

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: There will be a pre-exercise meeting on Tuesday April 10 at 7 pm at the Saginaw American Red Cross building on Michigan Ave. All ARES members planning to participate in the exercise should attend this meeting.

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

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Message from other clubs:

The Midland Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring an Extra Class licensing class starting April 23, 2012 and running through June 13, 2012. The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 PM until 9 PM at the Salvation Army Building which is located at 330 Waldo Ave here in Midland Michigan. Our study guide will be the ARRL Extra Class License Manual Ninth Edition. If you need a study guide, let me know and I can order you one at an instructor discounted price of \$23. Other than the cost of the manual there is no charge for this class. PLEASE NOTE: The Extra Class License question pool changes on July 1, 2012 therefore I WILL NOT be ordering any additional manuals for this class beyond those that are requested. A testing session will be offered at the conclusion of this class. If you have questions or are interested in taking this class please contact Lee Hodges at (989) 374-0032 or email me at KC8ITI@ARRL.NET.

The Midland Amateur Radio Club is recruiting help for the Dow Walk/Run this year. The Dow Run has partnered with the Crim race this year and has moved their event date to May 19th. As every ham knows this is also Dayton weekend and a lot of our club members have already made plans to be in Dayton that weekend. We have already told the Dow event organizers that our support would be limited this year but we still have key locations that need to be covered. We are reaching out to other clubs and asking their members who are not planning on going to Dayton to consider helping us out on May 19th. The event runs from 7 AM until noon. If any of the SVARA members can lend a hand they can contact me at (989) 374-0032 or email me at KC8ITI@ARRL.NET

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
March 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 with 28 members and guests present. Judy KC8BYI led us in the pledge of allegiance, introductions, and then opening remarks.

Applications for membership;

Jeff KC8BDQ and John KC8WZM supported Craig Miller KD8RPY

Bob N8XH and Doris KD8MMG supported George Werneeke KD8RJL

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by Joe KD8AFM to accept the minutes as published on the Harmonic newsletter.

A motion was made Joe KD8AFM and seconded John KC8WZM to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Jeff KC8BDQ this motion was carried with Jeff KB8SWR voting apposed.

Up Coming events:

Club Breakfast @ 8:30, and club station open for International DX contest @ 10-4 on March 3, Skywarn Training @ 7:00 on March 8, Board Meeting @ 7:30 on March 22, Ares Training @ 7:00 on March 24, CQWW WP SSB Contest @ 10-4 on March 24, Frankenmuth MS Walk on May 12, Run for Windy on May 20.

No word from the state on these summers Care Breaks Judy KC8BYI will call them.

Ryan Manz the Regional Director of the Red Cross spoke to the club at this meeting. He addressed our concerns over the rumored closing of the Red Cross Building. As it happens there downsizing was of staff not real estate. He implicitly assured that his superiors have no intent of closing the Saginaw location. In fact they are negotiating with tenants. He also said they were looking for Disaster Action Team volunteers.

Future meeting presentations:

April will be by Duane KD8AUY about the Light bulb.

May will have speakers on the subjects Care Breaks, MS Walk, Michigan QSO party, and Field Day.

June Duane KD8AUY will speak again about the evolution of recording devices.

Since last year it was decided at short notice to cancel the July meeting. It was asked what we thought about this year. It was tabled for further discussion.

The August meeting will include **I.C.S.**

Rob KD8RJJ offered to maintain the generator.

The meeting was turned over to Duane KD8AUY for his video presentation.

\$20.50 was won by Judy KC8BYI in the 50/50 drawing.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave N8ERL then seconded by John KC8WZM we dismissed at 9:11

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS

Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
March 14, 2012

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order with Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Tom N8EUI, Judy KC8BYI, Mike KD8PEZ, and Jeff KC8BDQ then made his way through the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ to accept the minutes as published in Harmonic newsletter. I also informed the board of possible problems with the Drake 7 transceiver. It was discussed and it was decided to perform another operational test on March 24th when the club station will be open for the CQ WPX SSB Contest.

President's Report: Judy has contacted the State Police about Care Break paperwork with no response. She will continue attempting to make contact. The idea of having a July meeting was discussed and will be decided at the General Meeting. We were assured that the clubs IRS form will soon be filled out sent off. The roster has been updated and posted on web site. Lee Hodges KC8ITI forwarded Midland will hold an Extra License class from 7-9 on April 23rd to June 13th with testing taking place at their swap. He also requested help with the upcoming Dow Walk/Run taking place on May 19th.

Vice – President's Report: Mike KD8MMH noticed the repeater's clock was updated for the time change. He also looked into the cost of renting a van for a trip to Dayton.

The Treasure's Report was passed around and reviewed.

Chairman's Report: Tools are being gathered for use in our trailer. Dave N8ERL offered a box to house them in. George N8NPW has relayed a request with the sale of Bill's WA8KFC radio equipment. A motion was made by Jeff KC8BDQ and seconded by Doris KD8MMG to reserve two tables at the Midland Ham Swap to sell his equipment along with other club members should space permit. It was hoped that the current unseasonable weather will permit the completion of the Rosien Tower project soon.

Old Business: The presentation for April will be about the light bulb and presented by Duane KD8AUY. Upcoming public service events are the MS Walk on May 12th and The Run for Windy on the 20th.

New Business: All ideas for future presentations will be entertained. A "Special Summer Meeting" will take place in August let's just call it in training Communication Seminar.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy KC8BYI and seconded by Mike KD8MMH at 8:19.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton, N8XPS
Secretary



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

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2nd 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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