

# SVARA Harmonic

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**Important Upcoming Club News:** Labor Day signup sheet is available, there are spots need to be filled.

Digital Signal Processing presentation on August 21 at 2 p.m.

**For ARES Members:** August 26 will be a picnic and "hands-on" packet training

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

All dates are Fridays: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

All dates are Saturdays: September 4<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and December 4<sup>th</sup>

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

All dates are Wednesdays: July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>,  
December 15<sup>th</sup>

## General Meeting Minutes and Picnic

Care Break Rest Area Site

July 2, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by the president Duane (KD8AUY) with members and guests present, and then led the group in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

### Secretary's report:

Motion to accept the secretary's report as presented in the June Harmonic made by Emmett (W8EAB) with a second by Joe (K8CQF).

### Treasure's Report:

No report presented.

### Old Business:

Report presented on The 4th of July Care Break by Mike (N8XPS). All but one slot was filled during the meeting.

Ron (KC8YVF) reported work being done at Rosien Towers. The digital voice recorder had been locking up but has been reset. The board is still waiting for written estimates for next meeting.

Plan discussed to purge unwanted equipment due to storage problems.

Dave (W8DW) said that both propagation and weather conditions were highly unfavorable. Yet had visits from Senator Ken Horn and John McIntyre. He considered the event a success if fun was had.

Date set on August 21st for lecture on Digital Signal Processing location will likely be the Red Cross Building. Invite all you feel might take an interest. Intentions are to invite fellow clubs.

### **New Business:**

Joe (K8CQF) wished to thank all who provided food especially Ron (KC8CQF) for cooking. Future meeting presentations will be made for October by Joe (KC8CQF) and November by Dave (W8DW).

Status of Metro Youth Day was questioned but is still uncertain since Lou (W8LPV) and Rob (KC8IJN) were unable to attend.

No ARES training for month of July. Pot luck picnic is planned for August with hands on packet practice. Dave (N8ERL) requested review the Outpost program. Remember your public service hours. Some of the technology used in the past SET was discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Ron (KC8CQF) with a rapid second by Dave (N8ERL) and we were out at 7:51p.m.

### **SVARA Board Meeting**

July, 14, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM at the Texan Restaurant.

Present: Duane, KD8AUY; Mike, N8XPS; Judy, KC8BYI; Emmett, W8EAB and Ron, KC8YVF

Secretary's Report: Emmett, W8EAB made motion to accept minutes printed in Harmonic. Seconded by Duane, KD8AUY. Passed by all present.

President Report: nothing to report

Vice President Report: Care Break filled in completely including double groups on Monday. Everything went well.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: Presented to board the report that would have been given at the July General Meeting for review.

Will send notices to non-paid members. Asked by board to provide a list of those have not paid and indicate when they last paid.

Provided a Care Break sign-up sheet for Labor Day weekend. Commented that no one volunteered to lead this weekend and suggested that the board split the weekend. Ron, KC8YVF will take Friday, Mike, N8XPS will take Saturday, Judy, KC8BYI will take Sunday and Emmett, W8EAB will take Monday. Judy, KC8BYI will be the main contact. There will be a picnic on Friday night before the club meeting. Ron, KC8YVF agreed to grill hot dogs and hamburgers.

Received a phone call from Dale Gaudreau who is looking for a radio. It was decided to contact him and invite him to next club meeting.

The August club meeting will be Ice Cream Social. Judy, KC8BYI will pick up ice cream supplies. Duane, KD8AUY will have a presentation showing some of the more recent club events.

Board Chairman: Gordie, KC8YVD, John, KC8WZM and Rob, KC8IJN are the only club members that went to Detroit Metro Youth Day.

There will be no ARES training in July. There will be an EC meeting instead. The August meeting will be a picnic.

Ron, KC8YVF is contacting Covenant to see if they could get McNally to lift the tower to the top of Rosien. Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR is working on obtaining written bids for the tower installation.

Discussion was held on the 501(c)(3) status. Judy, KC8BYI will contact Lou, W8LPV, regarding the current status. Discussion took place regarding other possible events the club could participate in once they receive tax exempt status.

New Business: It was decided that the January club meeting will be an auction with proceeds going to the Club. Members will be asked to bring in items for sale. The September meeting will be at Care Break, the October meeting will have a presentation by Joe, K8CQF, the November meeting will have nominations of officers and a presentation by Dave, WB8LZA, and the December meeting will be elections and Christmas gathering.

Emmett, W8EAB received a thank you letter from the MS Society thanking the club for their participation with this year's Frankenmuth Walk.

Discussion was held regarding the August 21<sup>st</sup> event. Ron, KC8YVF will contact Covenant to see we could use the Lecture Theater for the event. Duane, KD8AUY will send information regarding the event to the board members. Invitations will be sent to other groups in the area to attend.

Ron, KC8YVF made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Emmett, W8EAB. Approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectively submitted, Judy, KC8BYI



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-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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