

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next training is on Thursday September 26 at 7pm.

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

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
August 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Judy KC8BYI with 26 members and guests present then led in the pledge of allegiance and introductions. She then asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ed Ireland W8HZF and Larry Davison WD8RIK.

Gordy KC8YVD made and Emmett NE8B seconded the motion to accept the June minutes as presented within the Harmonic newsletter.

Since a meeting was held in the month of July Jeff KC8BDQ presented Treasurer's Reports for the last two months. Mike KD8MMH made and Dave N8ERL seconded the motion to accept the June report. Then John KC8WZM made and Clinton W8ERK seconded the motion to accept the July report.

Gordy KC8YVD made and John KC8WZM seconded the motion to accept into membership Ted KC8BTD and Mary KC8VNX Champagne.

Rosien Tower project update: Ron passed around photographs to show the number of wire-less providers that have equipment on the rooftops we are using. Jeff KB8SWR reported he swapped radios, remounted antennas, and balanced audio levels. These improvements have had an accumulated effect. He will be looking into new ways of providing links between sites. The date for the work day is now be the 28th of September. We then addressed the installation of Echolink at The Red Cross Building. Ron KC8YVF provided a list of needed equipment. It was voted to leave it to the board.

Field Day update: Duane KD8AUY reported how the day went with the scouts. He said the scouts helped set up the stations, but had trouble getting on the air due to pileups. Brain KA8YXV and Gordy KC8YVD worked on merit badges with the scouts. Then pizza was provided. Duane said a member of midland club visited our Field Day suggesting we join forces in a future Field Day. Dave W8DW helped file proper paperwork.

Care Break update: Gordy KC8YVD and Sue will be scheduling shifts for the Memorial Day weekend. The sheet with the time slots was passed around for more volunteers.

Vice President's report: Mike KD8MMH made the Swap update including Escanaba, Port Huron and Owasso. Upcoming events include Club Breakfast, National Night Out, Board Meeting, and Ares picnic. Coming up will be The Emergency Preparative Expo on Oct 19. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote Amateur Radio. We will need a strong turnout on that day for the presentation and personal interaction. Tom N8EUI needs videos so he can string them together to be played as a loop.

Mike KD8MMH won \$29.00 in the 50/50 drawing

Dave W8DW and John KC8WZM seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:08.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
August 14, 2013

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

Doris KC8MMG made and Jeff KC8BDQ seconded the motion to accept the past board meeting minutes.

Dave N8ERL said there was a nice turn out for Americas Night out the Station made 33 contacts. Mike KC8MMH asked if we could operate a Special Event Station at the Great Lakes Emergency expo. Emmett NE8B, Ron KC8YVF and others will speak. Tom N8EUI was provided some of the videos to merge together.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI said she would send Rob KC8IJN make sure he brings the trailer. We also discussed preparation for the event.

Vice President's Report: Mike KD8MMH expressed the need to push the expo. He asked about ARRL and SVARA pamphlets for our information table.

The Treasurer's Report was the same as that was read at the General Meeting.

Chairman's Report: The club work day at Rosien and The Red Cross will be September 28. It is hoped after this the club may be better able to release funds to other uses. Judy KC8BYI passed around the list of equipment needed for Echolink at the Red Cross. She asked around making the motion for Tom N8EUI to purchase them, which was seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

Tires for the table were discussed. Jeff KC8BDQ reported that the spare tire carried within the trailer has not been used. He made the motion to buy it with a new tire and keep an older tire as the spare.

Mike KD8MMH wants to speak with someone with maintenance at The Children's Zoo to a ensure electricity from the lamp pole out front.

A motion was made by Judy KC8BYI and seconded by Dave N8ERL to adjourn at 8:12.

Respectfully Submitted
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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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