

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next meeting is November 19, 2015

(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 (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: November 6, and December 4

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi's for September, October, and November):

All dates are Saturdays: November 7, and December 5

Board Meeting Dates (at Biggby coffee): @7pm.

All dates are Wednesdays: November 18, and December 16

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building

October 2, 2015

First upon Mike KD8MMH, Justin KD8PEV, and I arriving at The Red Cross and going down stairs to set the basement up for the meeting. We found a biohazard warning on a locked door with plastic drawn across the doorway he said he was given no warning of what was happening. Thanks to his quick thinking we were still able to meet at The Red Cross in another room upstairs.

Mike called the meeting at 7:09 with 20 members and guest present. He led with introductions but not the pledge of allegiance due to the absence of a proper flag.

Joe KD8AFM made and Mary WA8LZA seconded the motion to accept the meeting minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter.

Duane KC8AUY commented about those that helped with Care Break before presenting his report. Emmett NE8B made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Minnie KD8PAZ presented the swap report that included Alpena, Muskegon, and Madison Heights.

Dave W8DW reported on upcoming contests. Included the School Round-up, Oceana Islands DX contest that includes Hawaii, Worked all Germany, and seven state QSO parties.

Upcoming events: will include breakfast tomorrow, Board Meeting at Bigby Coffee on Oct 14 7:00. Not forgetting ARES training. Mike KD8MMH reported on the upcoming nets. Sign-in sheets were passed around as Mike KD8MMH reminded us of the upcoming Emergency Expo taking place on Oct 17. He will hope to contact Nate KD8GOW to return his equipment.

While we were is the subject of upcoming events Mike KD8MMH asked if we intend to participate in the Holiday Lights in the City and invite Jim Wades KB8TBI for the occasion? Dave W8DW made and Mike KE8AVJ seconded the motion to ask him for his help offering a room, dinner, and a gas card.

Dave W8DW and Emmett NE8B both reported on routing the Zombie Apocalypse saying the SET went well, except for a few glitches.

I had asked the question at the past board meeting if it would be good to plan to hold the Christmas meeting somewhere else considering the condition of the basement. Duane KD8AUY asked for a show of hands willing to meet at the Saginaw Wesleyan Church hall. Mark KD8QEB immediately said the location was too far away. I will inquire if the hall will be available on the date in question. Other locations were also mentioned.

The club completed the shirt order and had them to distribute them.

Minnie KD8PAZ shared about a benefit for her grand nephew who has been seriously injured.

The Midland Club is holding a Technician Class License class conducted by Lee KC8ITI. We were unable to show the presentation by Mike KE8AVJ due to lack of space. It will reschedule.

On behalf of the Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of a Yeasu 897 by Dr. Edward Allport AJ2S noted plastic surgeon, pilot, and ham operator living in Frankenmuth. One might remember he also gave us several sections of Rohn 55 tower. These kind donations can be used for station improvements and help with MS walks in Frankenmuth and Midland, Field Day operations. The transceiver and the tower sections will serve us well.

Dave W8DW reported on the status of the club and other repeaters and the plans for them. He was able to attend the Michigan state repeater council.

Mike KD8MMH had Mike KE8AVJ print up certificates for the Care Break campers that logged the most hours at the Rest Area.

Duane KD8AUY requested that we gather our best junk maybe gathering fine bargains, like at rummage sales to bring to the auction.

Emmett N8EB made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Biggby Coffee House

October 15, 2015

I was unable to attend this month's board meeting I am writing these minutes from the notes taken by member at large Michael Elias KE8AVJ.

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:11 with Mike KD8PEZ, Dave W8DW, Mike KD8MMH, Brian K8HY, Mike KE8AVJ, and Tom N8EUI present.

Mike KD8MMH made and Dave W8DW seconded the motion to accept the September board meeting minutes as presented within the Harmonic newsletter.

Mike KD8MMH reported the Red Cross is making good progress on repairs to the basement and may be ready for the November meeting. It may be possible to meet there in a different room. It was reported that our promotional handouts needs editing before further printing.

The Ares / Svara Christmas breakfast may take place at the International House of Pancakes.

Rob KC8IJN believes he has solved the lighting problems with the trailer.

Christina Harrington of Citizens Corp. sent the club a thank you letter for our help with the golf outing.

Chairman/Treasurer report: Duane KD8AUY discussed the club finances.

The transition of the Fusion repeater was discussed and will be more so after the next Repeater Committee Meeting. Range testing of the Fusion at its current location was suggested. The need for help to complete existing / ongoing projects was highlighted.

Dave N8ERL was designated to conduct the election of officers by taking nomination at the November meeting.

Presentations for the last were postponed due to the meeting room situation. As alternatives are explored or the work in the basement is finished we will share the presentations as planned.

The nation of China has launched a new amateur satellite information can be found in Am-Sats or ARRL news.

Mike KD8PEZ made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to use the 50/50 proceeded to buy a "Panther Party" raffle ticket.

Mike KD8MMH is celebrating 30 years of employment with Michigan Bell, Congratulations.

Dave W8DW made and Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion to adjourn.

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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