



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 September 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:05 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance -

Doc O'Connor K8DO
Char O'Connor WD8RIM
Mike Linton N8XPS
Rob Wright KC8IJN
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Nate Marolf KD8GOW
Robert Elliot WD8PKL
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Howard Mahaffy
Pat Russell W8PMR - online

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for August with corrections, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for August – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on current swaps, 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 9/5 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Spirits Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be a board meeting on Wednesday September 16, at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd at 7 pm.

Old Business

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 or call 989-751-2693.

New business

The club auction will be held on September 19, doors open at 11 am and the auction begins at noon. Mike KD8MMH talked about the anniversary party. Apologized for the service at Sullivan's. Thanked

members for the club support. N8ERL, K8CQF, KC8YVF, and K8DO were honored for past contributions.

Tech in a Day Class at MSU, email promotion for September 19, 8:30am. \$15 for the test. Gordy KC8YVD suggested forwarding the information to club members.

Fred KE8QCO stated there will be a VE test session in Midland at the Salvation Army building on September 12 at 9 am.

Mike KD8MMH received an email from John Garcia, KD8GZA about the club roster. The roster is behind a login screen by new scanning technology was able to bypass the login. The roster is indexed on the web which has member names, address and email address. John offered to help with this issue.

Club trailer has been moved. Rob Wright KC8IJN has moved to Clio but has less room available. He can still store the trailer for us. Rob said is back in the lot.

August ARES training was the dinner and a movie. There was a sparse participation but everyone who attended had fun.

New Member – Jeff Johnson K1JWJ, extra class, Motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by N8EUI, accepted by all.

ARES Report

- Next ARES meeting will be September 24, 2026. This meeting will be on the October SET

- The October Simulated Emergency Exercise will be on October 24 from 8 am until noon. More information will be available in the coming weeks and volunteers will be need to staff 911, Covenant ER and other locations as outlined in the state guide.

There was no presentation for this month –

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Linton, presiding secretary

SVARA Board Meeting September 16, 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:

- 70th Club Anniversary Party

Old Business

Need a sign for the front entrance "SVARA 70th 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.

New Business

The board discussed how the anniversary party went.

There were challenges at the restaurant. The updated attendance count never was updated on the restaurants reservation list and was only set for 25 people instead of 42. Ron KC8YVF made 6 contacts with the restaurant with one being the Wednesday before the party to verify the correct number and table setup. The staff and cooks were not prepared for the number of people and food was lacking in quantity. The meals were good for some individuals and only fair for others.

As for the portion of the event handled by the SVARA board, that went off without any major issues. The club received two proclamations from the State. Although, Tom N8EUI who was coordinating this portion of the event assumed that Ralph Katz the Michigan Section Manager would have presented one from the ARRL rather than the State.

Tom N8EUI will put together a final total for the event.

The meeting was closed at 7:59 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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