



# 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 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](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 5/1/2026**

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  
Mike Linton N8XPS  
Jeff Fulton K8KCI  
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD  
Doug Banks N8NTN  
Doc O'Connor K8DO  
Char O'Connor WD8RIM  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Joe Goddeyne LA8FHW

### **Introductions**

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for April, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Doc K8DO. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for April – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Mike KD8MMH, seconded by Fred KE8QCO. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on current swaps, Marshall, MI 5/2, Wexaukee ARC Swap & Shop, Cadillac, MI 5/2, Shelby Township 5/2, Hudsonville 6/6, Midland 6/20, and Monroe 6/21

### **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 5/2 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Sprints Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be a board meeting on Wednesday May 13, at Harry Browne Airport in Saginaw at 7 pm.

### **Old 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.

#### **New business:**

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland Balloon launch on May 2.

Fred KE8QCO attended the Midland VE testing session in April to see how things are done. Fred will run the Midland VE session at the Midland Swap in June.

June 6 is the Midland Dow Run/Walk, operators are needed for the event. Contact Chris Rose KB8UIH or Mike KD8MMH for more information.

The May Board meeting will be at Harry Browne Airport at 7 pm. We will continue planning for the club 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will watch a video of the 50<sup>th</sup> party to see how things were done that time.

#### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be May 28, 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 8:31 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Mike N8XPS. Motion carried by all.

### **SVARA Board Meeting May 13, 2026**

Called to order at 7:00 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)

Doc K8DO (trustee)

Joe Turner, guest

### **Topic of Discussion:**

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

### **Old 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) – **pins arrived**

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

When should they be sent out? Invitations should be sent end of June for RSVP

Speakers – Joe Turner and Brian Klienfeld have been contacted about speaking at the party.

Name Tags for guests – Rick KC8VOA ordered name tags \$5 – **have arrived**

Rick KC8VOA will try to contact Scott Gilmore to see if he will be able to make the event and be a speaker - Contacted

Mike KD8MMH will be MC and hand out awards and will say something about each award winner.

Ron KC8YVF needs to send a PNG file to Brian who will print anniversary stickers

Mike KC8MMH will get certificate paper to print certificates. He will use his color laser printer.

### **Other Topics:**

Rick KC8VOV stated that he ordered the 6:1 balun for the 6-meter transmit antenna. – Still waiting for it

### **New Business**

The board discussed what media outlets need to be contacted. TV, Mlive, QST. Tom N8EUI will put together information for those outlets and send an email out to our state Reps, Great Lakes ARRL Director, Michigan Section Leader and Emergency Section Leader with a save the date.

The county needs to be contacted. Maybe a proclamation could be presented to the club.

Possibly a State proclamation from our State Reps?

ARRL Award?

A person is needed to video record the party – if anyone knows of an individual that has the equipment and can volunteer, contact a member of the board.

The board decided that there will be a moment of silence for members that have passed.

Mike N8XPS did extensive work in getting quotes from local businesses for printing the indentations. Staples, The Print Shop, Minute Man among others were contacted. The invitations will need to go out by early July.

The board watched a video from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Joe Turner was the MC of the event and many good ideas were obtained from the video. Joe also provided many historical stories about the club.

The meeting was closed at 8:56 pm

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)

Mike Dougherty, KD8MMH (President)

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY

Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

Tom Schmidt, N8EUI

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Digital Modes

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