



SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always 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 and Place:

Covenant Hospital Anderson building, first floor lecture room on the corner of N. Bond St. and Almira St. on the 1ST Friday at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (Savoy bar and Grill on Franklin St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on the Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. All dates are Saturdays. January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Week following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Dates for the new year are being decided. Changes in meeting dates are posted on the club website.

All dates for 2019 are to be announced at this time. Dates available on the club website.

ARES Members:

Ares training for January is Preparing for Deployment. Winter Field Day planning will also be discussed. Visit the Ares website for more information. Ares training for February is Operational Stress.

Weekly Nets Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

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| District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:30 PM | SVARA (Saginaw) 147.240 Monday 9:00 PM | MARC (Midland) 147.000 Thursday 9:00 PM |
| D3 Digital Training Net (Olivia 8/500) Seasonal 3.586 MHz USB Sunday 8:00 PM | BAARC (Bay City) 145.310 Tuesday 9:00 PM | MI Digital Traffic Net (Olivia 8/500) 3.583 MHz USB Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM |

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mike N8XPS, who lead the pledge of allegiance.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Tom N8EUI. The motion passed.

The Treasurer was not present.

Minnie KD8PAZ, reported on upcoming swaps.

Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests.

Ron KC8VYF, reported on upcoming Ares events, including the upcoming SET and Frankenmuth MS walk.

Mike N8XPS, reported that he had renewed the PO Box for another six months

Ron KC8YVF, reported that the club station could be installed at the Saginaw County Health Department.

As a reminder field day is June 22 and 23. We will be joined by the Midland club.

John Coulter KC8USU, of the Bay City club invited us to join The Bay Area Amateur Radio Club (BAARC) for the tall ship celebration event being held July 18-21. More information is available on the BAARC Facebook page.

Chris Rose KB8UIH, of the Midland club invited operators to help with the Midland MS walk April 27, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

The winner of the 50-50 drawing was Mary WB8LZA.

The motion to adjourn was made by Gordy KC8YVD, and seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

Minutes taken by Mary WB8LZA. (Thank you Mary)

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for April 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mike KD8MMH, with Dave W8DW, Doris KD8MMG, Mary WB8LZA, Rick KC8OVA, Anne KB8AWE, and Mike K8AVJ, present.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

President's Report

The president was not present.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave an informal report. The official report will be presented at the May meeting.

Chair's Report

Mike KD8MMH, reported on upcoming events including the Midland MS walk April 27, Frankenmuth MS walk May 11, Dow run/walk June 1 and the Saginaw County SET May 16.

General Discussion

The General discussion began with Field Day in the selection of a Field Day chair. Mike K8AVJ, has agreed to be the chair for this year's Field Day. The club's participation in Care Break was discussed. It was decided at the general meeting there was not enough interest for the club to hold Care Break this year. The club's donation to the Quanicassee repeater project was discussed. Dave W8DW, suggested we use the radio received from the donation as a raffle prize. Dave also discussed the 220 repeater. A replacement is estimated at \$1, 300. Lastly Dave discussed the possibility of a radio room at the Health Source building on Hospital Road. The current administration would like to increase their participation in County drills.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ
Secretary

Press Release

Traverse Area District Library Selected to Host Amateur Radio Contact with the International Space Station.

April 24, 2019 (Traverse City) - The Traverse Area District Library (TADL) is pleased to announce their selection by the ARISS-US Team (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) to host an amateur radio contact with International Space Station (ISS) crew members using the ARISS equipment on the ISS. This is a once in a lifetime experience made possible by the Amateur Radio community in cooperation with NASA.

While planning for the 2019 Summer Reading Club program last fall, TADL staff and administrators learned about the opportunity to submit a proposal to make radio contact with the ISS which aligned with this year's reading program theme: *A Universe of Stories*. The TADL Summer Reading Club program is open to readers of all ages, infants to adults, and begins on June 17, 2019.

Proposals were submitted in late November 2018. A review team of teachers from the ARISS-US Education Committee selected proposals and [TADL was among the thirteen schools or organizations, announced in early February 2019](#), to advance to the next stage of planning to host amateur radio contacts from July to December 2019. The final stage of planning was approved by ARISS in late March.

TADL is preliminarily scheduled to host the radio contact at the Main Library (Traverse City) location during the last week of June 24-30, 2019. Considering orbital constraints and ISS crew schedules, the final date and time of the radio contact will not be confirmed by NASA until one week ahead of the contact week. The radio contact will be approximately 10 minutes in length due to the radio communication window permitted by the logistics of orbital passes of the ISS. The radio contact will be supported by TADL Information Technology staff, members of the local Cherryland Amateur Radio Club (CARC), and ARISS mentors.

In preparation for the radio contact with the crew on the ISS, TADL is holding an "Ask an Astronaut" contest. Children, teens, and adults are invited to submit an entry form indicating what question they would like to ask an astronaut and why they want to ask that question. Questions should focus on applying science, technology, engineering and math in space research. Submissions begin on Monday, May 6 and close on May 22. The top questions, as selected by library staff, will be announced in late May. Students will be selected to interact directly with astronauts and cosmonauts during the radio communication window using a question and answer format at the June event. Stop by any TADL location or visit TADL.org to learn more.

About TADL

The Traverse Area District Library (TADL), a network of community libraries, is a district library funded by a dedicated countywide millage. Within the district there are six public

library facilities supported by the district millage. They are the Main Library (Traverse City), East Bay Branch Library, Kingsley Branch Library, and member libraries Fife Lake Public Library, Interlochen Public Library, and Peninsula Community Library. The Traverse Area District Library provides dynamic resources and innovative services to stimulate intellectual curiosity, facilitate lifelong learning, promote literacy, and nurture personal enrichment. Learn more at www.tadl.org .

About ARISS

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students in classrooms or public forums. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities learn about space, space technologies, and amateur radio. For more information, see www.ariss.org.

What is Amateur Radio?

Amateur, or “Ham,” Radio, is a popular service and hobby in which federally licensed participants operate communication equipment. There are over 700,000 licensed amateurs and nearly 2,300 ARRL-affiliated Amateur Radio clubs in the United States. Hams talk to each other across town, around the world, and even into space without the need for normal communications infrastructure, such as cell phone networks or the Internet. Amateur Radio is regularly used during natural disasters to help local emergency and service agencies (such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and state and local governments) respond when normal communication methods are disrupted. The Amateur Radio community is a great source of electronics experimentation, public service, and fun. Learn more about local amateur radio with the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club <http://cherrylandarc.com/>

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Dale's Tales Syndicated Column

Greetings, welcome to "Dale's Tales" for May, 2019.

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

It sounds like Jabberwocky, and it is, written by Lewis Carroll ca 1871. And I often wonder if that is how we sound to newcomers to our hobby. In fact, I am sure it is. I remember my entry to Novice-land and how little I understood about the ongoing discussions at radio club meetings. It took a while to pick up the slang, and a little while longer to actually begin to understand it. But thanks to a couple of mentors who were able to ease the pain, I got by. Were it not for these heroes of mine, I might have given up.

Mentoring was the key and Mentoring is the theme of the upcoming Dayton Hamvention and National ARRL Convention. We will all learn how we can be better mentors and assist interested newcomers into our hobby. We need to step away for a few moments from our own form of "inside conversation" and invite the new folks in to the conversation, remembering that they probably don't yet have a firm grasp of the nuances of ham lingo. Attending a few of the Hamvention Forums will certainly provide some guidelines for us all.

Remember, Hamvention and the ARRL National Convention are set for May 17, 18 & 19 at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, OH. Full details can be found at <https://www.Hamvention.org>.

Of special note, National and State ARRL conventions are authorized to host meetings of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong (ROWH). This is a fun event, convening at 9:00 PM Saturday May 18 at the University of Dayton Marriott, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd. in Dayton. As the history is chronicled, "The Old Man", Hiram Percy Maxim W1AW, wrote in 1919 the Wouff Hong was conceived as an instrument of potential punishment for wayward hams, those who strayed from good operating etiquette. The actual Wouff Hong currently hangs in a place of honor in the office of the Secretary of the ARRL. This meeting provides the opportunity for those who do not yet belong to the "ROWH" to join and share in its ideals. This is always a fun event with a rather unique lesson in League history attached. You can register in advance at <http://arrl-ohio.org/wouff-hong.html>. A certificate of membership and special memento will be provided to all inductees.

TOM'S COMMENTS: Looking at many of the club newsletters that come my way, I can see that Spring is here just by all the listings of ham radio classes. Good job, everyone! It's so important for ham radio to keep offering these opportunities. And it's great to be able to share such a fun hobby.

The challenge for us all is follow-up. It's great to have someone get their first license. Who helps them get on the air? Who will show them how to make the first contact? Who will advise them on antennas?

Whatever you do, it has to be tailored to circumstances that fit the mentor and those who wish to learn. Some clubs go all-out to organize activities for new hams. If your spring classes end

in May or early June, make sure your newly licensed people get an invitation to Field Day. In fact, don't just invite—make it as easy as possible for them to get there, and stress how important it is for them to get on the air. Offer them a step-by-step tour so they understand which antenna does what, and how all the equipment works together.

If you're going to the Hamvention in a few weeks, remember that the theme this year is "Mentoring the Next Generation." The ARRL website indicates: "A track of presentations will be organized to build on the convention theme, encouraging more individuals and radio clubs to serve in mentoring roles, leading new and inexperienced radio amateurs to become more active, involved, and engaged."

Whether or not you can get to Hamvention, please do your part at home, and find a new ham to help –whether it's just encouragement on the air, or sharing some knowledge that you would like to pass along.

--73, Tom W8WTD Vice Director, Great Lakes Division

HAMFESTING: Here is the current Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest Schedule covering the next few months. These swaps have received their sanctioning approval from ARRL HQ at the time of this publication.

If you plan to request ARRL Sanctioning, please be sure to do it well in advance of your Hamfest date, as this allows adequate time for QST Listings. Be sure to invite your ARRL Officials as soon as your date is set. With 52 weeks and 70+ hamfests, things do double up a little. Plan ahead for requesting your ARRL Officials to attend.

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| 5/4/19 | Cadillac | Cadillac, MI |
| 5/5/18 | Flying Beers Trunkswap | Ferndale, MI |
| 5/17 to 19 | Hamvention | Xenia, OH |
| 6/1/19 | Luce County | Newberry, MI |
| 6/1/19 | Princeton | Princeton, KY |
| 6/1/19 | IRA | Hudsonville, MI |
| 6/1/19 | Fulton County | Wauseon, OH |
| 6/2/19 | Chelsea | Chelsea, MI |
| 6/8/19 | Union County | Marysville, OH |
| 6/15/19 | Milford/SWODXA Conv | Milford, OH |
| 6/15/19 | Midland Hamfest | Midland, MI |
| 6/16/19 | Monroe | Monroe, MI |

OUR GREAT LAKES DIVISION web page does carry news from some of the recent events in the Division, useful links and information as well as some neat photos supplied from around the Division. Check it out: <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/>

Be sure to check your Section's news pages for the latest local happenings, club and net information.

73, Let's go light up the bands!
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Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have, and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.

2019 SVARA Officers

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| President | Mike Linton N8XPS | Board Member | |
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