

SVARA Harmonic

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Ice Cream Social

Come on out to the August meeting at the Red Cross and have a dish of ice cream and visit with fellow hams and friends.

Care Break Sign Ups

Be sure to check the Labor Day signup sheet included in this newsletter. Pick your best times and send it to SVARA PO Box 1783 Saginaw, MI 48605-1783. Or contact any board member. Or send email to: Weirauch@chartermi.net.

2009 Field Day Report from Dave, N8ERL

Thanks to everyone for making this year's FD a resounding success. As in past years we had a fun, laid-back event with good times, good friends, good food and pretty good operating conditions.

We had a total of 7 stations this year:

1. Mike, N8XPS, GOTA station-62 QSO's and 62 points
2. Rick, KC8VOA, 6 meters-15 QSO's and 15 points (Rick also gave us 100 bonus points by using solar power.)
3. Steve, KD8FQL 10 meters-58 QSO's and 62 points
4. Lou, W8LPV, 15 meters-139 QSO's and 249 points (Lou's station was operated by Emmett, W8EAB and Dave, WB8LZA)
5. Bob, N8YXR, and Jenny, KC0RBV, 20 meters-175 QSO's and 175 points
6. Dave, N8ERL, 40 meters-243 QSO's and 270 points
7. Mike, KD8AUZ, 80 meters-122 QSO's and 162 points

Joe, K8CQF, did roving CW this year making many contacts and Dave, WB8LZA, also made a lot of CW contacts.

Jeff, KC8BDQ, and Judy, KC8BYI, did a superb job with the food again this year.

Our totals submitted to the ARRL were:

Total claimed QSO's 168-CW, 13-digital, and 659-phone for a total of 840 QSO's

Total claimed Score-2,042 (1 point for phone, 2 for digital and CW with the total times 2 for 150 watts).

Total bonus points were 1530

Total claimed score was 3572

We had 40 members and guests participate including Tom McIntyre, 911 Director; Representative Ken Horn, Commissioner Ann Doyle, and District 3 EC, Joe Tuscher.

We also had a fine youth representation of which at least 4 made at least one QSO giving us 80 bonus points.

LABOR DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, Sept 4	Saturday, Sept 5	Sunday, Sept 6	Monday, Sept 7
12 – 3 am	/	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
	/	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
3 - 6 am	/	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
	/	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
6 - 9 am	/			
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9 - 12 noon	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB
	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	
12 - 3 pm				
3 - 6 pm				
6 - 9 pm				Judy, KC8BYI Jeff, KC8BDQ
			Judy, KC8BYI Jeff, KC8BDQ	
9 - 12 midnight				/
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Club Picnic on Friday, Sept 4. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

General Membership Meeting
American Red Cross Building
June 5, 2009

Meeting called to order by KC8BDQ at 8:00 p.m. with 33 members and guests present then made remarks, led group in the pledge of allegiance, and reported on club breakfast at 8:30 a.m., new location for Midland Swap on June 20th, Free fun day July 25th, thanked W8EAB for correcting Shay water and arranged for automated counting of coinage, and said the red cross asked us to tidy up our radio rooms. KD8PRX and KC8WZM reported on visit to NOAA weather facilities in White lake. While touring the building jests were made about this cool summer and global warming. Sky weather charts and hazard handouts were distributed.

Care Break Report: 4th of July schedule circulated, and help to fill open shifts requested.

EC Report: No ARES information to convey undetermined activity for June 9th.

QSL card delivered to KB8QO

Field Day Report: N8ERL presented slide show of information and past photographs, some with captions. Requested to gather at 9:00 a.m. on the 27th to help with set up and specially take down. W8HZF added some history of field days past and meetings.

Secretary's Report: motion to accept minutes as presented within the Harmonic made by KC8BDQ seconded by W8CWD with Happy Birthday to KC8WZM.

Treasure's Report: motion to accept as presented by KC8BYI made by N8YXR seconded by W8LPV.

Vice Presidents Report: No word 501c3 progress, 2 page summary sent to 4 newspapers, television and radio. Invitations to field day sent to officials for bonus points. Hand out about Midland Amateur Radio Club taken from CQ magazine was presented. Reminder of the Metro Youth Day on July 8th.

Trailer Report: KD8IOK reported on need for 4 position lug wrench and hydraulic jack then motioned there purchase seconded by W8EAB.

N8ERL read a thank you letter from Mat McRae, and Marissa McGuinness for our help with "The Run for Windy" held on May 17, 2009 that raised \$3,000.

Old Business: KC8YVF contacted Patricia at the housing commission to find possible source of tower donation is unavailable expressed need of 40ft for project. KC8BDQ will make inquiries via Craigslist.org. KC8YVF will inquire on condition of solar array.

WA8GRI requested that printed copy of Harmonic be available at meetings will be provided by N8XPS.

New Business: K8CQF and W8LPV conducted class with unofficial test on May 23rd with 2 attendees. Idea presented to conduct class at field day during set up hoping VE's to conduct test. W8CWD reported the ARRL requires 3 weeks to process testing materials a published posting required before a test can be given.

KC8BDQ imparted upgrading to general and his intention of becoming a VE.

KC8YVF announced the upcoming events. Dow Run in Midland, Volkslavfe (The People's Race) on July 4, 2009, Ham gate and packet training planned to be held, Family Preparedness Day to be merged with National night out on August 4, 2009. County trailer emptied and towed to hanger of N8ERL. Citizen Corp to hold a golf outing. Inquiry made if club would sponsor a hole for \$75 or a golf cart for \$50.

50/50 Drawing of \$21 won by KC8BYI

KD8PRX requested help with removing tower.

Motion to adjourn the made by N8YXR seconded by W8LPV and was at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary

General Membership Meeting
Care Break Site
July 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 19:10 with 33 members and guest present. Customary introductions and pledge was followed moment of silence in memory of William Dolson W8CWD. KC8BDQ addressed membership announcing the upcoming Metro Youth Day July 8, 2009 and Free Fun Day July 25, 2009.

Field Day Report: N8ERL thanked all those who participated in this years Field Day operations and presented preliminary scoring results.

Treasures Report: An S.V.A.R.A. jacket was purchased and lettered for KC8WZM. Motion made to accept KD8UOK as a new member of the club was made by N8YXR with a second by KC8RBV motion carried. The sign up sheet for Labor Day Care Break will be circulated at the August meeting. KC8BYI gave the account on club finances. Motion to accept report as presented made by W8LPV seconded by KC8WZM.

Due to a clerical error June's minutes were not presented in club news letter. They will be presented with July minutes at August meeting.

Vice Presidents Report: Metro Youth Day meeting to be held immediately following General Membership Meeting to arrange transportation. Gratitude expressed to all whom set-up operated and tore down station for W8LPV at Field Day. Also conveyed that Ilean continued to recuperate and was felling better.

KC8YVF reported the offer by M.A.R.C. of a 60ft radio tower suitable for repeater use. Condition said to be rusty yet sound. Motion made to kindly accept this donation made by KC8BDQ with a second by W8LPV.

No Old Business to report

New Business: KC8BYI introduced newly licensed Kathirn Mueller KD8LHV she and her husband John visited Field Day and the Care Break potluck and meeting. Motion made to hold Ice Cream Social as part of August meeting made by N8YXR and KC8WZM seconded.

Motion made by N8YXR and seconded by KC8WZM to close meeting at 19:32.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

S.V.A.R.A. Board Meeting
State Street Texan Restaurant
July 15, 2009

Meeting of the board was called to order by KC8YVF at 7:57 p.m. with KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, W8EAB, KD8IOK, KC8YVF, N8XPS, and W8LPV present.

Motion made to accept June board meeting minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter made by KC8BYI with KC8BDQ seconding.

President's Report: Due to major miscommunications about the transport of the large borrowed barbeque grill we will not be able to use it again. Someone else will need to prepare ribs and chicken Independence Day pot luck KC8BDQ will cook burgers and dogs. Transport of trailer needs to be provided, most likely by KC8IJN, for the Free Fun Day at Bliss Park on July 25, 2009. KC8YVD asked to bring his computer mouse code ocillators by KC8BYI. KC8BDQ and KC8BYI thanked who helped Red Cross clean-up.

KC8YVF suggested the need to identify coaxial cables running to the roof.

Vice President's Report: Metro Youth Day went well shirts and hats were provided.

There was no Old Business or New Business to present.

Secretary's Report: E-mail sent to the Castle Museum to donate equipment we received from the F.A.A. will arrange exchange after August General meeting. Documentation not found during Red Cross clean-up. On that note looking to open locked file cabinet.

Treasure's Report: was approved at the July 3rd general business meeting. Labor Day Care Break sign up sheet currently has one name, will be circulated at August meeting money from past Care Break still to be counted.

Chairman's Report: Tower donated from Midland that was accepted in July needs to be collected. Packet equipment for E.O.C. has been received. Coaxial for court house must be installed by maintenance crew. Club is open to ideas for presentations.

Motion made by KC8YVF with a second by W8LPV to dismiss at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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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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