



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 FreeConferenceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

Club Meeting Dates: 2026

All dates are Fridays: January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, 2026.

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates): 2026

The club breakfast will be held at Levi's Food & Spirits restaurant, 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 am. All dates are Saturdays. January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 8, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, 2026.

Board Meeting Dates (at Bigby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.): 2026

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website. All dates are Wednesdays. January 14, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 17, July N/A, August 12, September 16, October 14, November 18, December 16, 2026.

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.

Mid-Michigan Net
147.240
Sunday 7:00 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
Tuesday 8:00 PM

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

SVARA Meeting 1/2/2026

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:03 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Jeff Metiva KB8SWR
Mike Bright KF8EDQ
Doug Brinks N8NTN
Rob Wright KC8IJN
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Bob Weidenmiller N8KPR
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for December, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Rob KC8IJN. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for December – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Fred KE8QCO. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ was not present. Mike KD8MMH reported on current swaps

Contest Report

Up-coming contests – State QSO parties, Winter Field Day

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday January 3 at the new time of **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Spirits Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw.

There will be a board meeting on January 14, 2026.

Old business:

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to reimburse Rob KC8IJN for fuel money for transporting the club trailer to the Christmas at the Zoo event. \$35 was approved by Ron KC8YVF and seconded by Jeff K8KCI.

There was a good turnout for the Christmas at the Zoo event, and we handled about 125 Santa Grams.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club presentation – SAR presentation

Jeff K8KCI asked about club shirts. Mike KD8MMH reported that a T-shirt would cost \$14.70 including tax and a sweatshirt would cost \$30 plus tax. There will be a \$2 additional charge for XXL and a \$3 additional charge for XXXL sizes. Polo, jackets and vests would have to be ordered by the individual and SandLot Sports on Midland Rd and Weiss. We need a minimum of 12 T-shirts and/or sweatshirts to place an order. If you want a T-shirt or sweatshirt contact Ron KC8YVF at ronwhuss@gmail.com and him know what you want and what size.

Election of Club Officers and Board Members

These are the 2026 Election of club officers and board members:

President: Mike Dougherty KD8MMH (*current president*)

Vice President: Brian Klienfeld K8HY (*current VP*)

Secretary: Ron Huss KC8YVF (*current Secretary*)

Treasurer: Tom Schultz N8EUI (*current Treasurer*)

Open Board position: Mike Linton N8XPS

Elections were closed at 7:54 pm

New business:

The membership discussed the dues for 2026. One idea was to keep the dues at \$12 where they have been for the last couple of years. Another idea was to raise the dues to \$20 to be in line with other clubs and to help support current club expenses. Gordy KC8YVD suggested sending an email to club members that were not at the general meeting to gauge overall support. A vote will be taken at the February meeting.

Tom N8EUI reported that the club PO box will cost about \$200 and club insurance will probably go up too.

Ron KC8YVF talked about the club T-shirt and sweatshirt order. We need a total of 12 items to put in an order. We currently have 9 items requested.

Ron KC8YVF reported on Winter Field Day what will take place on January 24 and 25 at Harry Browne Airport.

Tom N8EUI will do a presentation at the February meeting on generator and power line filters.

Fred KE8QCO reported on the current status of the club starting to do VE testing again. Fred has been researching what needs to be done after the ARRL changed the testing requirements.

Jeff KB8SWR gave an update on CMEN projects.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be January 22, 2026. Will cover HT Go Kits

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

SVARA Board Meeting January 14, 2026

Called to order at 7:04 pm by Mike KD8MMH

Attendance:

Mike KD8MMH (president)

Brian K8HY (vice president)

Tom N8EUI (treasurer)

Ron KC8YVF (secretary)
Fred KE8QCO (board)
N8XPS (board)
Rick KC8VOA (board)

Board Chairman for 2026:

The board selected Mike KD8MMH as board president for 2026

Repeater Trustee Appointment for 2026:

The board retains Dennis O'Connor K8DO as trustee for the club calls and repeaters for 2026

Repeater Committee Appointees for 2026:

- 1 Ron KC8YVF
- 2 Mike KD8MMH
- 3 Dave W8DW
- 4 Rick KC8VOA
- 5 Jeff KB8SWR
- 6 Brian K8HY
- 7 Dennis K8DO
- 8 Fred KE8QCO

Trailer Committee Appointees for 2026:

- 1 Brian K8HY - Lead
- 2 Ron KC8YVF
- 3 Mike KD8MMH
- 4 Rob KC8IJN
- 5 Fred KE8QCO
- 6 Rick KC8VOA

Webmaster:

Ron KC8YVF will continue as Webmaster for the club and ARES websites for 2026

Newsletter Editor:

Ron KC8YVF will continue as the newsletter editor for the club for 2026

PIO:

Tom N8EUI will continue as PIO for the club for 2026

Other Business:

A committee will need to be put together to begin planning for the club 70th anniversary party.

2026 dues ----

The board recommended raising the club due to \$20 for Full Membership. This will be an increase of \$6 from the previous discounted rate, but still \$4 less than the pre-discount rate. Per the club charter, Associate, Student, Disabled and Spouse membership will be half of the Full Member rate. The charter does not distinguish a special rate for seniors.

This recommendation will be discussed at the February club meeting and voted on for the March deadline for payment of dues.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Associate Membership is:

A tiered membership in a professional organization, typically for individuals or entities not yet meeting full criteria (like licensing or experience) but who are in related fields or training, offering access to resources, networking, and education.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

2026 SVARA Officers

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

Board Member – Mike Linton N8XPS (26-28)
Board Member – Fred Bolger KE8QCO (25-27)
Board Member – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA (24-26)

2026 SVARA Appointments

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Repeater Committee
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Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY
Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA
Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR
Tom Schmidt, N8EUI
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