

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is on August 27th at 6:00 pm.
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

SVARA Meeting Presentations

We are still looking for ideas for meeting presentations. If you have an idea for a presentation or would like to do a presentation after one of our meetings please contact Mike KD8MMH or any of the board members with your idea.

SVARA MONDAY NIGHT 2 METER NET

Every Monday at 9:00 PM local time, on the Saginaw repeater – K8DAC 147.24, with a 103.5 PL tone or via Echolink. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: August 8, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5

Board Meeting Dates (at TBD):

All dates are Wednesdays: August 19, September 16, October 14, November 18, December 16

CLUB DUES

Just a reminder if you haven't paid your club dues send them to the club treasurer Duane KD8AUY or pay them at the next club meeting. Information can be found on the club website <http://www.k8dac.com/membership/>

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building June 5th, 2015

Michael KD8MMH opened the meeting 7:55 with 20 members and guests present. He then led us with the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

One of our guests Bob Jones N8ASO asked for a few minutes to present Lou Vescio W8LPV with a certificate from the A.R.R.L. recognizing him as an elmer.

John KC8WZM made and Mary seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented within the Harmonic newsletter.

Dave W8DW made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the Treasure's Report as presented by Duane KC8AUY. Part of his report included some difficulty with insurance. Lou W8LPV suggested we may save if we get other quotes in advance.

Minnie KD8PAV reported on upcoming swaps.

Duane KD8AUY congratulated Randy KE8AHW on his upgrade to extra.

Upcoming club events will be Breakfast, Board Meeting, Field Day, Ares training which will be a fox hunt, and the weekly nets.

Update on the radio room. The basement has flooded again. The Red Cross called Servispro to dry it up. We will need to play it by ear.

Our new repeater is up and being tested. Our cans have been found by Jeff KB8SWR. It is at Covenant Harrison.

Care Break update. Duane KC8AUY reported we collected \$800. Gordy reported how unsafe the trailer extension cord, the cord around the back, and the outlets around the door are when it rains.

Ron KC8YVF made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to accept Horst Wortowcz KD8ZXR as a member.

Dave W8DW commented on Michigan QSO party and then made a presentation on the upcoming field day. He asked for station operators.

Mike KD8MMH wished John KC8WZM a Happy Birthday.

Orders were taken for T-shirts and badges see Mike KD8MMH or Duane KD8AUY.

Mike KE8AVJ gave a presentation on the MESH net.

Lou WA8LPV has donated his two room tent to the club just in time for field day.

Gordy KC8YVD made and his son Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
June 17, 2015

Chairman Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Mike KD8MMH, Dave W8DW, Mike N8XPS, and Tom N8EUI present.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to accept the board meeting minutes as published within the Harmonic.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH received an e-mail from the promoter of the Emergency Preparative Expo inviting us to the October show. Mike KD8MMH made and Dave W8DW seconded the motion we attend. Most of the badges that had been ordered were distributed at the Midland Ham Radio Swap. As for shirts 3 orders were placed but they won't press less than 10. We will be taking more orders in August. Mike KD8MMH said

that Lou W8LPV has prepared press release for Field Day. The board decided to meet in July despite not having a general meeting. We also chose to have Ice Cream as part of the August meeting.

Treasurers / Chairman's Report: Duane KD8AUY presented the financial report and bank statement for review. Dave W8DW inquired about food for field day. Money was set aside same as last year. There is concern about how many will participate. A mesh net is being made to help with logging. We talked about other plans for Field Day.

The radio room at the Red Cross has flooded again. They are having the drywall fixed.

Dave W8DW reported the Fusion Repeater he offered updates on its parts, plans, and testing. Several other associations that are using Fusion Repeaters are mentioned.

Tom N8EUI made and Mike KC8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:23.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
The State Street Texan Restaurant
July 15, 2015

Duane KC8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:35 with Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL, Mike KE8AVJ, Dave W8DW, Mary W8LZA, and Mike N8XPS present.

We had no Secretary's Report to approve because I will be submitting the minutes for June and July all together.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH has faxed in confirmation we will be participating in the Emergency Preparative Expo coming up on October 17th at the Birch Run Expo Center. The show has lowered the cost of the tables but will be charging admission. It is thought this may encourage vendors to attend. The concerns for the safety of the electrical system used around the trailer during the Care Breaks have come before the board through the president. Mike KD8MMH made and Dave W8DW seconded the motion to set aside \$100 to make purchases to make the system safer in the rain.

Vice President Mary had nothing to report.

Mike N8XPS showed a page in an Ace Hardware circular with of globe and edison bulb styles of outdoor lights and was given the go ahead to procure two sets, since they only cost \$6.99.

Mike KD8MMH noticed that tape was used to hold up the banner. It had left sticky residue. It is requested that the strings be used.

Treasure's / Chairman's Report:

Duane KC8AUY presented the financial statement and the bank statement for review. He then reported on what was needed to happen to process the donations from the Citizens Corp Golf outing.

We discussed the T-shirt orders that are pending. The haberdasher will only screen print shirts Ten at a time. Seven more will be needed to fulfill an order.

There was no update on the condition of the radio rooms at the Red Cross. We think Ron KC8YVF had purchased the chairs we will be using in the new station.

Duane KC8AUY recognized Mike KE8AVJ for his efforts working on the mesh net for field day.

It was reported that the foxhunt that Ares staged went well despite bugs.

We not yet received any money from the Lions Club for ticket sales.

The club is continually looking for presentations for upcoming meetings. A presentation for the September meeting was discussed.

Dave W8DW reported on the repeater committee and the meeting that took place at Elmer Lang Park on Field Day was discussed possible projects. Upcoming plans will include moving the Fusion to Rosien Towers and exploring 440 operations.

Dave W8DW reported on how well Field Day went and thanked Mike KE8AVJ for all his work on the mesh net.

Minnie KD8PAV needs some with antenna and RF amplifier. In case someone may be able to help please let her know.

Dave N8ERL brought in a Yeasu 897 radio that had been donated.

Mary WA8LZA made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:24.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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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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