

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members:** Next meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 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 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

**Club Breakfast Dates** (at Levi's on State St.):

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

**Board Meeting Dates** (at Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):

All dates are Thursday: May 19 at 7pm, June 15, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 12, November 16, and December 14

## **General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building**

April 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Duane KD8AUY, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. There were 16 members in attendance. Ron KC8YVF, made and Mike N8XPS, seconded a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. This motion passed.

Mike KD8MMH, was not present so there is no president's report.

Mike N8XPS, reported on an upcoming auction in Alcona.

Ron KC8YVF, and Emmett NE8B, spoke about the Birch run Expo. Both said we had good turnout.

Overall it was much better than the fall Expo.

Gordy KC8YVD, mentioned there are still spots available for the upcoming care break. Duane

KD8AUY, mentioned that care break was particularly important this year as we are spending a lot of money on repeater upgrades. Please contact Gordy if you would like to sign up.

Field day is just around the corner. Mike KE8AVJ, is heading up the field day operations this year. If you would like to participate in this year's event please contact Mike. Email: ke8avj@arrl.net This event is all about food, fun and frequencies, come out and have a good time with us.

Ron KC8YVF, mentioned the upcoming Midland MS walk on Saturday, April 30. The Frankenmuth MS walk is coming up on Saturday, May 15. Please contact Emmett NE8B at ne8b@arrl.net if you would like to work this event.

Duane KD8AUY, discussed comments received from membership and project nights listed on the website. Ron KC8YVF, discussed the ongoing repeater upgrades including updating the repeater at Rosien tower with more updates to come in the March meeting.

Ron KC8YVF, also discussed the upcoming County emergency training which will be held May 11 from 8 AM to 12 PM. Ron is still looking to fill a few positions for this exercise, if you are available and would like to help please contact Ron. This year scenario involves a midair collision between a large commercial airplane and a small private aircraft. The scenario also includes a ruptured chemical tanker. Ron also discussed the upcoming golf outing being held by Citizen Corps.

Ares training for this month will be using packet systems, particularly the hospital packet system we have in place.

Janet KD8MMJ, made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed with one nay.

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**State Street Texan Restaurant**  
**April 14, 2016**

Duane KD8AUY, called the meeting to order at 705 with members Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Mike KE8AVJ, Anne KB8AWE and Dave W8DW present. Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes and was seconded by Mike N8XPS. The motion passed.

**President's report**

Mike reported the paperwork for care break had been started but there was some confusion between rest stop management and the state police. Mike also mentions the Midland radio club will be having a field day this year. This year they will be holding the event at the Salvation Army in Midland. This is the same location as their regular club meetings.

**Vice president's report**

Mike reported that he contacted to people who had requested more information through the Expo. Mike also recommended creating a donation certificate to be presented to individuals at club meetings.

## Secretary's report

Mike reported the Expo prize had been mailed to the winner. Mike also reported on the ongoing field day plans.

## Treasurer's report

Duane reported the field day site has been paid for and the information has been added to the ARRL field day locator map. Duane reported on the possibility of CPR training to be held in mid-May at the Kochville Township Hall. Duane also mentions the need for new documentation for our current repeater and for the new fusion repeater. Duane made a motion to give Pat and Gary club shirts as a thank you for helping with our care break efforts every year. The motion was seconded by Mike N8XPS, and passed. The board discussed the club's participation in a July care break after which a vote was held. The board voted to not participate in a July care break.

## Repeater report

Dave W8DW, reported on progress with the new repeater and planned maintenance for the existing repeater.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike KE8AV J, and seconded by Mike N8XPS.



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SVARA Members sponsor the 147.240+ PL 103.5 & 224.28 Open Repeaters K8DAC/R 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 7:00 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, 7:00 p.m. at TBD.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi's

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