



# 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: 2025**

All dates are Fridays: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, 2025.

**Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates): 2025**

The club breakfast will be held at Levi’s Food & Spirits restaurant, 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 am. All dates are Saturdays. January 4, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, 2025.

**Board Meeting Dates (at Bigby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.): 2025**

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website. All dates are Wednesdays. January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 14, June 18, July N/A, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, 2025.

**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 4/4/2025**

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  
Dave Paquette W8DW  
Mary Paquette WB8LZA  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Warren Nowicki KF8BNK  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Matt Hodges  
Jeff Fulton K8KCI  
Pat Russell W8PMR

### **Introductions**

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for March, Dave W8DW, motion to accept, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for March – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Mary KB8LZA. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ, 4/12 Burnip, 4/19 Centerville, 5/3 Cadillac, 5/10 Selby Township

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests - State QSO Parties, Michigan will be on April 19

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 4/5 at 9:00 am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.  
There will be no board meeting in April.

### **Old business:**

Mike KD8MMH stated that SVARA would like to get 2 tables at the Cadillac swap to sell equipment from the different estate sales. Rick KC8VOA made the motion to reserve two tables that was seconded by Fred KE8QCO, motion accepted by all. – UPDATE Tom N8EUI reserved 2 tables.

Dave W8DW will check to see what is left from the Vern Tolles estate and what is in Dave N8ERL's hanger from the Eichhorn estate.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland Dow Run/Walk will be June 7. They need operators to staff the course.

Doc K8DO has a 1980 Harmonic Newsletter to donate to the club archive with a photo from that time.

Ron KC8YVF did a presentation on a proposed antenna upgrade for the Saginaw Winlink Node. Gordy KC8YVD made a motion to spend up to \$1500 on the 3 new antennas and need supplies. Tom N8EUI seconded the motion, which was carried by all.

Jeff KB8SWR is working on the 6-meter repeater to get it back online.

Rick KC8VOA mentioned the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club coming up in 2026. A committee will be needed to begin planning.

Jeff KB8SWR asked if there is an interest for a 10-meter repeater. The club will consider.

### **New business:**

Ron KC8YVF received a reply from the Ukraine about the antennas for the Winlink Node

Mike KD8MMH reported that some of our repeaters need to be re-coordinated

Ron KC8YVF stated that there was a install party at 911 on Saturday 3/29. New computers, monitors and a printer were installed to replace the 12+ year old computers.

Mike KD8MMH stated that there will be in-person Skywarn trainings in Bay City and Saginaw on 4/23.

Tom N8EUI stated that the club has 3 tables for the Cadillac swap on May 4. The club will be selling items from the various estate donations.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club. They had a presentation on SDR radio presented by Jack K8GTG

Tom N8EUI has a Mosley TA-30 antenna for sale. Contact Tom for more information.

Ron KC8YVF stated that the domain for K8DAC.com has been paid.

### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be April 24, 2025 – at the airport at 7pm. Meeting topic is the May county exercise
- MBS Airport and Saginaw County will have a functional exercise on May 7, mark your calendars
- In-person Skywarn training in Saginaw County will be Wednesday April 23. If you need to update your certification and cannot make this training, check the NWS Skywarn calendar for other sites or online training. <https://www.weather.gov/dtx/spotter2>
- The Frankenmuth MS Walk will be on May 10, operators are needed.

### **Presentation**

Michigan QSO Party by Dave W8DW.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, motion by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Warren KF8BNK. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

## 2025 SVARA Officers

**President** – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

**Vice-President** – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

**Secretary** – Ron Huss, KC8YVF

**Treasurer** – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

**Board Member** – Fred Bolger KE8QCO (25-27)

**Board Member** – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA (24-26)

**Board Member** – Mary Paquette WB8LZA (23-25)

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Winlink

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