

SVARA Harmonic

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Notice of Change to our non-profit status

The May meeting will include a vote on the club's non-profit status and the proposed application for 501 (c) (3) status.

Silent Key:

I regret to have to inform you that longtime QCWA and Chapter 10 Member, "Jack" Goff, W6RTO, went silent key on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

Jack was born on March 25, 1920 and was first licensed in 1938, having been presented with his QCWA 70th Anniversary Of Licensing Award in 2008 at the Annual Picnic in Cadillac.

Jack will be sadly missed by all of us here in Chapter 10 and our Amateur Radio Community.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you wish to send a card to the family, you may do so at the following address:

Family of Jack Goff, W6RTO

532 1/2 W. Center Road

Essexville, MI 48732

Funeral arrangements, etc. are not known at this time.

Very 73,

Jim

W8JFB

From N8ERL

On Sunday, May 17 a new fun Run/walk will be happening at the Swan Valley Schools. This is a fundraiser to help with the care of Miss Julie Windy, a much loved and respected teacher, who was seriously injured in a 2007 auto accident. I volunteered to help with communications and hoped that a few SVARA members who will be back from or didn't attend Dayton would be able to help me out. This is a brand new event and is being put on by a Swan Valley senior girl as her senior project. As it is a new event, I don't know what our roles would be, exactly, so I guess we should be prepared for anything.

Here is what I need and think will happen: I think 6 to 8 folks should be able to handle things. I'm guessing one NC, three or so trailers, and three to five to be in position around the course. I don't know if we will be able to take vehicles on the course so be prepared to be without one. Bring a folding chair, sunscreen, umbrella or poncho, snacks, bottled water and SVARA shirt if you have one. I think we will need to be there from about 1000 to 1430. I don't think we will need the club trailer but think we should have a pop-up shelter with the SVARA flag and banner. I really appreciate everyone's help on this as it is for a very good cause. You can find more info at the school website. Look for the "The Run for Windy:"

<http://www.swanvalley.k12.mi.us/education/district/district.php?sectionid=1>

MEMORIAL DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, May 22	Saturday, May 23	Sunday, May 24	Monday, May 25
12 – 3 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
3 - 6 am		John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM
		Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS	Mike, N8XPS
6 - 9 am			Joe, K8CQF	Joe, K8CQF
		Duane, KD8AUY	Duane, KD8AUY	
9 - 12 noon	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB
	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	
12 - 3 pm	Jim, WA8GRI	Bob, N8YXR	Jim, WA8GRI	Lou, W8LPV
	Judy Stutesman	Jennie, KCORBV	Judy Stutesman	
3 - 6 pm	Bill, W8CWD	Dave, N8ERL	Bill, W8CWD	Wayne, W7KEH
	Judy, KC8BYI	Joann Schneider	Lou, W8LPV	Muriel, KD6TVY
	Jeff, KC8BDQ			
6 - 9 pm	Wayne, W7KEH	Rob, KC8IJN	Lou, W8LPV	
	Muriel, KD6TVY	Jeff, KD8IOK	Judy, KC8BYI Jeff, KC8BDQ	
9 - 12 midnight		Rob, KC8IJN		
		Jeff, KD8IOK		

Board Meeting Minutes
04-15-2009

Texan Restaurant on State Street

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. with KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, KC8YVF, W8EAB, W8LPV, KD8IOK, and N8XPS present.

Vice President's Report: W8LPV had spoken to W8TJ about the package being considered by general membership, also read from the SVARA 501 (c) (3) application on the subjects of disclosure of financial interest and conflicts of interest for board members and any persons making purchases on the clubs behalf.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes as presented in the Harmonic with noted corrections made by KC8BYI seconded by W8EAB. After attending a lunch and learn at the Castle Museum by the Saginaw River Marine Historical Society. I was able to contact the treasurer of the organization Karl Eckerle K8FE. He said Dow Chemical would not be interested in the Lighthouse and Lightship weekend.

Treasurer's Report: As presented and approved at the general meeting. Check to see if Michigan Area Repeater Council needs renewal. Special Service Club on arrl.org is up for renewal and positions exchanged from N8XD. Saginaw 911 has two radios that are no longer functional and cannot be repaired. Being informed of no money available for their replacement KC8YVF discussed issue with K8CQF. KC8YVF, KC8BDQ, and KC8BYI were presented a partially completed grant application in the name of Saginaw Valley Emergency and S.V.A.R.A. it required current 501c3 status or government organization. Other sources of grant money may have become available. Motion to table the grant application initiated by K8CQF until a special meeting can be convened for more information made by KD8IOK and seconded by W8EAB motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Upcoming District 3 EC meeting to find out about county radios. County maintenance will perform coax installation and replacement of antennas for packet. State digital mode emergency test to take place on May 9th same day as MSWalk. Reported that KB8SWR saw cell phone antennas atop Rosien Towers presumed roof may have been drilled through still trying to contact Patricia at Rosien Towers still looking for tower sections. Red Cross will not be opened for Michigan QSO party key holders unavailable. Participation in Skywarn net control station training was appreciated. K8CQF's one day class starts 8:30 a.m. on 23rd of May in conjunction with Memorial Day Care Break. KA8PRX requested the pledge of allegiance to be recited at general meeting. President will bring before members.

KD8IOK reported on club trailer. Working to paint interior, assemble and install cabinetry. Motion to adjourn made by W8EAB was seconded by W8LPV. Meeting closed at 9:12p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton N8XPS
Secretary

General Membership Minutes
April 3 2009
American Red Cross Building

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. by with 25 members and guest present.

President's Report: Reminded attending of club breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Texan Restaurant. One day technician class by K8CQF, April 9th Skywarn training, MS Walk, Send public service hours in to W7KEH, coming up this summer Child fun day at Bliss park, N8XD was presented with gavel plaque.

Petition for membership by David Paquette WB8LZA motion to accept made by KC8YVF and seconded by W8EAB.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes presented in the Harmonic with corrections made by KB8BYI and seconded by W8EAB passed with one nay.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by KC8BYI motion to accept made by N8ERL and seconded by KB8QO.

Vice President Report: Tom Jaffke W8TJ prepared our 501c3 package for that was distributed among all present, to be voted on at May meeting. A conflict of interest statement needs to be signed by all board members and anyone given authority to make purchases on S.V.A.R.A.'s behalf.

KC8BYI reported current trailer committee consisting of KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, and KD8IOK requested the release of \$300.00 for trailer improvements. W8GRI made a motion approve seconded by KD8FQL motion carried.

EC Report: April 9th will be NOAA Skywarn presentation at Covenant Hospital, May 9th Frankenmuth MS Walk and State Digital Emergency Test, Trying to contact building manager at Rosien Tower to discuss installing antenna structures. Radios to be used for emergency communications one in 911 the other in basement of the courthouse with antenna installation to be arranged. Second call sign issued to club is KD8KDP for use with digital packet only.

Care break Report: KC8BYI expressed thank you for the number that signed up to help. Packet received from the State Police in record time. S.V.A.R.A. approved for all three holiday weekends.

K8CQF set to conduct one day class on Saturday May 23rd. MS Walk sign-up sheet passed around for more signatures. Announced that Boater's World will be going out of business; good buys on stainless steel hardware can be found.

50/50 drawing won \$21.00 by W8CWD

Motion to adjourn made by KC8YVF then seconded by W8LVP motion carried with meeting ending at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Linton N8XPS
Secretary



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 -and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting - monthly on the 1st Friday, 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,
 9:00 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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