

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is on May 28th at 7:00 pm.

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

SVARA Meeting Presentations

We are still 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. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

CLUB DUES

Just a reminder if you haven't paid your club dues send them to the club treasurer Duane KD8AUY or pay them at the next club meeting. Information can be found on the club website

<http://www.k8dac.com/membership/>

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building April 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 with 24 members and guests present. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Secretary's Report: Gordy KC8YVD made and Jeff KC8DQ seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as if they were published within the Harmonic newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff KC8BDQ made and Doris KD8MMG seconded the motion to accept the report as presented by Duane KC8AUY.

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on upcoming Ham Radio Swaps that included Cadillac on May 2nd and Copper County on May 9th.

Upcoming events include the Club Breakfast, the Board meeting on April 15th, and Ares Training on April 23rd, with District net on Sundays, Svara nets on Mondays, and Barts net on Tuesdays.

Ron KC8YVF provided an update on the status of our occupancy in building. Despite previous rumors The American Red Cross will remain at their locations in Saginaw and Flint. The director wants to redecorate our radio rooms with fresh paint. He would like to use them for recruiting tools to generate interest radio. Mike KD8MMH brought a paint sample of the color they wish to use. The reaction was it was quite dark. Judy KC8BYI suggested it would be a better trim color with white walls. Mike KD8MMH was asked to discuss this option with the director and to ask about giving us a symbolic lease. It was also pointed out that we may have no recourse because it is their choice.

Dave W8DW reported on and made a presentation on the Michigan QSO party. He also spoke on the plans for the repeater. This included the purchase of the Yeasu Fusion. The duplexer from a past repeater has been tracked down and will soon be retrieved.

Mike KD8MMH made the suggestion to 6ft long banner for versatility and better visibility at events. He also brought some mock-ups that were passed around. After much discussion a consensus was arrived at and left in the hands of banner maker.

Public service events we will participate in include The Emergency Preparative Expo on April 11th, The Midland MS walk on April 25th, and Frankenmuth MS walk on May 9th.

Care Break sign-in sheet was passed around again and the event were discussed. The paperwork from the State Police has not been received yet and will be processed electronically.

The money for few Lions Club tickets that were sold will be returned to Jim KB8TBI at some time by Mike KD8MMH.

A VE exam session was held on March 28th with both passing their exams.

In conjunction with the new licensees four new members were voting in. Dave W8DW made and Clinton WA8ERK seconded the motion to accept the following as members.

Randal May	KE8AHW
Bob Elliot	WD8PKL
Chris Stockwell	KE8AVK
Dana Williams	as an associate member

Mike KD8MMH opened the meeting to general comments. Jeff KB8SWR asked again to see if the Red Cross would give us some sort of assurance we can stay, if this request can be made without it prompting our immediate eviction.

\$21.00 was won by Minnie KD8PAV congratulations.

Jeff KC8BDQ made and Minnie KD8PAV seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

**Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant**

April 15 2015

Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:31 with Mike KD8MMH, Dave W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, Mike N8XPS, and Tom N8EUI present.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as if they were published.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH reported that Ron KC8YVF would be repairing the drywall in our radio room. The Emergency Preparative Expo was deemed a big success.

It was reported that in order to receive \$250 from the Lions Club we would need to purchase 16 of their tickets. It was decided unanimously to return the tickets sold or otherwise back to Jim KC8BTI.

Duane KC8AUY asked about the possibility of buying T-shirts. He will look in the costs and share that information at the next meeting. While inquiring about the T-shirts he will process the insurance.

Vice President's Report: She had nothing to add.

Secretary's Report: I had nothing to add.

Treasurers / Chairman's Report: Duane read from the bank statement. The board reviewed the Treasure's he presented at the general meeting. A sheet was passed around to show that \$763 had been collected partly from the prompting from the mailing. Preparations for Field Day are under way by reserving Elmer Lang Park for the forth full weekend in June. It was suggested that an updated roster be posted in the club trailer in time for Memorial Weekend Care Break.

Pictures of an operating station that looks similar to what we would like the radio room look like. The plans include a monitor showing a weather or time display. Duane KC8AUY wants work on the radio room to be expeditious. A work day was scheduled for Monday April 20th to clean out furnishings.

Dave W8DW reported on the repeater and suggested that ticket sales for the 50/50 drawing be simplified.

Duane KC8AUY made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:42.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Repeater Committee Meeting Minutes

3/29/15

The repeater committee met on Sunday March 29 to finalize the purchase of a DR-1X analog/digital repeater from Yaesu. The meeting convened at 10 am at Tim Horton's on State St at Michigan and lasted 35 minutes. Present were Dave W8DW, Brian K8HY, Mike KD8MMH and Ron KC8YVF, Jeff KB8SWR voted for the purchase in absence.

Paperwork was submitted to Yaesu on Sunday the 29th by W8DW and received this reply.

*"Thank you for your interest in the Yaesu DR-1X Installation program,
Your application has been approved. Due to the popularity of this program, we are currently backordered about 1 to 2 months on shipping the DR-1X units.
You will be notified as soon as your unit is ready to ship.*

Best Regards & 73,

Chris W / NOCSW

National Sales Manager, Yaesu USA
1-714-827-7600 Ext. 2730”

Use of this new unit has yet to be determined, but may result as a backup to the current repeater system, be put on the air as a 440MHz repeater or as part of a new 147.240 repeater.

The repeater committee will meet again in May to continue discussions on the development, financing and purchase of a new repeater system for the Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association.

Submitted by Ron, KC8YVF.



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

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd 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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