



# 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:**

Due to current circumstances club meetings will be held on FreeConferanceCall.com or at Harry Brown Airport. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

**Club Meeting Dates:**

All dates are Fridays: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

**Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for location):**

The club breakfast is **on hold** until further notice.

All dates are Saturdays. January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 8, June 5, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

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

Board meetings are being held on FreeConferenceCall.com until further notice. Changes are posted on the club website. All dates are Wednesdays. March 17, April 14, May 19, June 16, July N/A, August 18, September 15, October 13, November 17, December 15

**ARES Members:**

Ares members please visit the Ares website [http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares\\_training.htm](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.**

<b>District 3 Net</b> 145.310 Sunday 6:30 PM	<b>SVARA (Saginaw)</b> 147.240 Monday 9:00 PM	<b>MARC (Midland)</b> 147.000 Thursday 7:30 PM
<del><b>D3 Digital Training Net</b> (Olivia 8/500) Seasonal 3.586 MHz USB Sunday 8:00 PM</del>	<b>BAARC (Bay City)</b> 145.310 Tuesday 9:00 PM	<b>MI Digital Traffic Net</b> (Olivia 8/500) 3.583 MHz USB Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

## SVARA meeting September 3, 2021

### Attendance

Mike KD8MMH  
Minnie KD8PAZ  
Ron KC8YVF  
Rick KC8VOA  
Dave N8ERL  
Rick KC8VOA  
Gordy KC8YVD  
Mike N8XPS  
Chris KB8UIH  
Clayton KE8SLP  
John Copland N8DXR  
James Hussar KM6IRP  
Keith Hussar KM6IRQ

Meeting called to order 7:11 pm

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH motion to accept secretary report –Gordy KC8YVD, Minnie KD8PAZ second, all accepted.

Treasury report by Mike N8XPS  
Starting account balance \$9672.19 as of January 13  
\$6743.50 deposits  
\$2364.07 expenses  
Current balance \$13990.72 as of September 2

Motion for treasury report, Gordy KC8YVD, Keith KM6IRQ, second, all accepted

Midland will have a pop up trunk sale, no vendor or buyer cost on October 9, 7 am to noon

Minnie reported on upcoming ham swaps

Chris KB8UIH - No Dow Run participation by local hams

Ron's report on ARES and other items

### **ARES brief –**

- New computers for Covenant campus – Dell Optiplex 3080 with 20 monitors were delivered. Retail price for the 3 systems totaled about \$2,700.
- Some progress on NinoTNC configuration. Covenant donated over \$800 for the purchase
- Covenant ECC room undergoing updates, will require radio station to be removed temporarily.
- Fall SET is coming in October, rumored to be a traffic handling exercise possibly using repeaters
- A list of microwave equipment to complete Covenant Mackinaw and the county communications trailer was requested by the county Emergency Manager. The list was sent to him with the help of Jeff KB8SWR. EM is looking for funding to complete the project. (\$2,700)

**Repeater news –**

- Check was delivered to Bridgecom Systems on August 9 for the purchase of the new 220 repeater
- Checked with company on September 2, build is in progress, could be another week
- Still need to purchase the new antenna for Gera, money has been approved by the club. New coax will come from county stock.
- 6 meter antennas are in the hands of Rick KC8VOA, still need to be tuned and installed before winter

**Website news –**

- Both the K8DAC.com and ARES.SAGINAWRADIO.com domains have been renewed and are good until 2022. K8DAC.org will renew in February of 2022.
- RF exposure calculator is now on the website. Everyone should do a station evaluation to be in compliance of FCC regulations.

**Other news –**

- We will plan to hold the combined ARES/SVARA awards breakfast in December if in-person dining is still available. The location will be determined, but Daniel’s Grill on Michigan and Court where 2019 was held is the probable location.
- Holiday in the Heart of the City – go or no go this year? Need to check with Rob about the condition of the club trailer for use for that event.

Mike kd8mmh reported on name badge supply is now out of business

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm Gordy KC8YVD motion, Mike KD8MMH second, all approved

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
~~Secretary~~

**2021 SVARA Officers**

**President** Mike Doherty KD8MMH

**Vice-President** Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

**Secretary** Open appointment

**Treasurer** Mike Linton N8XPS

**Board Member**  
Term expires 2020

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Term expires 2021

**Board Member**  
Term expires 2022

Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Mary Paquette WB8LZA

Renee’ Paquette KE8MYJ

**2021 SVARA Appointments**

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**Repeater Committee**

Dave Paquette, W8DW (Trustee)

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY

Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

**SVARA Elmers**

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