



SVARA Harmonic

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always 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:

Covenant Hospital Anderson building, first floor lecture room on the corner of N. Bond St. and Almira St. on the 1ST Friday at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

All dates are Fridays: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

Club Breakfast Dates (Savoy bar and Grill on Franklin St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on the Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. All dates are Saturdays. January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Week following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Dates for the new year are being decided. Changes in meeting dates are posted on the club website.

All dates for 2019 are to be announced at this time.

ARES Members:

Ares members please visit the Ares website for training schedule information. Ares training are held the last Thursday of the month.

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

District 3 Net 145.310 Sunday 6:30 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 Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for December 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH, who lead the pledge of allegiance with 16 members and 6 guests present.

Horst KD8ZXR, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Gordy KC8YVD, with corrections. The motion passed.

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

The Holiday in the Heart of the City event went well with 171 Santa-grams sent on Friday and a total of 237 sent for the weekend.

Ron KC8YVF, gave a repeater committee report. They have come up with several different options to replace the 220 repeater. The 24 repeater and some of the receive sites are still using old antennas. This includes Gera which will need a replacement antenna. The committee is trying to raise money for the last two sectors of the Covenant North microwave site. They are hoping to obtain this funding from the county or other service agencies. The repeater committee believes the 24 transmitter should have been "on-hand" replacement. We are still waiting on frequency coordination for the D-Star repeater. The repeater also needs an antenna and duplex still but this is not needed until we receive our coordinated frequency pair. The 6M is having some issues that will be investigated. The radio room at the backup EOC has an issue with the antenna and or feed line that will be invested.

Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming contests as well as discussed Winter Field Day which will be the last week of January.

The Midland club will be starting general license classes January 27. Please visit the Midland website for more information.

Election results

President Michael Doherty KD8MMH

Vice President Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

Treasurer Michael Linton N8XPS

Secretary Michael Elias K8AVJ

Board Member Renee Paquette KE8MYJ

The motion to adjourn was made by Gordy KC8YVD, and seconded by Mary WB8LZA.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Biggby Coffee house

December 18, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman Mike KD8MMH with Rene KE8MYJ, Horst KD8ZXR, Mike N8XPS, Doris KD8MMG, David W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, and Tom N8EUY present.

Motion to accept the November Board Meeting minutes made by Dave W8DW, seconded by Tom N8EUY, motion passed.

President's Report: Expressed regret to being unable to attend the Christmas party meeting. Recognized the passing of silent key Clinton Williams W8ERK. It was determined that a sympathy card will be sent.

Vice Presidents Report: Not Present

Secretary's Report: Not Present

Treasures Report: Not Present

Chairman's Report: After discussion a motion was made by Doris KD8MMG and seconded by Mary W8LZA to reimburse the Saginaw Wesleyan Church the same amount as last year. To be determined by treasurer.

Repeater Committee Report: It was determined that new transmitter for the 148.240 repeater would be put on a wish list. A motion was made by mike KD8MMH and seconded by Doris KD8MMG to sell a 6 meter repeater controller. A motion was also made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded Horst KD8ZXR to sell remaining parts from the repeater before the upgrade. A 440 machine was discussed with estimations on the cost, but a coordinated pair needs to be arranged. David reported that Keith Delong N8XD would put \$500 towards the project.

Motion to adjourn was made by David W8DW and seconded by Doris KD8MMG motion carried.

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Past President / Treasure

ARRL News

ARRL Reshapes Podcast Offerings for 2020

In conjunction with the launch of its new [On the Air](#) magazine, which is aimed at those just beginning their journey in amateur radio, ARRL is reconfiguring its podcast lineup. Heading up the new schedule will be a free companion podcast to the bimonthly *On the Air* magazine. The monthly *On the Air* podcast will take a deeper look into select



features and projects from the magazine. Each month, host and *On the Air* Editorial Director Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, will offer additional resources, techniques, and hints to help less-experienced radio amateurs to get the most from the magazine's content.

In addition to the podcast, ARRL Product Development Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, will curate a free *On the Air* blog featuring content from the communicators and makers who are the driving force of amateur radio today. The blog will highlight

opportunities and activities available to new licensees. The *On the Air* blog is intended as an entry point into the world of amateur radio for those seeking original voices and perspectives. Readers will be [invited](#) to take part in the conversation by sharing their stories and experiences.

ARRL's current [So Now What?](#) podcast will cease production in January, as the full complement of *On the Air* content is rolled out. The [catalog](#) of *So Now What?* episodes is available for listening or downloading.

In addition, [The Doctor is In](#) podcast, which has served more-experienced amateurs since 2016, will conclude its 4-year run with its December 19 episode. *Eclectic Tech*, a new biweekly podcast designed to appeal to experienced amateurs, will launch in February.

Hosted by *QST* Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, *Eclectic Tech* will highlight technical topics involving amateur and non-amateur technology, offer brief interviews with individuals involved in projects of interest to amateurs, and include practical information of immediate benefit to today's hams.

The Doctor is In co-host Joel Hallas, W1ZR, is selecting some of his favorite podcast episodes for re-broadcast in the interim between the end of production for *The Doctor is In* and the debut of *Eclectic Tech*. The complete *The Doctor is In* [archive](#) is available on the ARRL website. Hallas will continue to answer questions about amateur radio in *QST*'s "The Doctor is In" column.

The [ARRL Audio News](#) podcast will continue to provide a weekly summary of news and activities within the amateur radio community.



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.

2020 SVARA Officers

President Mike Doherty KD8MMH

Vice-President Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

Secretary Mike Elias K8AVJ

Treasurer Mike Linton N8XPS

Board Member

Term expires 2020

Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Board Member

Term expires 2021

Mary Paquette WB8LZA

Board Member

Term expires 2022

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SVARA Elmers

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