

SVARA Harmonic

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Club Picnics, Care Breaks and Metro Youth Day

There will be a picnic at the rest area Wednesday July 4th at 4:00 p.m. Hamburgs and hot dogs and fixin's will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. The 3rd Annual Ribs and Chicken Barbeque will be on Friday, July 6th, at 6:00 p.m., just prior to the club meeting which will be held at the rest area. Bring a dish to pass.

Care Break sign up sheets are included elsewhere in this newsletter for 4th of July and Labor Day. We also need to confirm who intends to go to Detroit for Metro Youth Day. WA8LPV will have vehicle passes and information available at either club picnic (see above).

State Representative Visits Field Day Site

Field Day was a huge success. We are still waiting for the final scores, but rumor has it the club trailer scored very well.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to 94th District State Representative Kenneth Horn for visiting the Field Day site. He and his wife, Veronica, came by Saturday and toured the various operating positions.

Copters and Wings

The 2nd annual Copters and Wings Fest at Harry Browne Airport was a blast! I thoroughly enjoyed my first helicopter ride as well as an assortment of other aircraft. Everybody who came out had a good time, and the club members were very professional in their communication duties. I am proud to be associated with the club and everyone in it.

KC8BDQ, Editor

Birthdays

July 11..... KD8AVA

July 12.....N8REB

July 20.....WA8GRI

July 24.....WD8RIL

July 29.....N8XPS

Anniversaries

July 7.....KC8ZML

July 10.....KA8UWH

July 19.....N8YXR

July 19.....KC0RBV

General Membership Meeting
June 1, 2007
Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM. There were 23 members and guests present.

The Secretary's report was accepted as presented on a motion by N8ERL and seconded by N8YXR with all in favor.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by KB8QO seconded by WD8OQH.

Announcements:

KC8BYI thanked everyone for all their help over Memorial Day carebreak weekend. She also solicited sign-ups for the 4th of July.

The club then voted in a new member, W8VVI, Alex Malocha on a motion by N8YXR that was carried by KC8YVF. Welcome, Alex!

Old Business:

KC8BDQ again reminded members of the upcoming Copters and Wings event.

KC8YVI mentioned he would email Tim Genovese concerning the Citizen Corps.

N8YXR announced the equipment was in for the 1st Ward Community Radio Project. He would like to coordinate some dates to get it setup and running.

New Business:

KB8SWR stated the ATV repeater was operational.

KD8AVA asked if there were any upcoming project nights. N8XD needs ideas for projects. Email Keith if you have any ideas!

KC8BDQ announced he had set-up a new bulletin board or forum. It is dedicated to amateur radio. You can check it out at: <http://users.boardnation.com/~amateurchat>.

N8ERL gave members info on upcoming swaps in Grand Rapids June 2nd, Midland the 16th, and Monroe on the 17th. He also asked for articles for the newsletter.

KC8BYI reminded members that there will be a picnic on the 4th at 4:00 pm featuring hamburgers and hot dogs, and again on the 6th at 6:00 pm starring ribs and chicken. She also thanked KD8AUZ for the use of his pickup truck for Care Break.

Some further discussion of Metro Youth Day ensued.

N8ERL gave an informative presentation on Field Day starting at 8:50 pm and lasting till 9:15 pm.

KD8FLK won 21.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

On a motion by N8YXR, seconded by KD8FLK the meeting closed at 9:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

Board of Directors
SVARA
June 13, 2007
Texan on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm. Present were: KD8AVA, W8LPV, KC8BYI, KC8BDQ, WA8GRI, and N8XD.

Announcements:

N8XD reminded board members about Copters and Wings at Harry Browne Airport, 4th of July Care Break, the Midland Swap this Saturday and Metro Youth Day July 11th.

KC8BDQ made a motion to accept the minutes of the April Board meeting as presented in print. He was seconded by KD8AVA. All were in favor.

The treasurer's report from the general meeting was reviewed. KC8BYI reminded the board that the insurance bill of \$325.00 would be due in mid-July. KC8BYI asked for 76.00 to buy checks for the club. WA8GRI moved to purchase and N8XD seconded. All were in favor. N8XD asked if we could have puppy dogs on them. KC8BYI also mentioned the 4th of July Care Break as well as her intent to have Mosquito Control spray Richland Twp. Park before Field Day.

W8LPV reported that work was continuing on the 501 (c)(3) project. He also handed out copies of a press release from the Development Committee concerning the SVARA Grant.

Old Business:

KC8BYI made a motion to have the club pay for all fuel expenses for the vehicle used to haul the trailer to Detroit for Metro Youth Day. KD8AVA seconded and all agreed.

Comments:

KC8BYI mentioned we might have gained some new members at the Copters and Wings event.

W8LPV suggested we give Mark Torregrossa a free 1 Year membership to SVARA. N8XD made a motion and was echoed by KD8AVA. All board members agreed.

On a motion by KC8BYI, seconded by WA8GRI, the meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

FOURTH OF JULY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Wednesday, July 4	Thursday, July 5	Friday, July 6	Saturday, July 7	Sunday, July 8
12 - 3 am		Lou W8LPV	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
		Eileen Vescio			
3 - 6 am					
			Roger, KB8QO	Roger, KB8QO	
6 - 9 am		Duane KD8AUY	Howard KD8DX	George N8NPW	George N8NPW
		N8NPW K8CQF, Pat	N8NPW K8CQF, Pat	Joe, K8CQF Pat	Joe, K8CQF Pat
9 - 12 noon	Roger K8DVX	Emmett KD8FLK	Emmett KD8FLK	Emmett KD8FLK	Emmett KD8FLK
	Ron KC8YVF	Ron KC8YVF	Ron KC8YVF	Ron KC8YVF	George N8NPW
12 - 3 pm	Bob N8YXR	Muriel KD6TVY	Muriel KD6TVY	Muriel KD6TVY	Jim WA8GRI
	Jennie KC0RBV	Wayne W7KEH	Wayne W7KEH	Wayne W7KEH	Judy Stutesman
3 - 6 pm	Judy KC8BYI	Bill W8CWD	Lou W8LPV	Lawsy, WD8RIL	Jim WA8GRI
	Jeff KC8BDQ	MaryLou Dolson	Eileen Vescio	George N8NPW	Judy Stutesman
6 - 9 pm	John KC8WZM	John KC8WZM	John KC8WZM	John KC8WZM	Judy KC8BYI
	Gordy KC8YVD	Gordy KC8YVD	Gordy KC8YVD	Gordy KC8YVD	Jeff KC8BDQ
9 - 12 midnight	John KC8WZM	John KC8WZM	John KC8WZM	John KC8WZM	
			Aaron KD8AVA	Dave N8ERL	

LABOR DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, Aug 31	Saturday, Sept 1	Sunday, Sept 2	Monday, Sept 3
12 - 3 am	/	Lou W8LPV		
	/	Eileen Vescio		
3 - 6 am	/			
	/			
6 - 9 am	/			
	/			
9 - 12 noon	Ron KC8YVF	Ron KC8YVF	Ron KC8YVF	
12 - 3 pm				Bob N8YXR
				Jennie KC0RBV
3 - 6 pm	Muriel KD6TVY	Muriel KD6TVY		Muriel KD6TVY
	Wayne W7KEH	Wayne W7KEH		Wayne W7KEH
6 - 9 pm				
9 - 12 midnight			Lou W8LPV	/
			Eileen Vescio	/



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 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,
9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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