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 FreeConferanceCall.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 Biggby 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 November 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH 7:06 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance -

Mike KD8MMH
Mike Linton N8XPS
Fred Bolger K#8QCO
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Gordy Schram, KC8YVD
Rob Wright KC8IJN
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Bob Weidenmiller N8KPR
Robert Elliot WD8PKL
Doug Brinks N8NTN
Joe Goddeyne KA8FHW
Raul Costoya KE8LYV
Dave Paquette W8DW – Online
Brian Kleinfeld K8HY - Online

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

Treasury report for October – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Rick KC8VOA, seconded by Doug N8NTN. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report
Current swaps – There are no swap meets scheduled for November.

Contest Report
Up-coming contests – November Sweepstakes CW 11/6-8, Phone 11/21-23, 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 11/7 at **8:30** am at Levi's Food and Spirts Restaurant on Brockway in Saginaw. There will be no board meeting for November.

Old Business

Rick KC8VOA recommended that we consider a CD for a portion of the club's holdings. Brian K8HY deferred the topic to the next board meeting.

The Holiday in the Heart of the City event is coming on November 20. Jim Wade has been in contact with Mike KD8MMH and is planning on attending this year. He also suggested that this would be his last and he has some health issues in his conversation with Mike

New business

Tom N8EUI reported on CD rates for PNC, Jolt and Wildfire CU. PNC has the best Rate of 4.2% for 13 months. Since the club already had an account with PNC, that would make things easier.

Mike N8XPS made a motion to invest $5,000 of the clubs money in a CD at PNC Bank for 13 months, the

motion was seconded by Gordy KC8YVD, the motion was approved by all.

The club had a discussion about a joint PO Box with Midland and Saginaw. That would share the cost since this is a large expenditure for the club each year. We will have to discuss the possibility with the Midland club.

Mike KD8MMH talked about the upcoming Holiday in the Heart of the City event what will be on Friday November 20. The club has expenses for Jim Wades stay of 2 nights lodging, gas, and dinner. We also have a propane expense for the trailer, Fuel reimbursement for Rob for towing the trailer and misc items. A motion was made from Rick KC8VOA to spend up to $500 for the event. The motion was seconded by Brian K8HY.

Mike KD8MMH talked about a radio interview Joe Turner did with WSGW about the Saginaw Club and ham radio. The interview was held on October 9.

Miked KD8MMH talked about the Midland Club meeting. They did a presentation on Balums and Ununs. They also taked about the school club.

The Saginaw club is again going to host VE test session every other month. Our first session will be on Saturday November 7. One person from Bad Axe is scheduled to take him General upgrade test.

Rick KC8VOA inquired about the Winlink antennas. Ron KC8YVF stated that the antennas are still at his house waiting installation by the Central Michigan Emergency Network group.

The December is the annual Holliday Pot Luck Dinner and election night. The Dinner will start at 6 pm followed by the meeting at 7. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the dinner.

November Nominations for club Officers:
President: Mike KD8MMH
Vice President: Brian K8HY
Secretary: Ron KC8YBF
Treasurer: Tom N8EUI
Open Board Position: Rick KC8VOA

ARES Report
- Next ARES meeting will be November 19, 2026. This is one week earlier; the topic will be announced
- The annual ARES/SVARA Awards Breakfast will be on Saturday December 5 at Riverside Restaurant in Freeland at 8:30 am.

The presentation for this month – Ham Clock update/OpenHamClock.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:53 pm, motion by Mike N8XPS, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

SVARA Board Meeting October 14, 2026

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike KD8MMH

This meeting was held virtually on Free Conference Call.com

Attendance:
_x__ Mike KD8MMH (president)
____ Brian K8HY (vice president)
_x__ Tom N8EUI (treasurer)
_x__ Ron KC8YVF (secretary)
_x__ Fred KE8QCO (board)
____ N8XPS (board)
_x__ Rick KC8VOA (board)
____ Doc K8DO (trustee)

Topic of Discussion:

- CD 's

Old 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 other.

As for the portion of the event handled by the SVARA board, that went off without an 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.

New Business

The board discussed putting some of the clubs' assets into a CD (certificate of deposit) as was deferred from the October club meeting.

Tom N8EUI will contact PNC band (where we have our funds) and other institutions to get information on their rates and duration. Tom will report his findings to the club at the November club meeting for discussion.

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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