



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 5/1/2026

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:00 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Mike Linton N8XPS
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD
Doug Banks N8NTN
Doc O'Connor K8DO
Char O'Connor WD8RIM
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Joe Goddeyne LA8FHW
Rob Wight KC8IJN
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Mike Bright KF8EDQ
Dave Paquette W8DW

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for May, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for May – 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 reported on current swaps, Hudsonville 6/6, Midland 6/20, Monroe 6/21

Contest Report

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

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 6/6 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Spirits Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be a board meeting on Wednesday June 17, at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd at 7 pm.

Old 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 70th anniversary. We will watch a video of the 50th party to see how things were done that time.

New business:

Motion to accept Ken Kruska KD8KEN as a new member by Gordy KC8YVD, second by Rick KC8VOA, motion approved by all.

Announcements:

- The club will have a table at the Midland Swap, the table will cost \$10.
- Midland will have a VE session at the swap, Fred KE8QCO will host the session
- Anyone interested in becoming a VE, information is on the ARRL website
- Saturday June 20 is Kids Day on HF radio

The club discussed giving out suckers at the annual Nation Night Out event that the ARES group and SVARA participates in. Char WD8RIM picked up a bag of suckers for the event.

The club discussed the expenses for the 2026 Field Day event. The club agreed to budget \$300 for Field Day, the August Ice Cream Social and National Night out. The motion was made by Doc K8DO and seconded by Mike N8XPS.

The club will supply the Submarine sandwiches, water and pop, eggs and bacon for Sunday breakfast. There will be a "dish-to-pass" for the remainder of the Saturday dinner. Mike KD8MMH talked to Dave N8ERL about possibly bringing pizza for Saturday lunch.

Mike KD8MMH talked about the Midland Club Meeting

- They talked about the Midland Dow Run/Walk
- The recent repeater updates

The June meeting included an ice cream social

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be June 25, 2026. This is our annual Fox Hunt.
- The National Night Out Event will be on Tuesday August 4. We signed up for the even again.

The presentation for this month is a discussion on Field Day 2026.

Stations will be Tom N8EUI, Fred KE8QCO, Doc K8DO, Ron KC8YVF, Dave W8DW, Mike KF8EDQ

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Fred KE8QCO. Motion carried by all.

SVARA Board Meeting June 17, 2026

Called to order at 7:01pm 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)

Topic of Discussion:

- 70th Club Anniversary Party

Old 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. Tom will look into that.

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 50th anniversary party. Joe Turner was the MC for the event and many good ideas were obtained from the video. Joe also provided many historical stories about the club.

June additions

Mike and Ron worked on the mailing list, board members worked to clean up list at the June club meeting. Needs to be under 100 sent out.

Mike ordered the invitations on June 10, should take about a week.

Invitations need to be sent out by end of June/early July with an RSVP date of August 1

Mike will get stamps

Need raffle tickets for giveaways

New Business

Venue reserved

Guest list finalized

Invitations ordered

Giveaways ordered and received

Name tags ordered and received

Speakers finalized

Need a note in special guest invitations that dinner will be no cost (ARRL, political guests, county guests)

See if Gordy's daughter can make up a couple of the gift baskets (the club will reimburse the cost).

Was Jim Wade on the guest list?

Video of the event – need quick ideas

Field Day

Any Field Day issues?

Ron will order the JJ subs - \$145 for a 30 and 18 piece

Mike will pick up pop and water

Everyone will bring a dish to pass – email Ron with what you are going to bring

Need plates, plasticware, paper towel, cups, spoons for salads, etc. (Char has plasticware)

New Business

Will need raffle tickets for the raffle. It was suggested to have two different colors, one for ham gifts and one for non-ham gifts. Mike KD8MMH may have some.

Photos – Each table will be asked to take photos of their table and other happenings and send them to Ron KC8YVF for addition to the Harmonic and website.

Mike KD8MMH has a digital video camera we will use to record the event. Mike also has a tri-pod.

Frames will need to be purchased for the awards and awards printed, Mike KC8MMH will handle this.

Invitations will need to be sent out by the first part of July with RSVP by August 1.

The budget was discussed and we are on track for the amount proposed by the board at the February board 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)

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