

# SVARA Harmonic

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## Saginaw County "Family Preparedness Day"

Do you get excited about Amateur radio and emergency communications? Like talking to people about your hobby? Then we have a fantastic opportunity for you!

On Sunday September 30, 2007, Saginaw County Citizen Corps is sponsoring a "Family Preparedness Day" in Frankenmuth at Heritage Park's Kern Pavilion. The event will run from 2:00 until 6:00 PM and feature many of the counties police, fire, health and other emergency service agencies.

The county has asked that SVARS's emergency service group (ARES) participate in this event and we have agreed to provide 3 different aspects of the group, ARES/RACES, Skywarn and ATV.

- The ARES/RACES booth will show the 2005 SET video and KD8AVA's PR video, hand out pamphlets on the group and give away special ARES pencils and "When all else Fails" stickers to the families that stop by demonstration. Also on display will be the emergency stations of KC8YVF and KD8AVA. People will also be able to try out 2 meter communications.
- The Skywarn booth will show a special video and hand out weather safety pamphlets provided by the National Weather Service in White Lake and talk about weather safety to family's the come by the display.
- The ATV booth will show "live" local amateur TV of the event and talk about ATV.

The SVARA club trailer will also be on hand to demonstrate HF communication and 2 meter communication to the ARES station in the pavilion.

This is a great opportunity to show the people of Saginaw County and our Served agencies who we are, what we do, and how we can benefit the community in times of need. This also provides a fantastic way to recruit new people to HAM radio and possible new members to the club.

If you are an ARES/RACES member, a trained Skywarn spotter, or an ATV buff, we would like you to participate in this great event and help show off what Amateur Radio is all about. We also need individuals that can help set up the club trailer and run the HF and 2 meter stations. 10-12 people will be needed for this event, so get your name in early by contacting Ron Huss, KC8YVF at [kc8yvf@arrl.net](mailto:kc8yvf@arrl.net) or call 989-751-3693.

Ron Huss  
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Saginaw County ARES

OPERATION CARE ANALYSIS

<b>2004</b>	Memorial Day	4th of July	Labor Day	Totals
Receipts	662.07	327.47	722.00	1,711.54
Expenses	<u>197.64</u>	<u>49.96</u>	<u>99.25</u>	<u>346.85</u>
Net	464.43	277.51	622.75	1,364.69

<b>2005</b>	Memorial Day	4th of July	Labor Day	Totals
Receipts	705.00	753.00	1,343.00	2,801.00
Donations	40.00	40.00	40.00	120.00
Expenses	<u>144.36</u>	<u>191.81</u>	<u>122.78</u>	<u>458.95</u>
Net	600.64	601.19	1,260.22	2,462.05

<b>2006</b>	Memorial Day	4th of July	Labor Day	Totals
Receipts	754.29	1,013.64	1,005.87	2,773.80
Donation	40.00	40.00	40.00	120.00
Expenses	<u>205.30</u>	<u>298.50</u>	<u>186.07</u>	<u>689.87</u>
Net	588.99	755.14	859.80	2,203.93

<b>2007</b>	Memorial Day	4th of July	Labor Day	Totals
Receipts	709.00	1,224.30	943.00	2,876.30
Donation	40.00	48.00	46.00	134.00
Expenses	<u>244.83</u>	<u>399.81</u>	<u>329.84</u>	<u>974.48</u>
Net	504.17	872.49	659.16	2,035.82

**Board of Directors**  
**SVARA**  
August 15, 2007  
Texan on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm. Present were: W8LPV, KC8BYI, KC8BDQ, KC8YVF, WA8GRI, and KD8AVA.

Reports:

President: The President's report was not available.

Secretary: A motion to accept last month's board minutes as printed in the Harmonic was initiated by KC8BYI and seconded by KC8YVF. All were in favor.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report, as approved by the August 3<sup>rd</sup> general membership, was reviewed.

Chair: Work on the 501 (c) (3) is continuing. The Development and Scholarship committee is near completing the application form for the SVARA Grant. Final board approval will be required.

Old Business:

KC8BYI brought up the subject of Broadband-over-Power Line (BPL). After some discussion amongst the board, the lingering subject was "What can we, as a club, do to raise awareness of this issue?" WA8GRI noted that our section manager, Jim Weaver, has, in the past, asked clubs and individuals not to act on this. KC8BDQ is to email Jim to see if there are any changes.

KC8BYI directed members to the Care Break sign up sheet included with the treasurer's report. We still have a few spots to fill in.

New Business:

KC8YVF announced the Citizen's Corps' intention to participate in Family Preparedness Day, Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the Kern Pavilion in Heritage Park. YVF would like to have the club trailer there with demonstrations of ARES/RACES radios, SKYWARN and ATV. He asked the club for "When All Else Fails" stickers, at a cost of \$8.00 per roll, to hand out. We suggested he get 3 rolls. He would also like to have some pencils or pens or the like printed up with SVARA contact info.

KC8BDQ made a motion to give the Citizen's Corps \$150.00 for this purpose. WA8GRI amended the motion for an additional \$50.00 for a total of \$200.00. KC8YVF seconded the amended motion and all were in favor.

It was then suggested we might get a wind-up weather radio also to be raffled off, if funds permit.

The board then discussed the possibility getting hats and safety vests emblazoned with the words Emergency Radio. It was suggested the club pre-purchase an amount of hats and vests for resale to club members, and a quantity of safety vests for loan during an event, then stored in the club trailer. KC8YVF will get prices and prepare a proposal.

KC8BDQ mentioned PRIDE Parade and the board decided to table the matter for the general membership.

KC8YVF reminded the board of the upcoming S.E.T. October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Comments:

KC8BYI asked KC8YVF to prepare articles on Family Preparedness Day and the S.E.T. for the September Harmonic.

KC8BDQ asked the board if they would be interested in serving hot popcorn at Care Break. It was decided to hold off until we determine members' ability/willingness to take on the extra task of making popcorn.

WA8GRI mentioned that state maps are currently in printing so we may have trouble getting some.

W8LPV said he would investigate other avenues.

On a motion by KD8AVA, seconded by KC8YVF, the meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ

Secretary

General Membership Meeting  
August 3, 2007  
Red Cross

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. There were 24 members and guests present.

The Secretary's report was accepted with corrections to K8CQF's grandchildren's ages and Senator Kahn's salutation. KC0RBV moved and KD8FLK (W8EAB) seconded.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by N8YXR seconded by KC0RBV.

Announcements:

N8XD mentioned upcoming events and passed around some Metro Youth Day photos.

KC8YVD gave a report on the code practice sessions.

W8LPV reported that it would be hard to top this year's Metro Youth Day. He noted it was their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

N8YXR gave a report on the radio installation party at the First Ward Community Center. Thanks to all who helped out.

New Business:

Welcome back, N8YV.

KB8QO is in need of some cardboard boxes about 4X6X6 or so to mail out QSL cards.

He also reports difficulty reading some of the old logs.

WA8GRI reported he had secured a box of maps from his son-in-law for Care Break. He also suggested the club mail "miss you" cards to those members not able to make the meetings anymore due to age or health. And tomorrow is the club breakfast.

KC8YVF made some ARES/RACES announcements including the ARRL SET in Hemlock Oct. 6 at the north parking lot of Richland Twp. Park. There will be stations at the Red Cross, 911, and the trailer at the park.

He also announced the new website for Saginaw ARES/RACES.

<http://ares.saginawradio.com>. No "www".

WD8RIK won \$18.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Several consolation prizes of hats or t-shirts from MYD were also awarded.

On a motion by N8YXR, seconded by KC8BDQ the meeting closed at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ  
Secretary

**Board of Directors**  
**SVARA**  
September 19, 2007  
Texan on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm. Present were: KC8BDQ, KC8YVF, WA8GRI, and N8XD.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes of the August board meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by KC8YVF and seconded by KC8BDQ. All were in favor.

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

President: Family Preparedness Day is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Technician training session are in planning, more info to come. Testing will be held Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM at the First Ward Community Center. Contact N8YXR for details.

Old Business:

N8XD noted the increase to the Citizen's Corps from \$200.00 to \$300.00 for Family Preparedness Day informational materials. This was approved by a quorum of the board present at the Labor Day Care Break picnic.

So far Citizen's Corps has two weather radios and the "When All Else Fails" stickers.

KC8BYI is working on the pamphlets and we are still waiting for pencils.

KC8BDQ asked, on behalf of KC8BYI, if the board would allow the Care Break summary for the last two years to be printed in the Harmonic. It was agreed some of our less active members may wish to see this information.

New Business

KC8YVF announced that the meeting for ARES members concerning Family Preparedness Day and The Simulated Emergency Test is postponed to Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Red Cross.

KC8BDQ asked KC8YVF if he had any additional information on "Emergency Radio" hats and safety vests. He has quotes for them as follows: Hats will be \$10.00 each and vests will be \$18.00.

KC8YVF mentioned the S.E.T. and said he would like to clean up/out the trailer for the upcoming events.

On a motion by N8XD, seconded by KC8BDQ, the meeting closed at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ  
Secretary



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

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 8:00 p.m.  
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,  
9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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