



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 at K8DAC-R. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

SVARA club meetings will be held at Harry Brown Airport or on FreeConferanceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

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

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July N/A, August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ARES Members:

ARES members please visit the ARES website http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares_training.htm for training schedule information. ARES training are held the fourth 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 7:30 PM

TCARA (Tuscola)

146.66 MHz
Monday 7:30 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.360 MHz
Wednesday 8:00 PM

MI Digital Traffic Net

3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

SVARA Meeting 12/1/2023

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:34 pm who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Randal Mey, KE8AHW
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Dan Gurett, KC8ZMM
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Dave Schneider, N8ERL
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

Introductions

Mike asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for November, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, second Fred KE8QCO, Jeff KB8SWR vote against, motion carried.

Treasury report for November – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Ron KC8YVF. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie was not present. Mike KD8MMH reports on the swap meet in Troy on December 3

Contest Report

Dave W8DW was not present – Check the K8DAC contest link for more information

Announcements

ARES/Club breakfast Saturday 12/2 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot
There will be no Board Meeting in December

Old business

Mike KD8MMH reports on the Holiday in the Heart of the City event. There were over 150 messages taken for Santa and had a good turn out on Friday night and Saturday at the new location at Hoyt Library.

Jim Wade will be back again next year and his room has been booked for the 2024 event.

QRZ page – Dave N8ERL has been taking care of the page, would like to have someone else take it over. Ron KC8YVF has now taken over the QRZ pages.

New business

Jeff KB8SWR asked about what annual expenses the club has. The PO Box, 501c3 state filings annually, club insurance, donations. Jeff asked if there was some way to not have the expense of the PO box since the rates continue to raise. The physical address (box) is needed for mail and FCC regulations for notifications.

Winter Field day is coming the last weekend in January, so make your plans for the event.

Club Presentations for the New Year – the club is looking for member to do a presentation. The subject is up to you. Notify Mike KD8MMH if you want to present something to the club. January will be Winter Field Day and February will be an overview of the clubs website K8DAC.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to reimburse Rob KC8IJN \$20 for fuel cost to transport the club trailer to the Holiday in the Heart of the City event. The motion was seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. Motion was carried by all.

The receive site at Davenport Manor will need some work. The site seems to be getting some interference from other RF equipment at that location. Jeff KB8SWR suggested putting a top section of tower on the building and raising the antenna above other cell service equipment.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- AUXCOMM cards are in - so pick yours up if you applied

- SVARA/ARES award breakfast will be on December 2 at Sullivan's at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome so bring a spouse, guest, or fellow Ham.-

2024 SVARA Elections

Mike KD8MMH opened the floor for club officer nominations.

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH re-elected

VP – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY re-elected

Secretary – Ron Huss KC8YVF re-elected

Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI re-elected

Open Board – Rick KC8VOA elected for a 2024-2026 term

Renee Paquette KE8MYJ 2022-2024

Mary Paquette WB8LZA 2023-2025

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Secretary

2023 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY
Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Treasurer – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

Board Member – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Board Member – Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Board Member – Renee' Paquette KE8MYJ

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