



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: 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 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 9/5/2025

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:02 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Dave Paquette W8DW
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Char O'Connor WD8RIM
Doc O'Connor K8DO
Jeff Fulton K8KCI
Mike Bright KF8EDQ
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Doug Brinks N8NTN
Randy Mey KE8AHW
Rob Wright KC8IJN

Introductions

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

Treasury report for August – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Dave W8DW, seconded by Doc K8DO. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming Swaps –Wyoming 9/6, GMARC Trunk Swap 9/13, West Branch 9/13, Adrian Swap 9/14, Gaylord 9/20, Kalamazoo 10/4, Muskegon 10/11, St Clair Shores 10/19, Fort Wayne 11/15

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests – State QSO parties, Russian RTTY 9/16

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 9/6 at the new time of **8:30** am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.
There will be no board meeting in September

Old business:

Mike KD8MMH reported the Midland Club Meeting will be on August 7

Midland is thinking about partnering with CMEN to resolve the issues with the Midland repeater

Ron KC8YVF did a review of the 2025 Field Day event

September 20 will be the annual Club Auction – please donate to the club items ham related or not to help support the club

Repeaters – the antennas are in for the Winlink station, will have to get with Jeff KB8SWR to see when they can be installed.

There seems to be a squelch issue with the 147.24 repeater. The repeater will not drop off correctly sometimes after a transmission. Will need to look at that issue.

New business:

Mike KD8MMH announced the club auction will be on September 20 beginning at noon. You can set up your items at 11 am. All proceeds go to SVARA.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the ARES dinner and movie night. It was a small turnout but everyone had a good time.

Doug Banks N8NTN applied for a membership to SVARA, The club voted to accept Doug's membership.

Mike KD8MMH reported on Midland's club meeting.

- They had their annual elections. Dennis will remain as president, no VP was elected, Linda will remain as Secretary and John as treasurer.
- Midland had a discussion about turning the repeater over to the Central Michigan Emergency Network group.

Tom N8EUI asked about the status of the new Winlink antennas. Ron KC8YVF stated that we are waiting on Jeff KB8SWR and the CMEN group for installation since the site is their equipment.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be September 18, 2025 – The topic is the October State/ARRL SET
- The Fall State SET will be on October 4, save the date. All ARES members should plan to participate in the SET.

Presentation

Ron KC8YVF will do a presentation on how to test your HT antenna using a NanoVNA

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA 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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