



# 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  
1<sup>ST</sup> Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted

**Club Meeting Dates:**

All dates are Fridays: December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 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: \*December 10\*, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd.  
All dates are Thursday: December 14, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

**ARES Members:**

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

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

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

### Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for November 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Mike N8XPS, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 13 members present.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Dave W8DW. The motion passed.

Duane KD8AUY, gave the monthly Treasurer's report. Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Doris KD8MMG. The motion passed.

Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests including the November Sweepstakes. Contests are a fun way to practice and sharpen your skills.

Nominations:

For President both Mike KD8MMH, and Mike N8XPS, were nominated. Mike N8XPS, has since withdrew his name for consideration. For Vice President Brian K8HY, was nominated. For Treasurer Mike N8XPS, was nominated. For Secretary Mike K8AVJ, was nominated. Brian K8HY, was also nominated for the expiring board position however, he withdrew his name after being nominated for Vice President. The board position is currently open.

Dave W8DW, mentioned the new HT that was for echo linked had been purchased and set up was underway.

The need for another net control operator for the Monday night nets was discussed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike KD8MMH.

Also, the Wednesday night fusion nets are back!

The December meeting was discussed. The meeting will be held at the Saginaw Wesleyan Church at 2125 Shattuck Rd near Hermansau Rd. as always, if you would like to bring a dish to pass please feel free to do so however, it is not required.

The winner of the 50-50 drawing was Dave W8DW, with the winning ticket number of 214278. Congratulation Dave.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

### Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for November, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Duane KD8AUY, with members Mike KD8MMH, Mike N8XPS, Mike K8AVJ, Dave W8DW, Tom N8EUI, Anne KB8AWE, and Brian K8HY present.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

### **President's Report**

Mike KD8MMH, discussed the Christmas breakfast which will be held the week after our December meeting due to room availability. The Christmas breakfast will be December 10th at 9 AM at IHOP on Tittabawassee Rd. near I-675. Mike also presented the \$50 gas card and motel reservation for Jim Wades.

### **Vice President's Report**

Mike N8XPS, reported on details for the December general meeting. Everything is set.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Duane KD8AUY, reported on the status of club accounts.

### **PIO's Report**

Tom N8EUI, reported he would put together a press release for the upcoming Holiday in the Heart of the City event.

General discussion

a plaque of recognition and thank you letter for the Frankenmuth credit union was discussed. The repeater project was also discussed, they are currently working on the list of items to be purchased. The open board position was discussed. Issues with the K8DAC repeater were discussed and are being looked into. As a reminder, the backup repeater is Dave N8ERL's repeater. The fusion repeater is also working well.

The motion to adjourn and was made by Mike KD8MMH, and seconded by Mike N8XPS.

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**

<b>President</b>	Mike Dougherty KD8MMH	<b>Board Member</b>	Brian Kleinfeld K8HY Term expires 2016
<b>Vice-President</b>	Mike Linton N8XPS	<b>Board Member</b>	Tom Schmidt N8EUI Term expires 2017
<b>Secretary</b>	Mike Elias K8AVJ	<b>Board Member</b>	Anne Elias KB8AWE Term expires 2018
<b>Treasurer</b>	Duane Morris KD8AUY		

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