

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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## For ARES Members:

(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

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

All dates are Fridays: May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7

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

All dates are Saturdays: May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 8

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

All dates are Wednesdays: May 16, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 19

General Meeting Minutes  
American Red Cross Building  
April 6, 2012

Judy KC8BYI called the meeting to order with 28 members and guest present. She then led us in the pledge of allegiance, introductions and the prepared agenda.

Gordy KC8YVD motioned with John KC8WZM seconding to accept the Secretary's Report as presented in the Harmonic Newsletter. It carried by all except Dave N8REB voting apposed.

Mike KD8MMH motioned with Joe KD8AFM seconding to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ. Despite the abstention of Dave N8REB it was passed.

Mike KD8MMH reported about upcoming hamfests and had looked into renting a van at Redmond's for a day trip to the Dayton Hamvention.

The club station was opened for two contacts this month that were ARRL International Phone DX Contest and CQ WPX SSB Contest. It was also reported that during the first contest. The Drake 7 transceiver frequency display presumably broke. Fortunately it was able to be replaced with an unused Kenwood. It was decided to not open station in the near future due to lack of interest.

## Announcements:

The Midland Amateur Radio Club will be holding an Extra license class conducted by Lee Hodges KC8ITI. It will take place at the Midland Salvation Army on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9. Starting on April 23rd with the testing session taking place at there swap. Midland club requests help with the upcoming Dow Walk/Run taking place on May 19th from 7-12.

The Care Break packages have arrived. It was discussed how many days of summer we chose to operate at the rest area. Because this year Independence Day falls on a Wednesday the state has offered from July 4th through

8th for operations. It was decided via a motion by Dave N8ERL and Emmett W8EAB to work the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. And to keep the Independence weekend open should another group wish to work all the days. Should there be no takers we may be able to work the 7th and 8th. President Judy KC8BYI passed around a sign-up sheet.

The board has decided to reserve two tables at the Midland swap to sell equipment from the estate of Bill Kosanovich WA8KFC and that of other member's space permitting.

A county drill will take place on April 18th with 16 locations to cover. A pre-meeting will take place on Tuesday April 10th at 7:00. The F.C.C. is conducting a study on antenna restrictions. This information is accessible via the club web site. [www.k8dac.com](http://www.k8dac.com).

Dave W8DW found video of the Texas Tornos on [www.Chaser.TV.com](http://www.Chaser.TV.com).

The Frankenmuth MS Walk will take place on Saturday May 12th from 8:30 to 12. Meet at the Harvey Kern Pavilion in the park. The Run for Windy will run from 8-12 on the 20th of May at Swan Creek High School. Dave N8ERL reported the moneys raised would now go toward a scholarship fund in Miss Windy's honor.

Upcoming events include Club Breakfast March 7th, Board Meeting April 19th; Ares Training on April 26th will consist of a mini S.E.T.

Joe N8CQF secured an alternate meeting location at the Saginaw Salvation Army and inquired of the status. He missed when Ryan Manz addressed the club letting us know that, not owing on structure, the Red Cross has no intentions of closing the building. He also emphasized the support of Amateur Radio by him and the American Red Cross.

There were no other Old or New Business to report. So the meeting was turned over to Dave W8DW to speak about the Michigan QSO party to Duane KD8AUY with a presentation about the evolution of the light bulb from incandescent to light emitting diodes.

\$28.00 was won in the 50/50 drawing by Emmett W8EAB.

A motion to adjourn made by Dave N8ERL seconded by John KC8WZM it passed with Dave N8REB saying some nonsense but I wasn't listening. I don't know when we adjured I was on my way out the door.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
April 18, 2012

Our chairman Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:35 with Dave N8ERL, Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Judy KC8BYI present.

Secretary's Report: Jeff KC8BDQ made and Dave N8ERL seconded the motion to accept the March minutes as presented within the Harmonic newsletter.

Vice Presidents Report: Mike KD8MMH said he and Mike N8XPS would not be able to attend the next board meeting because they would be in the Midland extra class. Then Doris said she would also be out of town. It was decided to move the meeting up a day to May 15th.

The Treasurer's Report that Jeff KC8BDQ presented at the general meeting was re-viewed at this meeting. Tom N8EUI inquired about the funds set aside for the Rosien Tower project. Possible expenses were explained; we all hoped it will be released soon.

The Chairman had no report:

New Business: Dave N8ERL was asked about the S.E.T., which took place earlier that day. He said generally went well with Mike KD8MMH, Ron KC8YVF, Emmett W8EAB, George N8NPW, Minnie KD8PAZ, Dave W8DW, Jeff KC8SWR, Joe N8OSL, Megan KD8LHW, and Catherine KD8LHV participating.

Dave N8ERL brought in a fine tool box for the trailer to be filled with tools to be named later by Jeff KC8BDQ and Judy KC8BYI.

The sign-in sheet for the Run for Windy is filling but not completely. See Dave N8ERL to help out. It makes for a good day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy KC8BYI seconded by Dave N8ERL passed by all at 8:00 good night.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary



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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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