



# 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 August 7, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Brian K8HY at 7:02 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance -**

Brian K8HY  
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  
Mike Bright KF8EDQ  
Jim Harrington KE8URV  
Mary Daly KF8GWG  
Warren Nowicki KFBNK  
Jeff Fulton K8KCI

### **Introductions**

Brian K8HY asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for June, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Fred KE8QCO. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for June – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Jeff K8KCI. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on current swaps, Port Huron Seaway Swap 8/23, General Motors ARC Swap 9/12, Grand Rapids Swap 9/12, Blossomland ARA Swap 9/19, Ogemaw County Swap 9/19, Adrian Swap 9/20, Thunder Bay swap 9/26

### **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 8/8 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Sprints Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be a board meeting on Wednesday August 12, at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd at 7 pm.

### **Old 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.

### **New business**

Ron KC8YVF gave an update on the Midland Club

- They had a remote presentation on Stealth Antennas
- Their VP is leaving for college as an Electrical Engineer, she will still continue to do the newsletter remotely

Ron KC8YVF gave an update on Field Day

Our last board meeting before the Anniversary party will be one week earlier on August 12 at 7 pm at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd.

Ron provided an update on the Anniversary party. We currently have 41 scheduled to attend. The party will be at Sullivan's on Gratiot Rd on August 22 at 5 pm. If you have not RSVP'd, contact Ron KC8YVF at [ronwhuss@gmail.com](mailto:ronwhuss@gmail.com) or call 989-751-2693.

### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be August 27, 2026. This is our annual Potluck and Movie night. This event is open to everyone and you are asked to bring a small dish to pass. The movie has not been selected at this time.
- The National Night Out Event went very well with good participation by club members.
- The State SET will be on Saturday October 3. We will need operators to staff the various stations for the drill. If you can help, let Ron KC8YVF know.

There was no presentation for this month – Ice Cream night.

Brian K8HY asked for motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Fred KE8QCO. Motion carried by all.

## **SVARA Board Meeting August 12, 2026**

Called to order at 6:59 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)

**Topic of Discussion:**

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

**Old Business**

Awards and frames – Mike KD8MMH will look for frames for award certificates. Rick KC8VOA suggested looking at Dollar General.

Mike KD8MMH presented two different award certificates for review, the board selected one of the those presented.

Mike KD8MMH stated that he picked up the necessary color raffle tickets for the party.

Rick KC8VOA stated that he will set up a phone video for a different angle at the party and Tom N8EUI will edit the video from the various sources into a master presentation.

It has been two weeks since the invitations went out and only two people have replied. Will need to send a reminder email out to all invitees that the RSVP needs to be received by August 1.

There will be a board meeting in August to cover any final issues.

Rick KC8VOA suggested that an agenda be written for Mike who will serve as MC to follow for the party.

**New Business**

Need a sign for the front entrance “SVARA 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party”

**Recognition** – past presidents, vice presidents, treasures, secretary, board members, ARRL positions (EC, SEC)

Ralph Katz AA8RK – Michigan Section Manager

Scott Yonally N8SY – Great Lakes Division Director

Max Schneider KE8DON – Michigan Section Emergency Coordinator

Mike Linton will pick up John and Kat for the party.

The board discussed comping the dinners of Max the SEC wife and Joe Turner (speaker) girl friend. The board decided not to comp their dinners, but if Max or Joe did not volunteer to pay, we would not press the issue as we had other invitees that we were going to comp not attending.

Gordy KC8YVD will bring the gift baskets to the dinner that night.

Dress will be business casual.

The meeting was closed at 7:51 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

### Newsletter Editor

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### Emergency Coordinator

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Mike Dougherty, KD8MMH (President)  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY  
Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA  
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