

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members:** Next meeting is on June 25<sup>th</sup> 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: 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: 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: 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 May 1, 2015**

Michael KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 7:12 with 22 members and guest present. He led the group in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Secretary's Report: John KC8WZM made and Lou W8LPV seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the Harmonic Newsletter.

Joe KD8AFM made and Lou W8LPV seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Duane KC8AUY.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the updated roster posted on the web site.

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on upcoming swaps including Cadillac, Copper County, and Dayton.

Upcoming club events will include Club Breakfast May 2, Board Meeting May 13, and Ares training on May 28. Mike KD8MMH spoke of the advantages of Ares and spoke of the district net on Sundays, Svara nets on Mondays, and Barts net on Tuesdays.

Update on radio room redecoration Ron KC8YVF is working on the drywall. Club trailer will be updated Sunday May 3 at 11:00.

Public Service events will include MS walk in Frankenmuth, Dow Festival of Races, and Marathon. Don't forget the Memorial Day Care Break shifts are still open, please help.

Lions club tickets sold and unsold have been returned to Jim KB8TBI

Ron KC8YVF made the motions for two new members. Membership for Mike Elias KE8AVJ was seconded by Lou W8LPV and Terry Talady KA9SXH was seconded by Clinton W8ERK.

We are always eager for new ideas for projects and presentations.

Repeater committee update: Ron KC8YVF reported that our Yeasu Fusion repeater is on back order for a few months. The Hemlock repeater that belongs to Dave N8ERL now has tone and Jeff KB8SWR has put a relay for his repeater in James Township but it an un-standard offset.

John KC8WZM helped with the drawing for door prize from the Emergency Expo the will be sent to Jim Sederlund KD8ZXV.

Ron KC8YVF reported that a deal was struck with Citizen Corp to collect the money from their golf outing. We will receive 10% for providing this service. He also reported that through county connections we will receive a \$2000 toward the repeater.

Closing comments included discussion of our current supply of T-shirts and Duane KC8AUY spoke on his Field Day preparations.

Mike KD8MMH provided a presentation video on the Yeasu Fusion Repeater.

Dena Williams won \$25 in the 50/50 drawing on ticket 213669.

Gordy KC8YVD made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**State Street Texan Restaurant**  
May 13, 2015

Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:29 with Mike KC8MMH, Dave W8DW, Tom KC8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike N8XPS present.

Mike KD8MMH made and Tom K8EUI seconded the motion to accept the board meeting minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH reported on the successfully performed MS walk in Frankenmuth. He then asked someone to ship the door prize from the Emergency Expo. Mary KC8LZA took care of it.

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

Secretary's Report: I had nothing to add.

Treasures / Chairman's Report: The current treasurer's report and bank statement were passed around for review.

Duane KC8AUY reported the application to reserve Elmer Lang Park for Field Day was delayed because we didn't have insurance. It fell through the cracks in transition. Good news is the application is in and we are insured again.

It was suggested that the current roster be posted in the trailer should someone need to make contact.

Mike KD8MMH shared that the 2m radio may be on the blink. It didn't perform well at the Frankenmuth MS walk.

It was decided to take orders for new club shirts at the next meeting. Mike has forms for name and call sign badges. He will contact with the supplier.

Elmer Lang Park now soccer fields and we were instructed to stay clear of them.

Dave W8DW reported on the new Fusion repeater. He then spoke on his pursuit of our cans in Travers City. He had no luck in reclaiming them.

There was no update on the status of radio room decor. Chairs are on order. Ron KC8YVF said he would get paint. Mike KC8MMH got some low mileage flat screens and file drawers from a Midland Department of Education Action. Transportation provided by Ron KC8YVF.

Dave W8DW will speak on Field Day and will coordinate participation, let's led a hand.

Dave W8DW made and Mary W8LZA seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, 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 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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