



# 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 4/3/2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:10 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Mike Linton N8XPS  
Jeff Fulton K8KCI – online  
Clayton Badgero KB8CB – online  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD  
Doug Banks N8NTN  
Randy Mey KE8AHW  
Doc O'Connor K8DO  
Char O'Connor WD8RIM  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Dave Paquette W8DW  
Mary Paquette WB8LZA

### **Introductions**

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for March, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Jeff K8KCI. 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 Doug N8NTN. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on current swaps, AC8RC Mini Swap, Burnips, MI 4/11, SJCARC Hamfest, Centreville, MI 4/18, Crossroads Hamfest, Marshall , Mi 5/2, Wexaukee ARC Swap & Shop, Cadillac, MI 5/2

### **Contest Report**

Up-coming contests – State QSO parties, Rookie Round Up April 9, or check the <https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.php> calendar for all contests in the next 5 weeks.

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 4/4 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Spirits Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be a board meeting on Wednesday April 15, at Biggy Coffee on Bay Rd in Saginaw at 7 pm.

### **Old 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.

#### **New business:**

Mike KD8MMH reported that the Midland balloon launch will be on May 2, this is the same day as the Cadillac Swap.

Mike KD8MMH stated that tables for the Cadillac swap will be \$12 this year. The company they rent the table from raised the price. The club will get two tables; the club will pay for one and other members will pay for the second table for personal sales.

Midland will hold a VE test session on May 18, Fred KE8QCO will attend as he will be heading up the Saginaw club VE testing in the future.

Clayton KB8CB suggested a couple of possible club projects. Ron KC8YVF will add the information to the club website Projects link.

April 15 is the next board meeting. We will continue discussion on the club 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Dave W8DW talked about the Michigan QSO Party that will take place on April 18 from noon until midnight. Dave W8DW and Dave N8ERL will join forces and use the club call for the event. They will run CW and SSB.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club meeting:

- Jack KC8GTG is working with the county on replacing the emergency sirens
- They talked about updates to the club repeater
- They plan on doing a club POTA & QSO party at a local park
- They had a presentation on Field Day; they plan on doing one this year

Rick KC8VOA talked about needing a balun for the 6-meter transmit antenna.

Gordy KC8YVD made a motion for \$50 for purchase of a 6:1 balun for the club 6-meter repeater project. This will be for the TX antenna at Rosine. The motion was seconded by Doug N8NTN.

Dave W8DW reset the power supply at Covenant North after they had a power outage. The result was the Fusion, D-Star and 147.24 repeater receive site did not come back up after the outage.

The club shirts arrived and Mike KD8MMH picked them up. The shirts were handed out to those that ordered them and were in attendance. Ron KC8YVF noticed that the print shop used the wrong club logo and Mike KD8MMH will contact Sandlot Sports about the issue.

#### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be April 23, 2026. The topic has not been determined.
- The Frankenmuth MS Walk will be on May 9. Operators are needed for this event. If you can help out, please contact Ron KC8YVF at ronwhuss@gmail.com

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

## **SVARA Board Meeting April 15, 2026**

Called to order at 7:00 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**

Sullivan's restaurant has been booked for 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.

### **New Business**

A check for \$50 was paid to Sullivan's for the room reservation on 3/20.

Ron KC8YVF ordered the lapel pins on 3/21. Shipment should be around April 20 and should take about 3-5 day shipping. (pins shipped on 4/14)

Mike N8XPS – Invitations. Got a quote from The Print Shop, \$113 for 100 invitations and envelopes, he

will check Minuteman Press for a quote.

Invitations should be sent by end of June for RSVP

The board discussed speakers for the event. Two individuals have been contacted and Rick KC8VOA will try to contact a third party.

Name Tags for guests – Rick KC8VOA ordered name tags.

**Other Topics:**

Mike KC8MMH stated he talked to Sandlot Sports about the misprint of the club shirts. They will remake the shirts with the correct logos.

Rick KC8VOV stated that he ordered the 6:1 balun for the 6-meter transmit antenna approved at the April club meeting.

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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Dennis O'Connor, K8DO(Trustee)

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Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY

Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

Tom Schmidt, N8EUI

Dave Paquette, W8DW

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