

# SVARA Harmonic

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**For ARES Members:** Next training is on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm – 9pm at the Harry Brown Airport.

The past week we received our 2008 and 2009 state grant equipment. I would like to get a few people together this Saturday to begin the installation of the new radios and computers. I would like to begin at Covenant Harrison, then Cooper and then St Mary's. Anyone that can help, let me know by Friday as I have to get equipment from Harry Browne airport and the Red Cross for the installations. We can meet at the Red Cross at 11 am.

Ron, KC8YVF

(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

## **Club Meeting Dates** (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7

## **Club Breakfast Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 8

## **Board Meeting Dates** (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: February 15, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14, and December 19

## **FROM OUR MEMBERS:**

The Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service group would like to thank Mobile Medical Response (MMR) for their gracious donation of two Panasonic Toughbook lap top computers. These computers will be used in our mobile communications trailer to facilitate data communications to the county hospital emergency rooms, Red Cross, 911 communications center and the EOC. We appreciate the help of Jay Cooper in securing this donation and would like to thank all there were involved.

Sincerely,

Ronald Huss  
Emergency Coordinator,  
Saginaw County ARES/RACE

General Meeting Minutes  
American Red Cross Building  
January 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order by president Judy KC8BYI at 8:06 with 26 members and guests present leading with the pledge of allegiance, introductions, and opening remarks.

Applications for membership:

Emmett W8EAB and Joe N8CQF supported Mark KD8QEB

Joe KD8AFM and John KC8WZM supported Bob KD8RJJ

Dave N8ERL was named the trustee of the club call sign K8DAC.

The Secretary's Report was tabled after the Harmonic newsletter was not distributed and I did not have a copy of the minutes to read.

Motion to accept the monthly Treasure's Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ was made John KC8WZM and seconded by Doris KD8MMG. And the yearly report was accepted through motion made by Gordy KC8YVD seconded by Joe KD8AFM.

Upcoming events include Club Breakfast, Board Meeting at Red Cross on Jan 18, Club station opening for North American QSO party on Jan 21, Ares training on the Outpost packet program on Jan 26 at the Harry Brown Airport, Winter Field Day with district packet test also at Harry Brown on Jan 28, and the February meeting with our auction.

The testing session on December 3rd resulted in 4 Technicians and 2 Generals.

Old Business: 400 Santa-grams were sent at the zoo and the Castle Museum with the help of Jim WB8SIW.

New Business: The board discussed the need for an updated roster and Judy KC8BYI was working on it. An inquiry was made our ATV operations. It is being looked into. We need to find a new location for the club station. Some options discussed were a fire hall, or the Salvation Army. Brian KA8YXV addressed the effort to move the antennas out-side. The tower moving committee now consists of Brian KA8YXV, Judy KC8BYI, Joe K8CQF, and Ron KC8YVF. Dave N8ERL shared that Ham Radio will be included in the television show "Last man Standing, the board meeting will be moved to the Red Cross to prepare for the auction. **Our dues are now tax deductible.**

The meeting was turned over to Brian KA8YXV for his presentation. Dave W8DW offered a demonstration of PSK 31 on the club station.

Jeff KC8BDQ won \$18.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

At 9:45 Dave N8ERL made and Joe KD8AFM seconded the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
January 18th 2012

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:35 with Mike N8XPS, Judy KC8BYI, Doris KD8MMG, Jeff KC8BDQ, Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL, and Tom N8EUI present.

President's Report: Judy KC8BYI relayed that Joe K8CQF has connections with the Salvation Army and they said we could hold meetings there. The larger issue is finding a location for the club station. It is hoped we can make contact through those who know people. Ron KC8YVF was asked if we may set up in a firehouse. An amateur identified as being from Alpena wants to start a club and e-mailed the president for ad-vice on getting a 501c3.

Vice President's Report: Had nothing to add.

Secretary's Report: It was reported that Rob KC8IJN sent out the Harmonic news letter today. Most hadn't time to read it. Motion made by Judy KC8BYI seconded by Mike KD8MMH to accept the board meeting minutes as presented by Mike N8XPS.

With Norma Ireland's passing Judy KC8BYI asked the board via e-mail to o.k. our donation to the National Leukemia Foundation.

Old Business: The roster is being worked on.

New Business: The Chairman wanted to determine the goals of this year. We dis-cussed preparations for the move and the recognition of the need for successful Care Breaks. Duane KD8AUY assigned us to have a goal to share at the next board meet-ing. He will also have a presentation prepared for the March general meeting. The board reinstated Duane KD8AUY as Chairman unanimously.

The repeater committee is composed by three appointments of the trustee Dave N8ERL named Mike KD8MMH, the President Judy KC8BYI named Ron KC8YVF, and the Board named Jeff KB8SWR.

Motion to adjourn to sort through equipment set aside for the auction made at 8:15 by Judy KC8BYI then seconded by Doris KD8MMG.. It carried as we started work.

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary



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SVARA Members sponsor the 147.240+ PL 103.5 & 224.28 Open Repeaters K8DAC/R and Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, at 8:00 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 8:00 p.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

Club Breakfast – monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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