



# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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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: 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](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 3/6/2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:05 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Mike Linton N8XPS  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO – online  
Mike Bright KF8EDQ – online  
Jeff Fulton K8KCI – online  
Clayton Badgero KB8CB – online  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD  
Doug Banks N8NTN  
Randy Mey KE8AHW  
Warren Nowicki KD8BNK

### **Introductions**

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for February, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for February – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Doug N8NTN, seconded by Mike N8XPS. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ was not present. Mike KD8MMH reported on current swaps, Lowell Amateur Radio Club 3/21

### **Contest Report**

Up-coming contests – State QSO parties, International DX-SSB March 7-8

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 3/7 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Sprints Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be a board meeting on Wednesday March 18, at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd in Saginaw at 7 pm.

### **Old business:**

Mike KD8MMH talked to Fred KE8QCO about running the VE session at the Midland Swap in June. Fred will continue to learn more about the new testing procedure.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion for \$300 to pay for the new club T-shirts and sweatshirts. The motion was seconded by Mike N8XPS. Cost for members will be \$16 for T-shirts and \$30+tax for Sweatshirts. These will be silkscreen shirts.

### **Discussion on new Dues for 2026**

Char WD8RIM suggested \$10 for new members.

After discussion the club decided to raise the dues for 2026 to \$20 for full membership. Associate, spouse, student and disabled will be half of the full membership at \$10. The motion was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by Rick KC8VOA. The motion was carried by all. The new dues will need to be

paid by the April 3 club meeting, giving club members an extra month to pay.

Mike KD8MMH talked about the Midland Club Meeting. They had a presentation on digital modes and had a discussion on the current state of their repeater and offers by the Central Michigan Emergency Network.

Tom N8EUI reported on a request from the Mad River Radio Club for a \$70 donation to support the Michigan QSO Party for awards. Gordy KC8YVD made a motion to donate \$70 for the award. There was discussion by Doc K8DO on how the donation would benefit the club. The club donated \$70 last year but did not receive any acknowledgment of the donation or any recognition on the Michigan QSO Party website. The club decided to have further discussion at the February board meeting. Gordy KC8YVD withdrew his motion.

Tom N8EUI checked into getting a Certificate of Deposit (CD) from PNC bank. The CD's were from 4 to 13 months and would not gain the club much additional income for the investment. No actions were taken at this time.

Rick KC8VOA suggested that the club open a savings account so that club funds were better protected from fraud. Currently the club has all its funds in a checking account that is used about 6 times a year to pay club expenses. Tom N8EUI will investigate opening a savings account and transferring the majority of the club funds into the new account.

The topic of the next board meeting will be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and setting up a committee to oversee the event. Anyone that wishes to participate in the committee is asked to attend the meeting.

#### **New business:**

Fred KE8QCO met with Dennis from the Midland club about VE testing. Fred will run the test at the Midland swap in June.

Mike KD8MMH asked who are VE's in the club that could help out at the Midland Swap. They are looking for Extras so they are able to administer Tech, General and Extra class tests.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion to get a table for the Cadillac Swap in May. Rick KC8VOA seconded the motion. The club will get one table to sell any remaining donated equipment.

Mike KD8MMH stated that the Midland club will need volunteers to help with the Midland Run/Walk. Anyone wishing to help can contact Mike.

Ron KC8YVF stated that the Frankenmuth MS walk will take place on May 9 and volunteers are needed to help with communication on the walk course. Anyone wishing to help can contact Ron for more information.

Ron KC8YVF stated that there will be an in-person NWS Skywarn training on April 2 at 7 pm at the Thomas Township Fire Station #1 on Miller Rd for anyone that has to renew their training or wishes to become a new Skywarn spotter.

#### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be March 26, 2026. The topic has not been determined.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Jeff K8JCI. Motion carried by all.

## SVARA Board Meeting March 18, 2026

Called to order at 7:05 pm by board chairman Mike KD8MMH

### Attendance:

Mike KD8MMH (president)  
 Brian K8HY (vice president)  
 Tom N8EUI (treasurer)  
 Ron KC8YVF (secretary)  
 Fred KE8QCO (board)  
 N8XPS (board)  
 Rick KC8VOA (board)  
 Doc K8DO (trustee)

### Topic of Discussion:

- 70<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Party

### Old Business

Ron KC8YVF presented information on two different venues for the anniversary party. The board tentatively selected one of the venues and menu choices and a date for the event in August.

The board also discussed what awards would be given and to whom? Board members will research different awards and contact past award winners from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for more information.

The board also discussed what individuals from outside the club should be invited, including past award winners, ARRL section staff and past club members that have had in influence in the Saginaw club.

The board discussed who would be good candidates as speakers for the event. Several names were submitted and individuals will be contacted to see if they are interested in giving a short speech.

The board also discussed what, if any items would be given out to club members to commemorate the anniversary. Ron KC8YVF has submitted for quote one item type while the remaining board members will research other items and cost.

All of these points will be discussed in further detail at additional board meetings.

### New Business

Sullivan's restaurant has been booked for the August 22, a check for \$50 is needed to reserve the room. Tom N8EUI will write a check for the room fee.

Ron KC8YVF investigated getting 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins from three different companies. The best bid was from GS-JJ.com for 50 lapel pins. The board decided to get 100 lapel pins.

The board decided to subsidize the price for dinner. The club will pay the dinner balance including tax and tip.

Ron, Mike, Rick, Tom talked to Joe Turner about the award he received at the 50<sup>th</sup> party. It was for club service.

Invitees – invitations will be sent to all current and past club members based on the club roster. We will also invite ARRL staff, and other past members not living in the local area.

Mike N8XPS will investigate Invitations for the event. Ron KC8YVF supplied text for the invitation to be

approved by the board. The text was sent to board members for approval.

The board discussed speakers for the event, several names were submitted. The board will contact the individuals to see if they are interested in doing a presentation.

The board began a list of award nominees and will finalize what awards will be given out.

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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