

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next training is on Thursday August 22 at 7pm.

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

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, and December 18

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
June 7, 2013

At 8:05 Judy KC8BYI called the meeting to order with 27 members and guests present, leading to the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

A motion was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by John KC8WZM to accept the meeting minutes as presented with the Harmonic newsletter.

A motion was made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Dave W8DW to accept the Treasures Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ.

Care Break update: \$362.36 was made on the first holiday weekend. Gordy KC8YVD and his wife Sue will manage the Care Break for the Labor Day holiday.

Rosien Tower update: Ron KC8YVF was asked about progress made on the new towers. He said he would consult with Jeff KB8SWR to find a time to work on the project. Judy KC8BYI reminded how many years this project has taken. Others reported on possible problems with receive sights.

The swap update presented by Mike KD8MMH included Newberry, Midland, Milford, Monroe, Utica, and Lansing. No further update from Emergency Preparation Expo on October 19th.

Upcoming events: include Club breakfast, Board meeting, and Field Day.

Field day is set to take place at Elmer Lang Park. Signs will be placed at each driveway to help draw them in. Duane KC8AUY asked to meet with those operating stations. We will be assisting scouts in troop 228 earn radio merit badges. Flyers are done for the information table. Set-up starts at 9:00, badge workshop 1:00 potluck at 6:00.

Order forms are available for jackets and name/call sign badges.

No meeting will be held in July. The August 2nd meeting will be an ice cream social.

Dave N8ERL presented pictures taken at the Run for Windy. He also shared that Larry WD8RIK is still hospitalized at Covenant Harrison on the 6th floor.

A weather balloon was launched by Midland Central Middle School radio club.

Tom N8EUI won \$27.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

A motion to adjourn at 9:20 was made by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Emmett NE8B.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
June 19, 2013

At 7:29 Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order with Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI, Doris KC8MMG, Mike KD8PEZ, Jeff KC8VDQ, Judy KC8BYI, and Mike N8XPS present.

Mike KC8MMH made and Doris KC8MMG seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI opened discussion about the upcoming field day. She asked if we were ready for a visit by the Boy Scouts. The menu was reviewed with her assurance of bringing Sloppy Joes. She also brought the Care Break sign-up sheet and passed it around to show how many slots are filled. There will be no General Meeting or Ares for July, but the board will meet on the 17th.

Vice President's Report: Mike KD8MMH showed the signs he had made to be placed by the roads for special events such as upcoming Field Day. Judy offered paperwork for a tax exempt purchase. He said Universal Sign took care of it.

Mike KD8PEZ volunteered to request mosquito control spray the park before Field Day.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the board.

Duane KC8AUY passed around the promotional package for Field Day prepared by Lou W8LPV. A discussion was raised after the condition of the repeater was questioned. A work day was scheduled for August 17th at 10:00 to troubleshoot problems at the repeater locations, and set-up the Echolink station at the Red Cross.

Judy KC8BYI made and Jeff KC8BDQ seconded the motion to adjourn that was quickly passed with no opposition. We settled our bills and went home. Members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
July 17, 2013

Duane KC8AUY opened the meeting at 7:33 with Mike KD8MMH, Tom N8EUI, Doris KD8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, Dave N8ERL, Judy KC8BYI, and Mike N8XPS present.

Doris KD8MMG made and Judy KC8BYI seconded the motion to accept the minutes that were distributed by Judy KC8BYI.

Ron KC8YVF was invited to attend this meeting by Duane KC8AUY and was sent an e-mail to find if he would be available for the planned work day. He will be available on the 24th of August instead, so changed the work day to that date. Jeff KB8SWR has been fixing a number of problems that have had an accumulated increase in performance. Aaron KD8AVA has reestablished Echolink station yet the board intends to purchase needed equipment so our Echolink will be provided by us at the American Red Cross Building.

Mike KD8MMH was asked about public service hours he was requested to address the general meeting on the subject. He also received a postcard as reminder of the Emergency Preparative Expo. We need to focus our efforts to be ready for the event. It was asked to consider teaching a class for those interested after the expo.

Orders for jackets and badges have been placed.

The club trailer is in need of attention primarily on tires and brakes.

Larry WD8RIK has been moved to Health Source Saginaw. Ed W8HZF will be added to our Silent Key Plaque with our standard donation made to the Nation Cancer Society.

Duane made a Field Day Report. Mike KD8MMH said where he placed the signs that he had made and donated to the club. They will be stored at the Red Cross Building. Said the Boy Scouts helped set stations for the contest. The merit badge session was conducted by Brian KA8YXV and Gordy KC8YVD. A list of visitors was shared. Moving Field Day to an alternate location were considered but decided against.

We will look into replenishing our T-shirt supply since our supply is running low.

Dave N8ERL presented a preliminary inventory of radio equipment.

Jeff KC8BDQ made and Dave N8ERL seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:37.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 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, 8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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