



SVARA Harmonic

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

- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are still 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. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

American Red Cross 1232 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw
1ST Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: October 7, November 4, December 2

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi’s on State St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi’s
All dates are Saturdays: October 8, November 4, December 3

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd.

All dates are Thursday: October 12, November 16, and December 14

ARES Members:

Ares training this month will be October 20. Visit the Ares website for more information.

Weekly Nets Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

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| District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:00 PM | SVARA (Saginaw) 147.240 Monday 9:00 PM | MARC (Midland) 147.000 Thursday 9:00 PM |
| D3 Digital Training Net (Olivia 8/500) Seasonal 3.586 MHz USB Sunday 8:00 PM | BAARC (Bay City) 145.310 Tuesday 9:00 PM | MI Digital Traffic Net (Olivia 8/500) 3.583 MHz USB Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 PM |

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for September 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH, who led the Pledge of Allegiance with 18 members present. One member did not sign the sign-in sheet.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Horst KD8ZXR. The motion passed.

Duane KD8AUY, presented the Treasurer's report for August, as well as a revised report for July. A motion to accept both reports was made by Gordy KC8YVD, and seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

Minnie KD8PAZ, reported on several upcoming ham swaps. Recent activities were discussed. Ron KC8YVF, reported on how well the National Night Out event went. Mike KD8MMH, briefly reported on this year's Crim Festival of races event. Ron KC8YVF, also announced that Joe N8OSL, has stepped down as the Assistant Emergency Coordinator for district 3 and the position is available. Ron also mentioned several County EC positions are or will be available in the mid-Michigan area. Our very own Ron KC8YVF, is the Emergency Coordinator for Saginaw County. If you would like details on the roles and responsibilities of an Emergency Coordinator or would like more information on one of the available positions please contact him.

Dave W8DW, give the contest report. He highlighted that two of our club members participated in the Michigan QSO party and placed in the top 10 for the state. He also noted that with just the scores of these two members our club placed 11th for the state with a score of 93,902 points. These two club members were Dave N8ERL taking seventh place and Dave W8DW taking third place in the state. If you happen to hear either of these individuals on the air please congratulate them on their most noteworthy achievement.

Mike KD8MMH, spoke about Care Break and thanked everyone who has volunteered for shift. The sign-up sheet was full before tonight's meeting began.

The Midland club is holding a Technician license class. Please check their webpage for more information.

Ron KC8YVF, reported on upcoming Ares activities. This month's training will be on Outpost packet software and using it to connect to the packet radio system. He also mentioned the upcoming Saginaw SET which will be held on Saturday, October 8th. More details will be available soon, please check the Ares website for updates.

Mike KD8MMH, reminded everyone the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Expo has moved to Flint and will be held in the Dort Expo center if anyone was interested in attending. Dave W8DW, noted that this month's board meeting would be held one day earlier on Wednesday the 14th due to room availability. As always everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Board meetings are held at Biggby Coffee located on Bay Road.

Duane KD8AUY, reminded everyone of the free CPR class being held for club members this month. The class will take place at 6 PM on Wednesday the 21st at the Kochville Township fire Department located on Mackinaw road between Kochville and Titabawasse roads. As mentioned before the class is free, if you would like to receive a printed CPR card with your name on it the cost is \$4. Dave W8DW,

mentioned the Michigan Digital Traffic Net was looking for another net control. If anyone is interested please contact him. Also, check out their webpage at <http://www.midtn.ws>

The 50-50 drawing was held while the presentation was readied and the lucky winner was Gordy KC8YVD, with ticket number 214163. Congratulation Gordy.

A presentation covering a brief description and overview of the proposed HamWAN system and example pictures of equipment that will be used was given by Mike K8AVJ. Mike KD8MMH, then gave a summary of the current plan and a statement on the board's position. There was some general discussion of the project, after which a motion to approve the pending approval by the board of a Memorandum Of Understanding between SVARA and the Central Michigan Emergency Network stating the areas of responsibility and mutual cooperation for the functionality, ownership and maintenance of the system was made by Emmett NE8B, and seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed with one nay and one member abstaining.

Doris KD8MMG, made a motion to open an account with the Frankenmuth Credit Union with Duane Morris KD8AUY, Michael Dougherty KD8MMH, Frederick Moses W8SFM and Anne Elias KB8AWE, as signers on the account with the minimum amount needed to open an account. Jeff KB8SWR, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark KC8QEB, made a donation of \$10 for the purposes of opening the credit union account.

Dave N8ERL, noted the discussion of implementing a backup/standby repeater system. This would be separate from the Fusion repeater.

The purchase of a large TV to be used as a display screen during events was discussed. This includes Care Breaks. As such, there was concern about space inside the trailer as well as how much more weight the walls can support if the display is to be wall mounted. There is also the question of whether or not a standard wall mount bracket can be used and the cost thereof. It was decided that more information was needed however, no one volunteered for this task.

Jeff KB8SWR, made a motion to take measurements of available space for the TV while the trailer is at Care Break. The motion did not receive a second.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Dave W8DW and seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for September, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Duane KD8AUY, with Mike KD8MMH, Mike K8AVJ, Tom N8EUI, Jeff KB8SWR, and Brian K8HY present.

Mike KD8MMH, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Tom N8EUI. The motion passed.

President's Report

Mike KD8MMH, presented the memorandum of understanding for the project which was discussed and some changes were recommended.

Vice President's Report

In the interest of time the vice president did not have a report.

Secretaries Report

In the interest of time the secretary did not have a report.

Treasurer's Report

Duane KD8AUY, reported he received additional receipts for care break expenses.

Duane KD8AUY, also mentioned we need to commission a plaque recognizing the Frankenmuth credit union. Status and plans for the equipment that was purchased with the previous grant from Saginaw County. The equipment is currently in place and functioning and will be used to support County activities. The need for a lightweight generator was discussed and a motion to purchase a 1000 W Black Max generator from Sam's Club estimated to cost \$300 was made by Tom N8EUI, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed. Duane KD8AUY, nominated Tom N8EUI, for the position of Public Information Officer. The nomination was seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Tom N8EUI, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias KE8AVJ
Secretary

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.

2016 SVARA Officers

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