

# SVARA Harmonic

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**As a note:** There will not be a July 4<sup>th</sup> Carebreak, or club meeting this month. The board will still meet on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the State Street Texan. The time will be 7:30 pm. All club members are welcome to attend.

The next general meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup>. Lee Hodges will give a presentation on antennas. Our annual ice cream sharing will be at that meeting.

## **Upcoming Events:**

The plans for Detroit Metro Youth Day are:

Date: Wednesday July 13, 2011

Time: 5:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (approximately)

Meet at: Birch Run Exit Motel parking lot (We'll car pool from there)

Destination: Belle Isle - Detroit

If you plan to go, let me know so we will know whether to wait for you to car pool.

If you have any questions, contact me.

Thanks

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**For ARES Members:** Next training will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Club Meeting Dates** (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

## **Club Breakfast Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: July 2(?), August 6, September 3, October 8, November 5, and December 3

## **Board Meeting Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: July 13, August 17, September 14, October 19, November 16, and December 14.

## General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building June, 3rd 2011

Meeting called to order at 8:01 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

**Secretary's Report:** The motion to accept minutes as published in the Harmonic was made by Dave N8ERL then seconded by John KC8WZM.

The **Treasure's Report:** was presented by Jeff KC8BDQ. Emmett W8EAB motioned to accept it with a second by Dave N8ERL.

501(c)(3) report status: There has been no news from the IRS. Judy KC8BYI will call the agent if he has not within 30 days. Changes that were made to our articles of incorporation have been filed with the state.

Amanda Stange KD8JAZ has gone in for surgery to correct genetic hip – displaysa and is recovering at home.

Judy KC8BYI expressed gratitude all those who participated in the May events of MS walk, Run for Windy, County emergency test, weather watches, and the Memorial Day Care Break. Emmett W8EAB also expressed the appreciation the MS walk. Dave N8ERL thanked on behalf of the Run for Windy.

Care Break update: It was reported by Gordy KC8YVF the Memorial Day weekend to be slow on customers but interesting. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Forth of July Care Break. Even though reports have differed on how much the rest area will be open this summer. Judy KC8BYI said the state would let her know if it will be closed for the Independence or Labor Day Weekends. She will also call them prior to the holidays.

Some up coming events for June and July will be the club breakfast, haz-mat training, Field day, Metro Youth day, the July general meeting, and Care Break.

John KC8WZM cannot work the night shift for medical reasons. He is open to work but needs a ride.

The July meeting presentation will be made by Mike N8XPS and Lee Hodges KC8ITI president of the Midland club will share a presentation at the August meeting on antennas.

It was said that Ed Ireland W8HZF would like to receive a card, e-mail, or a visit at the Swan Valley Manner apartment 221.

Dave W8DW and Mike KD8MMH will serve as co-captains of Field Day and shared a presentation on preparations for the event. Dave said he could be contacted by phone at 989-792-7178 and w8dw@qsl.net.

JUDY KC8BYI won \$14.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Tom N8EUI sent Field day information to Channel 5 news.

Motion made by Dave N8ERL with a second by Joe K8CQF as it was carried we adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary

**S.V.A.R.A**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The State Street Texan Restaurant  
June 15th 2011

Chairman's Report: Duane KD8AUY opened the meeting at 7:35 with Mike KD8MMH, Judy KC8BYI, Jeff KC8BDQ, Mike KD8PEZ, Emmett W8EAB, Mike N8XPS, and Doris KD8MMG present.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept the board meeting minutes as presented in the April Harmonic newsletter by Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Judy KC8BYI.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI reported no news from the I.R.S. on our 501c3 application or the Michigan Department of Transportation concerning Care Breaks. She will call Mdot before the next holiday weekend. Arrangements have been made to secure our Field Day location at Richland Township Park. Mosquito Control will also be contacted to spray the area.

E.C. Report: Haz - Mat Training took place at The Harry Brown Airport on the 4th of June. Emmett said that all went well.

The status of the Rosien Tower project and the Rohn 55 tower were discussed. It has been requested that we assemble an Echolink interface to our repeater.

A motion was made by Emmett W8EAB to name Dave N8ERL as the trustee of the club call signs. This was seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ.

Treasure's Report: Was a review of what had been approved at the General Meeting.

Duane KD8AUY requested that the Care Break location look more patriotic for the upcoming holiday with a number of small American flags. A motion was made to allocate \$ 50 toward that endeavor by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

No Old Business:

New Business: Was the reminder of Ares Training to happen on June 23rd at 7:00 at The Harry Brown Airport.

Motion to adjourn made by Emmett W8EAB and seconded by Judy KC8BYI and we left.

Respectfully Submitted

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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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