



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 at K8DAC-R. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

SVARA club meetings will be held at Harry Brown Airport or on FreeConferenceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

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

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July N/A, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ARES Members:

Ares members please visit the Ares website http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares_training.htm for training schedule information. Ares training are held the fourth Thursday of the month.

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 7:30 PM

TCARA (Tuscola)

146.66 MHz
Monday 7:30 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.360 MHz
Wednesday 8:00 PM

MI Digital Traffic Net

3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

SVARA Meeting 8/4/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:08 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Dave Paquette W8DW
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Rick Schattally KC8VOA
Dave Schneider N8ERL
Greg Smith KE8WXJ
Jack Robinson K8GTG
Thomas Jensen

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for June, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for February – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Ron KC8YVF. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ was not present for reported

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on NAQSO Party, State QSO, RITTY Rookie roundup

Announcements

Club breakfast at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot
There will be no Board Meeting in August

Old business

Where is the clubs generator? Mike N8XPS will follow up. He knows where it is and who has it. – Mike N8XPS and Dave N8ERL picked it up and it is at Dave's house.

Dave, N8ERL made a motion to donate \$45 to Scott N3FJP to support the development of his contest software. His software is used for Summer and Winter Field Day. – Tom N8EUI make the donation.

Rick KC8VOA wants to get an online meeting to discuss the club trailer. There are maintenance issues that need to be address like new tires, possible roof repair and interior work. – Rick received only 2 replies from his email, suggested he just pick a date and time and sent out the invite.

New business

Club voted to accept new members Gregory Smith KE8WXJ and Richard Smith N1TXF, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

September 16 will be the club auction held in the conference room at Harry Browne Airport beginning at 12 noon until 2 pm or when ever all items are sold. Please donate your unused radio or other items to

the club.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 1. Had a good turnout and thanks to all the operators who participated in the event.

Dave W8DW wanted to know if we wanted to sell the Yeasu FT-1000 that was donated to the club? The display does not work correctly.

Ron has an Icom IC-746 radio that was donated to the club, the display on this radio does not work.

Does the club want to sell the old club generator? Will be discussed at the September meeting.

September meeting presentation will be on the new RF Exposure requirements. Ron KC8YVF will do the presentation.

Jack K8GTG reported on the Midland repeater. Feed line has been replaced. It has improved the system. Remote sites will be added. Also Jack and the club will be assisting the county to identify dead spots in the 800 radio system. There are also many cell phone dead spots too.

The new ARRL dues were discussed. The new fee is \$49 an increase of \$10, but does not include the QST magazine. That will cost an extra \$25 beginning on January 1, 2024. Even if your membership does not expire in January you will still have to pay the \$25 if you want to still receive the QST.

Mike KD8MMH and Ron KC8YVF talked about Field Day, the antennas, food and the score. Information can be found on the clubs website.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club

- Midland had a presentation in July on the new RF exposure limits
- Lee will be retiring as Midland club president in September
- Dave Wakic N8LBF did a POTA at a park in Midland County
- The rescheduled date of the Search and Rescue drill will be on September 9. Information can be found on the ARES and Club's website.
- The Dirty Dog race will be held in August

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- National Night Out
- August meeting is movie and picnic night
- October 7 will be the State SET, save the date

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:24, motion by Dave N8ERL, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Secretary

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