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: 2026
All dates are Fridays: January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, 2026.

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates): 2026
The club breakfast will be held at Levi's Food & Spirits restaurant, 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 am.
All dates are Saturdays. January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 8, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, 2026.

Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.): 2026
Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.
All dates are Wednesdays. January 14, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17, July N/A, August 12, September 16, October 14, November 18, December 16, 2026.

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.

Mid-Michigan Net
147.240
Sunday 7:00 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
Tuesday 8:00 PM

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

SVARA Meeting October 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Brian K8HY 7:00 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Attendance -
Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Mike Bright KF8EDQ
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Doug Brinks N8NTN
Joe Goddeyne KA8FHW
Warren Nowicki KF8BNK
Robert Eggers K9RCA
Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Introductions

Brian K8HY asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for September,
Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. 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 Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report
Current swaps – There are no swap meets scheduled for October.

Contest Report
Up-coming contests – State QSO parties or check the https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.php calendar for all contests in the next 5 weeks.

Announcements
Club breakfast Saturday 10/3 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Spirts Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw.
The next board meeting will be online only on October 14 via Free Conference Call for discussion of the recommended CD.

Old Business

The club auction will be held on September 19, doors open at 11 am and the auction begins at noon.

Mike KD8MMH talked about the anniversary party. Apologized for the service at Sullivan's. Thanked members for the club support. N8ERL, K8CQF, KC8YVF, and K8DO were honored for past contributions.

Tech in a Day Class at MSU, email promotion for September 19, 8:30am. $15 for the test. Gordy KC8YVD suggested forwarding the information to club members.

Fred KE8QCO stated there will be a VE test session in Midland at the Salvation Army building on September 12 at 9 am.

Mike KD8MMH received an email from John Garcia, KD8GZA about the club roster. The roster is behind a login screen by new scanning technology was able to bypass the login. The roster is indexed on the web which has member names, address and email address. John offered to help with this issue.

Club trailer has been moved. Rob Wright KC8IJN has moved to Clio but has less room available. He can still store the trailer for us. Rob said is back in the lot.

August ARES training was the dinner and a movie. There was a sparse participation but everyone who attended had fun.

New Member – Jeff Johnson K1JWJ, extra class, Motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by N8EUI, accepted by all.

New business

Rick KC8VOA recommended that we consider a CD for a portion of the club's holdings. Brian K8HY deferred the topic to the next board meeting.

The Holiday in the Heart of the City event is coming on November 20. Jim Wade has been in contact with Mike KD8MMH and is planning on attending this year. He also suggested that this would be his last and he has some health issues in his conversation with Mike.

ARES Report
- Next ARES meeting will be October 22, 2026. This meeting will be on the October SET
- The October Simulated Emergency Exercise will be on October 24 from 8 am until noon. More information will be available in the coming weeks and volunteers will be needed to staff 911, Covenant ER and other locations as outlined in the state guide.

There was no presentation for this month –

Brian K8HY asked for motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K8HY, presiding secretary

SVARA Board Meeting October 14, 2026

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike KD8MMH

Attendance:
_x__ Mike KD8MMH (president)
____ Brian K8HY (vice president)
_x__ Tom N8EUI (treasurer)
_x__ Ron KC8YVF (secretary)
_x__ Fred KE8QCO (board)
____ N8XPS (board)
_x__ Rick KC8VOA (board)
____ Doc K8DO (trustee)

Topic of Discussion:
- CD 's

<u>Old Business</u>

The board discussed how the anniversary party went. There were challenges at the restaurant. The updated attendance count was never updated on the restaurants reservation list and was only set for 25 people instead of 42. Ron KC8YVF made 6 contacts with the restaurant with one being the Wednesday

before the party to verify the correct number and table setup. The staff and cooks were not prepared for the number of people and food was lacking in quantity. The meals were good for some individuals and only fair for others.

As for the portion of the event handled by the SVARA board, that went off without any issues. The club received two proclamations from the State. Although Tom N8EUI who was coordinating this portion of the event assumed that Ralph Katz the Michigan Section Manager would have presented one from the ARRL rather than the State.

New Business

The board discussed putting some of the club's assets into a CD (certificate of deposit) as was deferred from the October club meeting.

Tom N8EUI will contact PNC bank (where we have our funds) and other institutions to get information on their rates and duration. Tom will report his findings to the club at the November club meeting for discussion.

The meeting was closed at 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

2026 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Board Member – Mike Linton N8XPS (26-28)
Board Member – Fred Bolger KE8QCO (25-27)
Board Member – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA (24-26)

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