

# SVARA Harmonic

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## Pride Parade

OK folks. It looks like this year's PRIDE activities for Holiday in the Heart of the City have firmed up with regard to the ham radio operators and Santagrams. We now have more than a half decade of amateur radio operators sending Santagrams from children in Saginaw, Michigan to Northpole, Alaska via Fairbanks.



Amateur radio participation in event will begin Friday evening and run through to Saturday afternoon. New this year will be Santagrams from the Historical Society of Saginaw County's Castle Museum.

On Friday evening (November 20th), the local amateur radio group will take messages from Children near the entrance to the Saginaw Zoo. Those messages will be sent via telegraph to Ed Trump as "Santagrams" in Fairbanks, Alaska. We expect the Zoo location to be open from about 5pm until 9pm

On Saturday (November 21st), SVARA members (ham radio operators) will be manning a site near the PRIDE parade review booth. They will take additional messages for Santa and Mr. Wades and Mr. Trump will relay them at a future time they've agreed to. Mr. Wades will be located at the Castle Museum and will operate a telegraph line from approximately noon until 2pm. Many children from the parade route attend this annual event. So, those children who did not attend Friday activities nor were located near the start of the parade will have one more chance to send a Santagram and Mr. Wades will be able to conduct his business in a warm, dry cozy spot with a telephone line provided by the museum.

Speaking of telephone lines, for this to work, the zoo will have to make one of its lines available just as they did last year. Outside of ensuring that logistic is taken care of, I think everything else is in order.

If there are any issues that need to be addressed, please do so now. Schedules and announcements are being printed very shortly.

Best regards to each of you.

Joe Turner, K8CQF

## **Elections**

We are approaching election time again and we need members to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to enrich and help shape the future of SVARA. So be sure to start thinking about who you want to represent you next year. We will take nominations beginning with the November meeting.

## **ARRL November Sweepstakes**

ARRL November sweepstakes time is here with the CW portion the weekend of the 7 and 8 and the phone the weekend of the 21 and 22. From my experience I find this to be a fun contest. I plan on working the CW portion from home. If there is any interest I am willing to operate from the club station. If interested please e-mail me and let me know and I will find out what I have to do to get access to the station and familiarize with its operation. If there is no interest I will operate from home. Please e-mail me at [wb8lza@qsl.net](mailto:wb8lza@qsl.net).

Full rules can be obtained by going to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/novss.html>

Thanks  
Dave  
WB8LZA

## **January, 2010 Meeting Postponed**

The January, 2010 club meeting will be postponed from New Year's Day until January 8<sup>th</sup> to accommodate our many football fans. It will be the second Friday of January at 8:00 PM at the Red Cross.

## **Change of Venue for November Board Meeting**

The November board meeting will be held at the home of your club's president and treasurer. The usual fare will include chocolate shakes and pecan pie. Coffee, soft drinks, iced tea and water will be served. Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available.

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Red Cross Building  
October 2, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. with 17 members and guests present.  
KC8BDQ offered opening remarks and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Petition for membership submitted by Aaron Beebe, 203 N. Brady Street, Vassar MI, 48768  
motion made by W8ERL with a second by W8LPV to accept ND8JQK into membership motion  
carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept meeting minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter  
made by W8ERL with a second by K8CQF motion carried with just N8REB in opposition.

Treasure's Report presented by KC8BYI motion to accept made by W8LPV with a second by  
KC8YVD. Care Break leaders are needed to oversee operations, possible one for each weekend.  
A restructuring of was suggested for consideration. K8CQF asked to have a budget generated.

President's Report: KC8BDQ apologized for lateness of the newsletter due to improvements to  
QTH. Motion to participate in sending messages to Santa during Pride Parade activities on the  
20th & 21<sup>st</sup> of November made by KC8BYI with a second by KC8IJN was carried. K8CQF  
reported that Jim Wades WB8SIW assist by sending messages via telegraph interface.

A reminder that club breakfast set for 8:30 a.m. at State Street Texan Restaurant

Motion to meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> instead of the 1st made by W8EAB seconded by N8REB motion  
carried.

Vice President's Report: Update 501c3 application has passed the state W8TJ Thomas Jaffke is  
preparing Federal paperwork to be signed in two weeks.

Old Business: N8ERL reported that Family Prep day went well with 12-13 participates. Three  
videos were presented with stickers and pencils given away.

New Business: N8XPS returned the November 1991 issue of QST that contains pictures from  
when Saginaw hosted the National Convention. WB8LZA reminded that sweepstakes due to be  
next month he is hoping for many contacts. SET to happen October 3rd at 10 a.m. Simulation of  
large winter storm causing attrition.

50/50 Drawing won \$20.00 by N8YVF

Meeting adjourned by motion of W8LPV and W8EAB at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary  
Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
October 14, 2009

Meeting called to order by KC8YVF with KD8IOK, W8EAB, KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, W8LPV, KC8YVF, and N8XPS present.

Motion made to approve the minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: KC8BDQ received an article for newsletter. Intentions to move tower sections from N8ERL's QTH to club storage facility were discussed.

Vice Presidents Report: W8LPV had no new information on our 501c3 status.

Secretary's Report: Had nothing.

Treasure's Report: References made to financial statement approved at general meeting. Volunteers are needed to assist with management of Care Break weekends. It has become physically grueling for KC8BYI. Simplification of dues payments was discussed, with plan written up by KC8BYI. The current budget planned to be prepared.

W8LPV suggested that invitations be sent to Saginaw resident amateur operators for the Christmas party meeting. Motion made by KC8BDQ then seconded by KD8IOK carried without objections.

Chairman's Report: Saginaw was the only county submitted in A.R.R.L. S.E.T. KC8YVF relayed KA8PRX's complaint over not being recognized on Monday night net. It was suggested that KC8YVF and W8EAB discuss ideas with KB8QO. District EC asked for K9one to perform training. Motion to buy side mounts for the Rosien Tower tower when needed made by KC8BYI with a second by KC8BDQ.

Old Business: Saginaw Pride festivities to take place on November 20 and 21st. KD8IOK inquired about making a ruling concerning the designated parking location and storage of Care Break supplies. Motion made by KC8BYI with a second by W8LPV for KD8IOK to be named trailer caretaker and have it returned to his QTH.

New Business: W8EAB sent letter to all on VE list with five to proctor exam conducted on November 14th at the Red Cross with registration at 9:30 a.m. and exam at 10. Board meeting for November will be held at the QTH of KC8BDQ and KC8BYI.

W8LPV motioned to adjourn and W8EAB with the second done at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary



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SVARA Members sponsor the 147.240+ PL 103.5 & 224.28 Open Repeaters K8DAC/R  
-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, at 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,  
8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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