

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next training will be on November 17.

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

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: November 4, and December 2.

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: November 5, and December 3

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: November 16, and December 14.

FROM OUR MEMBERS:

VE TESTING SESSION

There will be a VE testing session on December 3 at 10:30 AM at the Saginaw County Red Cross. If you're thinking about upgrading or know someone that would like to take their amateur radio licensing test its time to hit the books and show up for testing at the December 3 session. Put December 3 on your calendar and good luck.

Dave W8DW

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
October 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 with 23 members and guests present. Judy KC8BYI started with the pledge of allegiance, introductions, and spoke about the passing of Bill WA8KFC. After speaking to his family a donation was made to the Covenant Medical Foundation in his name in lieu of flowers. It was suggested to perform a last transmission on his station.

A motion was made by Dave N8ERL to accept the Secretary's Report as presented in the Harmonic Newsletter that was seconded by John KC8WZM.

A motion was made by Gordy KC8YVD to accept the Treasure's Report presented by Jeff KC8DQ this was seconded by Joe N8CQF.

Update on Amateur Radio Class VE Testing session set for December 5th.

KD8AVA offered equipment for donation to the club. We chose to decline this offer. It is now open for purchase by members.

Upcoming events include the Club Breakfast, Board Meeting on Oct 13th, and Next Club Meeting Nov 4.

Ares search and rescue field training continued at Bliss Park with help from Midland.

A motion was made by John KC8WZM to send Santa grams on Nov 18th at the zoo with Jim Wades WB8SIW, seconded by Joe N8CQF. Dave N8ERL made the motion to not participate in the parade downtown so we may help out at the Castle Museum on Nov 19th with a second by Jeff KC8BDQ. It was motioned by Judy KC8BYI to put him up at the Montague Inn with a second by KC8BDQ.

Tom N8EUI introduced his brother in law Randy W8RI and spoke about his Dxing.

Judy KC8BYI led the group in a brain storming session for fund raising ideas and in the direction we want to move in.

Brian KA8YXV and Dave W8DW will be making presentations at the next meeting.

Joe KD8AFM won \$12.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Doris KD8MMG at 9:35.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
October 19, 2011

Chairman Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:32 with Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Emmett W8EAB, Doris KD8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Judy KC8BYI present. He then proceeded with remarks. Ron KC8YVF joined the meeting later.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in Harmonic news letter were made by Judy KC8BYI seconded by Doris KD8MMG and was carried.

The Treasure's Report was reviewed.

President's Report: After the brainstorming session at the last meeting we have been looking into implementing some of the ideas. S.V.A.R.A. now has a Facebook account. It was suggested we get our name out there by handing out items with our name and web site on them. Some ideas discussed were stress balls, calendars, note pads, ice scrapers, and chip clips. Mike N8XPS presented catalogs filled with toys and other items suitable to give away. Mike KD8MMH said he knew a lady who owns a local store selling such things. A motion was made by Judy KC8BYI then seconded by Emmett W8EAB to place a catalog order of temporary tattoos and pencil top erasers. It was also decided to meet at the store over the weekend.

Judy KC8BYI reminded that the next meeting would include officer nominations. The sale of tower sections is currently pending.

Old Business: Rosien Tower project was updated saying a tower is up and progress will continue in the spring.

New Business: Ron KC8YVF reported that the Red Cross has taken steps in the down-sizing of regional operations by letting go of directors and may close building in July. It was determined we may have 9 months of lead time before possible relocation. We will need to consider contingency plans for station and meeting locations. We will start by labeling stuff.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy KC8BYI and seconded by Emmett W8EAB at 8:25 then bye.

Post Script: Impromptu meeting at store led to the order of ice scrapers and chip clips with our name and web site on them to be given away while sending Santa grams.

Respectfully Submitted
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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 8:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd 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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