AUY) will contact Rob (KC8IJN).

**Chairman's Report:**

Repeater coordinates have been sent; Ron (KC8YVF) has a copy, and Rachele (KD8UOK) will file a copy.

Rotor control at Red Cross: The meter does not work; control box is bad. It turns, but you can't tell which direction it's pointing without visual inspection. Ron (KC8YVF) suggested "Norm's Rotor Service". Emmett (W8EAB) suggested a repair facility in Greenville who George (N8NPW) has used. Duane (KD8AUY) will check with local television service companies.

ARES training is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sent an email to Bay and Midland County ECs. Will go over the SET plan, so try to be there if you plan to work the SET.

Emergency Management Issues: If Tim Genovese loses his position in September, the duties will revert to Saginaw County 911 (Tom McIntyre).

Have been working on the county trailer; trying to finish by May.

*Rosein:*

A concern regarding liability insurance has been brought up. We do have \$1 million coverage through ARRL on equipment. Need to know if it covers damage to non-club property. Can request "proof of insurance" documents for individual events. Judy (KC8BYI) will try to get clarification in plain English; there is a very large book detailing our coverage. She will also find out if we need paperwork for the housing commission; and if a permit is required for a crane. Should we have insurance copies for all tower sites (Rosein & Red Cross) at the housing commission? Decided that at this time, an attorney is not needed, until we find out what we can from our insurance.

Jeff (KB8SWR) knows someone with a crane who will give us a discount of around \$150 - \$200. Also will look into a commercial tower company to attach the (already assembled by club members) tower to the side of the building.

Brackets - \$38.75 for (6) brackets from American Tower. Ron (KC8YVF) will check to see if they will be at Dayton; if he can pick them up, we can save on shipping.

Hardware to put together segments - \$3.50 per segment from Bursma Electronics.

Tower sections: One for ATV; one for 2 meter, APRS, and 220

Ron (KC8YVF) will notify the board members if he gets information regarding the tower; possibly meet early before the next meeting.

Why is a phone required at Rosein? AutoPatch & Remote Control. Remote access may be an FCC requirement.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

Motion to adjourn from Jeff (KC8BDQ), second by Judy (KC8BYI), closed at 8:54 p.m.



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, at 8:00 p.m.  
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
following the general membership meeting,  
8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting,  
8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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