



SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: (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 and Place:

American Red Cross 1232 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw
1ST Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: November 4, December 2

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi’s on State St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi’s
All dates are Saturdays: November 4, December 3

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd.

All dates are Thursday: November 16, and December 14

ARES Members:

Ares training this month will be November . Visit the Ares website for more information.

Weekly Nets: Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.

District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:00 PM	SVARA (Saginaw) 147.240 Monday 9:00 PM	MARC (Midland) 147.000 Thursday 9:00 PM
D3 Digital Training Net (Olivia 8/500) Seasonal 3.586 MHz USB Sunday 8:00 PM	BAARC (Bay City) 145.310 Tuesday 9:00 PM	MI Digital Traffic Net (Olivia 8/500) 3.583 MHz USB Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 PM

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for October 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mike KD8MMH, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 12 members and 2 guests present.

Horst KD8ZXR, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Ron KC8YVF. The motion passed.

Emmett NE8B, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Fred K8EMQ. The motion passed.

Minnie KD8PAZ, reported of upcoming ham swaps. Mike KD8MMH, discussed recent past events including care break and the CPR class. He would like to thank everyone who participated in these events. Dave W8DW, reported on several upcoming contests including CW contests, state QSO parties and several sprints.

Mike KD8MMH, announced that Tom N8EUI, has been appointed as the new Public Information Officer. Please congratulate Tom next time you see him. Mike KD8MMH, then reported on the repeater project. The grant money has been deposited to the Frankenmuth credit union account and the memorandum of understanding is being finalized.

The emergency preparedness Expo which was moved to Flint was mentioned. House Bill 5867, the distracted driver law was also discussed. Discussion on what to do with the old 3000W generator was had. It was decided that it would be kept as an additional backup. It is currently being stored and maintained by Bob KD8RJJ. Please go to the Frankenmuth credit union website and vote.

Ron KC8YVF, discussed the upcoming statewide Simulated Emergency Test, to be held on October 8, and the District 3 exercise held in September. Ron talked about the Upcoming ARES training on October 27, which ties into the training held last month. Ron also mentioned that the Tuscola and Midland County Emergency Coordinators are retiring, if you would like more information about these positions please contact Ron. Ron also mentioned replacement computers are being put in the county trailer.

Upcoming events include the nomination meeting in November and Holiday in the Heart of the City on November 18 and 19. The District 3 Digital Training Net (D3DTN) is back in session and the fusion repeater net will start back up at the end of October.

Emmett NE8B, made a motion to cover the cost for Wade Boggs, our CW Santa as we have done in previous years, if he is available to come this year. The motion was seconded by Ron KC8YVF. The motion passed.

The 50-50 drawing was held in the winning ticket number was 214200 however, I did not catch the name of the winner. Congratulations to the owner of ticket number 214200.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Ron KC8YVF.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for October 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Duane KD8AUY, with members Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Mike K8AVJ, Dave W8DW, and Brian K8HY present.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Mike N8XPS. The motion passed.

President's Report

Mike KD8MMH, reported on the upcoming holiday in the heart of the city event. He was happy to announce that Wade Boggs, our CW Santa would be able to attend this year's event.

Vice President's Report

The vice president had nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report

Duane KD8AUY, discussed the new repeater project. The paperwork has been finalized and we are ready to proceed.

Brian K8HY, informed the board he had purchased the new generator and would be on boxing it and doing the initial startup/first run preparation. The upcoming nominations were discussed. Our client of locations for club meetings and or a club radio room were discussed. Dave W8DW, the need for a new HT for echo linked operations. The motion for a new HT not to exceed \$150 was made by Mike KD8MMH, and seconded by Mike N8XPS. The motion passed.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Mike N8XPS, and seconded by Dave W8DW.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias KE8AVJ
Secretary

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.

2016 SVARA Officers

President	Mike Dougherty KD8MMH	Treasurer	Duane Morris KD8AUY
Vice-President	Mike Linton N8XPS	Board Member	Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
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Board Member
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