

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members:** There is no training for July. Next training is August 23.  
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

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

All dates are Fridays: August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7

Please note this month's meeting is at Bliss Park in Saginaw starting at 8pm, with ice cream social, and a presentation by Brian Kleinfield, KA8YXV.

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

All dates are Saturdays: August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 8

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

All dates are Wednesdays: July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 19

## **From our members:**

Mike KD8MMH found a source that can make laser engraved name badges for our club members.

Prices are \$10.00 per name badge for a pin back or \$11.00 for a magnet back (doesn't leave pin holes in your shirt). He will be bringing order forms to the next club meeting, so if you would like to order a name badge please try to bring correct change for your order.

We are sad to announce the passing of Lawrence "Lawsy" Nuechterlein of Frankenmuth. More information can be found at <http://www.obitmichigan.com/Obituary/13185/Lawrence%20%22Lawsy%22-Nuechterlein>

General Meeting Minutes  
American Red Cross Building  
July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

At 8:04pm the meeting was called to order by President Judy KC8BYI with 14 members present. She led us in the pledge of allegiance and did not do introductions, as it was felt that everyone there already knew each other.

Jeff KC8BDQ made and Ron KC8YVF seconded the motion to accept the minutes comprising the Secretary's Report as published within the June Harmonic newsletter. Motion approved, all in favor.

John KC8WZM made and Rob KC8IJN seconded the motion to accept Jeff's KC8BDQ presentation of the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved, all in favor.

Mike KD8MMH gave information on upcoming ham swaps and the ARRL Section Outing on the weekend of July 5<sup>th</sup> thru July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Woodland Conference Center on Sage Lake Road, near Hale, Michigan.

Judy KC8BYI gave report on the sale of the equipment from Bill Kosanovich's WA8KFC estate at the Midland Ham Swap. It was reported that \$1,842.00 was made and that all items were sold. Minnie KD8PAZ reported that she had not yet been in touch with Bill's wife to give her the check.

It was reported that Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> was Metro Field Day with Rob KC8IJN hauling the Club Trailer down and Gordy KC8YVD and John KC8WZM attending.

Field Day 2012: Jeff KC8BDQ reported that the deposit in the amount of \$75.00 was returned from the park. Emmett W8EAB gave information on who participated in the Field Day event and how well everyone did. Dave N8ERL did exceptionally well with over 500 contacts. Ann Doyle, District 13 County Commissioner, and Bill Federspiel, County Sherriff, made an appearance at the event for extra points earned from the ARRL for public political figures attending the event.

Judy KC8BYI gave report of up-coming events in July and August. No further events planned for July, and the August General Meeting will be held in Bliss Park with a presentation by Brian Kleinfeld KA8YXV on the mobile equipment in his van.

Judy KC8BYI gave report on the recent fire at the Gera grain elevators. Our equipment was spared and everything is still up and working.

Ron KC8YVF gave an update on the Rosin Towers tower project. As of this time we have no specific date as to when the tower work will be completed.

Tom N8EUI gave report on video taken at Field Day and would like to get in touch with the participants to get video interviews to add to his production.

\$14.50 was won by Rob KC8IJN in the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was turned over to Duane KD8AUY for his presentation on the history of video recording.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Emmett W8EAB at 9:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mike Dougherty, KD8MMH  
Vice President

Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
July 18, 2012

Duane KD8AUY opened the meeting at 7:34 with Tom N8EUI, Jeff KC8BDQ, Judy KC8BYI, Mike KD8MMH, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Joe KD8AFM and Sarah.

Secretary's Report: motion to accept made Judy KC8BYI and seconded by Doris KC8MMG to accept the minutes as published in the Harmonic newsletter.

Judy KC8BYI reported that the walls in the basement of the Red Cross building have not yet been repaired. She will call to check on progress and won't purchase shelving until they are ready. She is expecting to receive

money from Minnie KD8PAZ from equipment sold at the Midland Swap at the August meeting. A Metro Youth Day report was offered by Joe KD8AFM. Dave N8ERL picked up check for parts to be used on the roof of Rosien Towers. Judy will e-mail Ron KC8CQF to set date for our work crew to meet.

Mike KD8MMH found a store that makes custom call sign badges. He will make an order form for the newsletter and will bring the badge he made to the August meeting should one wish to order a badge.

The ordering of supplies for the Saginaw Pride event where we collect Satagrams was discussed.

A draft of a letter to be mailed to Commissioner Ann Doyle was reviewed.

The Treasures Report from the general meeting was reviewed

Chairman's Report: Our "Special Summer Meeting" that bares a slight resemblance to an Ice Cream Social will take place in Bliss Park across the street of the Red Cross Building. Tom N8EUI is working on video for the October meeting. Looking for subject of September meeting may talk on Satagrams at November meeting.

Joe KD8AFM announced his engagement to Sarah, congratulations.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy KC8BYI and seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ and was done at 8:12.



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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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