

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Next training is on May 22 at 7pm at the Harry Brown Airport.
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are still 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. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

New Meeting Time

Please note that the time of the regular SVARA club meetings has changed. The meetings will still be at the Red Cross on Michigan south of Covenant Hospital in Saginaw the first Friday of the month but the starting time will be 7:00 PM. We hope this new time fits into your schedule and that you can attend.

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

General Meeting Minutes
American Red Cross Building
April 4, 2014

Mike KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with 24 members and guests present. Mike KD8MMH then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Clinton W8ERK made a motion and Dave W8DW seconded to accept the minutes as published within the current Harmonic newsletter. Motion Passed.

The Treasure's Report was presented by Duane KD8AU, Gordie KC8YVD made a motion and Emmet NE8B seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Minnie KD8PAZ updated the club on the upcoming swaps.

Remember the new meeting time of 7:00 PM

There will be no regular club meeting for the month of July.

Emmet NE8B announced that the Frankenmuth MS walk will be on May 10, 2014 starting at 8:00 AM at the Kern Pavilion.

Birch Run Emergency Prep Expo is April 19, 2014.

Dave W8DW talked about the Michigan QSO Party that will be held on April 19, 2014.

Kevin KD8QAM talked about the Midland MS Walk to be held on April 26, 2014.

Dave N8ERL reminded us about the Tuskegee Airman "RISE ABOVE" Traveling Exhibit and the beautiful P-51C Mustang in Saginaw, Michigan at the Harry Browne Airport on Saturday, May 3, 2014. There will also a breakfast available at the airport with cost around \$7.50.

The Saginaw County Citizens Corp golf scramble will be held on May 30, 2014 at Swan Valley Golf Course.

Echolink and Rosien Tower projects progress was updated.

Care Break 2014, the club will participate in the Memorial Day and Labor Day care breaks. Gordie KD8YVD will chair the Memorial Day event. We still need a chair for the Labor Day event. Sign-up sheets will be available at future meetings.

Dave W8DW will be chairman of this years Field Day June 28 and 29.

There will a Technicians training class starting April 23, 14 thru June 12, 2014. See Mike N8XPS for details.

The 50/50 was won by Jeff KB8SWR.

Dave N8ERL made a motion that was seconded by Justin KD8PEV to close the meeting. Motion was passed.

Meeting closed 8:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant

April 16, 2014

Duane KD8AU called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Dave W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, Mike KD8MMH, Dave N8ERL, and Mike N8XPS, present.

Mike KD8MMH made and Mike N8XPS seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the

Harmonic newsletter. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Duane KC8AUY.

President's Report: Mike KD8MMH updated us on the Preparedness Expo and has purchase a weather radio as a give away at the Expo...

Vice President's Report: Mike N8XPS discussed SVARA technician class and has purchased additional manuals for the class

Chairman's Report: Duane KD8AUY asked about the progress on the Echolink project. The hold up still has to do with the license being validated. Dave W8DW said he would handle the validation of the license. The trailer committee was asked about, there is only one person that has signed up so it was suggested that we just form a work party to take care of the work that needs to be done.

Care Break was discussed and a sign-up sheet will be available for the May meeting.

Comments: Be sure to mention the Meeting time change on the Monday net the Monday before the next regular meeting.

Mary WB8LZA made and Dave N8ERL seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
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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