



SVARA Harmonic

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always 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 and Place:

Covenant Hospital Anderson building, first floor lecture room on the corner of N. Bond St. and Almira St. on the 1ST Friday at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

Club Breakfast Dates (Savoy bar and Grill on Franklin St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on the Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. All dates are Saturdays. January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Week following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Dates for the new year are being decided. Changes in meeting dates are posted on the club website.

All dates for 2019 are to be announced at this time.

ARES Members:

Ares training for January is Preparing for Deployment. Winter Field Day planning will also be discussed. Visit the Ares website for more information. Ares training for February is Operational Stress.

Weekly Nets Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:30 PM	SVARA (Saginaw) 147.240 Monday 9:00 PM	MARC (Midland) 147.000 Thursday 9:00 PM
D3 Digital Training Net (Olivia 8/500) Seasonal 3.586 MHz USB Sunday 8:00 PM	BAARC (Bay City) 145.310 Tuesday 9:00 PM	MI Digital Traffic Net (Olivia 8/500) 3.583 MHz USB Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for August 2,2018

The meeting was called to order by Mike N8XPS, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 13 members and 2 guests present.

A motion to accept last month's meeting minutes was tabled as the Harmonic News was not published.

Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. The motion passed.

The president reported he had received the annual form for renewal of our nonprofit status.

The secretary reported on Field Day numbers and apologized for failing to publish the harmonic news.

Minnie KD8PAZ, reported on upcoming ham swaps. Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests including the particularly interesting Islands Party QSO contest.

Ron KC8YVF, reported on the tall ships celebration event. The event went well and well packing up they just beat the rain. They made several 2 m contacts during the event. Ron also discussed the club website. Currently the club website is hosted for free by Keith Delong, and the computer hardware it is running on is passed its life expectancy. Keith is more than happy to continue hosting the club site for as long as the equipment holds out. We will need to explore alternatives should this happen. Ron also mentioned the upcoming National Night Out at the Saginaw Township soccer complex.

A discussion about more handouts and freebies for public events was had. During this discussion it was mentioned a self inking rubberstamp with the club's information for stamping pamphlets would be highly desirable. A motion to that effect was made by Doris KD8MMG, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

The fusion repeater has changed frequencies and PL tones. Please consult the club website for the current settings. This change was made to alleviate interference problems at the site.

The winner of the 50-50 raffle with lucky number 898314 was Mike KD8MMH. Congratulations Mike.

The motion to adjourn was made by Gordy KD8YVD, and seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for August 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mike KD8MMH, with Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Tom N8EUI, Mary WB8LZA, and Mike K8AVJ, present.

A motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes was tabled as the Harmonic News was not published.

President's Report

the president reported on his review of the cost of the PO Box. The price we currently pay is less than either UPS store or mailboxes etc. A motion to keep the PO Box at its current location was made by Mike KD8MMH, and seconded by Dave W8DW. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary reiterated his previous Field Day report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present.

Chair's Report

The chair reported on his progress in purchasing the self inking stamp. Mike KD8MMH, also reported on upcoming emergency preparedness Expo. We are all set for the Expo and listed on the Expo's website. The Expo will be held Saturday, September 21 from 9 AM to 5 PM. If you would like to come and help out we will begin set up between 7:30 and 8am.

General Discussion

Dave W8DW, reported on the free D star repeater that was received from Keith Delong. All that is needed to put the repeater on the air is coax and a duplexer. Dave also discussed the radio raffle. Currently six of the 20 tickets have been sold. A discussion on ways to increase the number of tickets sold was had. Mike K8AVJ, made a motion to include a free 2020 club membership with the raffle prize. Motion was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

Dave W8DW, reported that the problems with EchoLink have been resolved and it is working well again.

It was also mentioned that the Saginaw County emergency manager would like to increase the coverage of the microwave network and is currently looking for funding to purchase additional sector antennas.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike N8XPS.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ
Secretary

ARRL News

Tracking Dorian: Hurricane Watch Net Hunkered Down for the Long Haul

09/04/2019

The Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) has been in continuous operation for Dorian since last Saturday at 2100 UTC, and it plans to remain in operation on 14.325 MHz and 7.268 MHz until further notice, HWN Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, said. The storm, then a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall on Grand Bahama Island with maximum sustained winds of 180 MPH, where it stalled for a day and a half. Only on Tuesday did Dorian — by then a Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 110 MPH — finally begin to move away from the Bahamas.

“Members of the Hurricane Watch Net have been reading the latest bulletins and updates as well as making calls to the islands for any reports,” Graves said. “However, when a storm is stalled over an area beginning with sustained winds of 180 MPH and slowly dropping to 110 MPH, major catastrophic damage is to be expected.” The hurricane is known to have claimed 7 lives in the Bahamas. Unprecedented flooding has occurred.

Video recorded by reconnaissance helicopters over the Abaco islands on Tuesday revealed the extent of damage the storm caused. Dorian pulled away from Grand Bahama Island overnight, and damage there is expected to be extensive.

“The Hurricane Watch Net will continue to make calls to the Bahamian Islands for survivors and to collect and pass any and all emergency or priority traffic from the area,” Graves said.

As of 1100 UTC, Dorian was about 90 miles east of Daytona Beach, with sustained winds of 105 MPH, moving to the north-northwest at 8 MPH.

“Although Dorian has weakened to a Category 2 hurricane, this storm remains powerful, dangerous, and deadly,” Graves said. “Rip currents and strong surf along the Florida coast is to be expected. Please, do not drop your guard with this storm. Hurricanes do not always follow the forecasted track. This is why they are called forecasts.”

On its current forecast track, Dorian is expected to follow the Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina coastline, almost identical to the track of Hurricane Matthew in 2016. HWN will remain in full operation until Dorian is no longer a threat, Graves pledged.

“We are also available to provide back-up communication to official agencies such as emergency operations centers, the Red Cross, and storm shelters in the affected area,” Graves said. “We will also be interested to collect and report significant damage assessment data back to FEMA officials stationed in the National Hurricane Center.”

Graves thanked the Waterway Radio and Cruising Club Net for allowing the HWN to preempt their daily net on 7.268 MHz, the HWN’s alternate frequency to its primary 14.325 MHz.

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have, and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.

2019 SVARA Officers

President	Mike Linton N8XPS	Board Member	
Vice-President	Brian Kleinfeld K8HY	Term expires 2019	Doris Miles KD8MMG
Secretary	Mike Elias K8AVJ	Board Member	Tom Schmidt N8EUI
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