



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:

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

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

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

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July N/A, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ARES Members:

Ares members please visit the Ares website 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.

District 3 Net

145.310
Sunday 6:30 PM

SVARA (Saginaw)

147.240
Monday 9:00 PM

MARC (Midland)

147.000
Thursday 7:30 PM

TCARA (Tuscola)

146.66 MHz
Monday 7:30 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.360 MHz
Wednesday 8:00 PM

MI Digital Traffic Net

3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

SVARA Meeting 10/6/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Dave Schneider N8ERL
Gregory Smith KE8WXJ
Mike Linton N8XPS
Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Dave Paquette W8DW
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Nate Manolf KD8GOW
Ron Huss KC8YVF

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for September, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second Dave N8ERL, motion carried by all.

Treasury report for September – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Mike N8XPS. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie was not present; Mike KD8MMH relayed there will be swaps meets in Kalamazoo, Troy and Muskegon

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on the upcoming November Sweeps for CW and SSB

Announcements

Club breakfast at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot
There will be no Board Meeting in October

Old business

Tom N8EUI will send ScottN3FJP \$45 as a donation for the contest software we use for Field Day and Winter Field Day – Tom sent a check to Scott and received a letter back thanking the club for their donation.

Ron KC8YVF will purchase the new RTCM – Gordy KC8YVD made a motion and Rick KC8VOA seconded to spend up to \$400 on a backup RTCM - RTCM was ordered on 10/29/23 at \$305.95.

Rick KC8VOA will set up a trailer meeting the second week of October – Meeting occurred.

New business

Club auction update – Mike KD8MMH reported on the club auction. Things went very well and almost everything sold. The club generator that did not sell on auction day was sold later for the \$100 asking price.

Midland held there Search and Rescue, everything went well. Was like organized chaos. Greg KE8WXJ attended.

November 17 and 18 is the Saginaw Holiday in the Heart of the City. SVARA will again be at the Zoo on Friday night and Jim Wade is planning to come. We will also be at the Castle Museum on Saturday morning. A motion was made by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Dave N8ERL to spend up to \$500 for hotel, gas and food for Jims stay.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland Club meeting.

- Dennis Klipa N8ERF was elected as the new president and Jack Robinson K8GTG as vice president.

The club discussed keeping the annual due at \$12. A motion was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by Dave N8ERL.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- State SET will be October 14, more home stations are needed
- There will be a virtual meeting next week to discuss updates and assignments for the drill
- The AUXCOMM cards need to be signed and returned to the EM's office for laminating
- Great Upper Midwest Shakeout earthquake drill will be on October 19, There will be a virtual meeting on the 17 to go over the requirements, This is a Winlink exercise.

Ron KC8YVF and Mike KD8MMH did a presentation on using Winlink on Android and iOS devices.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

2023 SVARA Officers

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Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

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