

SVARA Harmonic

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Important Upcoming Club News: The Labor Day holiday will run from Friday September 3 to Monday

September 6, 2010. The next club meeting will be at the rest area on Friday, there will be picnic with hot dog and hamburgers provided, so bring a dish to pass and your appetite. There are also slots for care break that need to be filled:

LABOR DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, Sept 3	Saturday, Sept 4	Sunday, Sept 5	Monday, Sept 6
12 - 3 am				
3 - 6 am				
6 - 9 am		Joe, KCQF	Joe, KCQF	Joe, KCQF
9 - 12 noon	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Duane, KD8AUY
	Rob, KC8IJN	Duane, KD8AUY	Duane, KD8AUY	
12 - 3 pm	Mary, KD8MML	Doris, KD8MMG	Doris, KD8MMG	Doris, KD8MMG
	Dave, W8DW	Simone & Duane, KD8MRB	Janet, KD8MMJ	Janet, KD8MMJ
3 - 6 pm	Ron, KC8YVF Dave, W8DW	Dave, N8ERL		Wayne, W7KEH
	Mary, KD8MML	Wayne, W7KEH Muriel, KD6TVY		Muriel, KD6TVY
6 - 9 pm	George, N8NPW			Rob, KC8IJN
	Minnie Passmore			Ron, KC8YVF
9 - 12 midnight	Mike, KD8MMH	Lou, W8LPV	Lou, W8LPV	
		Eileen Vescio	Eileen Vescio	

Club Picnic on Friday, Sept 3. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

For ARES Members: Training on Sept. 23 at 7pm, at the Harry Browne Airport. Topic TBA.

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: October 13th, November 17th, December 15th

General Meeting Minutes

American Red Cross Building

August 6, 2010

The meeting was preceded by ice cream.

Called to order at 8:00 pm with 23 in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the usual introductions.

President's Report:

Thanks to all of the CareBreak workers. A sign up sheet was distributed for the Labor Day CareBreak.

Mike (N8XPS) moved that dog biscuits be added to the CareBreak shopping list. Motion seconded by Jeff (KC8BDQ) and passed.

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Gordy (KC8YVD) to accept the July meeting minutes as published in the Harmonic; second by Judy (KC8BYI) and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Reports for July and August were read and presented by Judy (KC8BYI).

Motion to accept July's report by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Mike (N8XPS) and passed.

Motion to accept the August report by Jeff (KD8IOK); second by Lou (W8LPV) and passed.

Old Business:

Digital Signal Processing will be presented by John Ropar on August 21; 2:00 pm at Covenant. Duane (KD8AUY) to call Ron (KC8YVF) for the EC list so invitations can be sent to other clubs.

Jim (WA8GRI) inquired about publishing the Harmonic sooner. It was also noted that the material is available on the website.

Lou (W8LPV) distributed additional literature pertaining to his past presentation.

Dave (N8ERL) reminded members that ARES training will be on Thursday, August 26; 7:00 pm at Harry Brown Airport. This will not only include hands-on training, but also a picnic. Hot dogs will be provided; please bring a dish to pass and your own chairs.

Information regarding John Ropar's presentation was circulated.

Metro Youth Day: Rob (KC8IJN) hauled the trailer; Lou (W8LPV) provided literature. Gordy (KC8YVD) also helped setup. 82 kids learned their name in Morse code. Also passed out some QST magazines.

New Business:

Mike (N8XPS) has had requests about a fall Technician class. Would like to schedule a class with VE proctors. Requested that Joe (K8CQF) acquire the required books for the class; and agreed. Emmett (W8EAB) noted that he is only able to VE for Technicians. Need 3 Extra VEs to handle testing for General. Dave (W8DW) will send in to ARRL to obtain VE status.

Duane (KD8AUY) noticed that several of the member email addresses are incorrect; or that there are multiple addresses listed. Suggested updating.

Judy (KC8BYI) announced that there will be an auction at the January meeting. Unused club and member items will be included. Please donate your items to sell on behalf of the club. All proceeds will go to the club. Whatever does not sell will either be donated or pitched; no storage. Asked Joe (K8CQF) to be the auctioneer, and he accepted. Suggestion that other clubs be invited to the auction.

New Member: Eugene Tanke; not yet licensed, but working on it. Motion to accept this new member by Dave (N8ERL); second by Jeff (KD8IOK); and passed.

Chel (KD8UOK) won \$21 in the 50/50 raffle.

Reminder: Club breakfast tomorrow at 8:30 am.

Judy (KC8BYI) – 2 people have paid for new jackets; however a minimum order of 4 is required. Order forms available.

Mike (KD8MMH) brought fresh garden tomatoes to donate to members.

Presentation: Duane (KD8AUU) presented videos highlighting HAM radio as alternate (backup) emergency communications... and more.

Ron (KC8YVF) will be cooking burgers for the Labor Day CareBreak picnic.

Dave (W8DW) mentioned a 10 meter contest this weekend. Next weekend is ARRL Rookie weekend.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Doris (KD8MMG). Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

SVARA Board Meeting

August 16, 2010

Texan Restaurant, State St.

Meeting called to order at 7:58 pm with Duane (KD8AUU), Mike (N8XPS), Judy (KC8BYI), Rachele (KD8UOK), Jeff (KD8IOK), Ron (KC8YVF), Emmett (W8EAB), Jeff (KC8BDQ) in attendance.

Motion to approve July 14 meeting minutes by Mike (N8XPS); second by Emmett (W8EAB) passed.

President's Report:

Digital Signal Processing seminar at Covenant Saturday at 2:00 pm. Equipment will be ready; meet at 1:30 to set up. Information has been sent to all ECs we had contact info for and was forwarded from there.

Vice President's Report:

Saginaw Township School events: Deadline was Monday; deadline for corrections is tomorrow. Plan to begin class October 4; possibly the following week. Class to end the week of Thanksgiving; with a review the last week of November and exam on December 4. Confirmed that at least a Tech exam will be included. Dave (W8DW) and Dave (N8ERL) will VE for upgrades. They are required to do the paperwork. Joe (K8CQF) can order the books with a discount at \$20 per book.

Mike (N8XPS) requested that the club purchase 15 books for the Tech class. Motion by Emmett (W8EAB); second by Jeff (KD8IOK) and passed.

Hope to recoup some expense by selling the books later.

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of July and August reports were distributed.

Sent mailings to all who have not yet paid for membership; received 8 responses. List of members (paid vs. unpaid) was distributed. Members were taken off the list if they had not paid in the past 2 years and did not respond.

Labor Day CareBreak sign up sheet is on the website. Emmett (W8EAB) will not be available for the CareBreak due to a medical procedure. He was to be in charge of Monday; Duane (KD8AUY) will be his replacement. Mike (N8XPS) checking with kids who need community service hours. Rob (KC8IJN) will give Judy (KC8BYI) an inventory of the trailer and water. Note: Arby's had a 10lb bag of ice for \$1.

Chairman's Report:

Ares training on 8/26; bring HT & adapter PI259. Bring a friend and a dish to pass.

EC meeting on 7/22: Discussed October SET; simulated electrical grid/power outage.

Labor Day CareBreak 9/3-6

Rosien: Covenant returned email; now is not a good time to ask for donations.

\$1600 bid to attach tower to the wall (does not include brackets, bolts, backing plates, drill bits, etc.) – too much. How big around is the other "Rohn 55" tower? Jeff (KC8BDQ) guesses around 18". 100lbs per section (9 sections total); need 8 sections. Need to go above the roof approximately 20' for vertical spacing to keep all antennas out of each other's way. Donated tower is also 8 sections; but not as strong. Can go 12' above the roof without guy wires. How about a hybrid? Small tower for ATV; Heavy tower for other antennas. Wind load at 170' is a concern (roof is 150').

Meeting with Tim Genovese on Thursday re: grants.

2 dual band radios for the county trailer

2009 grant paperwork due September. This will include \$6000 worth of requests.

Citizen Corps has \$ to spend (\$4000); we're asking for \$1500

Emergency Manager position to be determined by September 30.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Jeff (KC8BDQ) announced that John Proctor; a Technician from Fox66 was found dead in his home from a heart attack. Funeral will be in Milan, MI.

Motion to adjourn by Judy (KC8BYI); second by Jeff (KC8BDQ). Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.



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-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

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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