

# SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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**For ARES Members:** Next training will be on June 4, June 23th.

**Upcoming Events:** June 4- Hazmat Training in Saginaw, also the Dow Run in Midland;  
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

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

All dates are Fridays: June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

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

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

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

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

## General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building May 6th 2011

Madam President Judy KC8BYI called the meeting to order at 8:01 with 24 members and guests present that led to the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Joe KD8AFM to accept the minutes from the April meeting as published in the Harmonic newsletter.

Treasure's Report: Was presented by Jeff KC8BDQ with a reminder to those whom have not paid dues yet. The grace period has been extended because of the field trip to the studios of channel 5.

President's Report: Was primarily an update on our 501c3 status. The efforts of Judy KC8BYI, Jeff KC8BDQ, and Lou W8LPV have included three letters and numerous telephone calls with the status of our application have moved from highly unlikely to very probable. Changes to our articles of incorporation were necessary. At the last Board Meeting a new article of incorporation was distributed signed and prepared for submission. The I.R.S. is waiting for it to reach the state. It was inquired if all were following our constitution. It was believed that the board had been given added authority in the 501c3 application. The constitution was consulted during a break. A motion was made Lou to affirm the efforts of board in this matter was made by Lou W8LPV and seconded by Joe KD8AMF. Under the guidelines of 501c3 status prohibits pleasurable activities such as potlucks, picnics, and ice cream socials.

It was also announced that club member Tony Russ has been on active duty with the National Guard in Alabama helping with clean-up and radio operation.

An update on the antenna installation at Rosien Towers included that brackets are being made to attach the tower to the wall. Jeff KC8BDQ had assembled a crew for the installation in June. It has been put on hold with Ron's KC8YVF

announcement he had sent a letter to Patricia, manager of the housing facility, to be forwarded up her chain of command.

Anyone interested serving as Net Control of the Monday Night net contact Judy KC8BYI or Ron KC8YVF.

Upcoming events: Club Breakfast May 7th, Frankenmuth MS Walk May 14th, The Run for Windy May 15th, Saginaw County emergency exercise May 18th, Care Break for Memorial Weekend May 28 – 30, Haz – Mat Training June 4th.

Care Break Update: We are still waiting on forms from the state. Rest area may close due to road construction. And if not we may suffer anyway. There will be changes in the guidelines vests are required, new cups and traffic info provided. Failure to comply may lead to loss of spot.

Field Day Report: This year it will be co-chaired by Dave W8DW and Mike KD8MMH. The presentation for the June meeting will be Field Day related. We were reminded to send a letter to the Richland Township Park in preparation for that weekend.

Dave W8DW also reported on the Michigan QSO party and is waiting on results.

Old Business: There was nothing new to add.

New Business: None

Ron KC8YVF presented on the Public Service Honor Roll.

50/50 drawing \$16.50 was won by Fred K8EMQ then used it to pay his dues.

Dave N8ERL recognized Joe N8OSL he reported the growth of Ham Radio district wide and his attendance of county club meetings.

Tom N8EUI was properly thanked for his work arranging the field trip to TV5.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave N8ERL and seconded by Jeff KC8BDQ and others with all ready to go at 9:26.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary

**S.V.A.R.A**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The State Street Texan Restaurant  
May 18th 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Judy KC8BYI with Doris KD8MMG, Emmett W8EAB, Mike KD8MMH, Lou W8LPV, Mike N8XPS, and Jeff KC8BDQ present.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Jeff KC8BDQ to accept board meeting minutes as published in the current Harmonic newsletter, which was seconded by Doris KD8MMG.

Care Break Update: The Department of Transportation made contact informing Judy KC8BYI we had the three holiday weekends just waiting on paperwork. She called about getting this year maps. The rest area has some left over maps from last year. While on the phone inquiries were made about the road construction and lack of signage around the rest area. These questions generated what was described as a hullabaloo, but the head of the dot said signs will be posted

for holiday weekends. Also the rest area will be closed for part of the summer. Order sheets for safety pamphlets were passed around and selections made. It was reminded safety vests will be worn and were expected to arrive with packet.

501c3 update: The paperwork sent to the state to change our articles of incorporation has been approved and forwarded to the I.R.S.

Tower update: The housing commission has given the O.K. for the project. June 5th is the date planned for installation. It is anticipated it will be completed for less than the \$2000 designated funds. The hope is savings will be put toward an Echolink station.

Lou W8LPV addressed the board that our Special Service club designation is up for renewal. After 501c3 approval he will send out letters to businesses requesting donations on our behalf.

It was determined that GPS coordinates for the repeater will be needed. Judy KC8BYI will check with Ron KC8YVF and Rachelle KD8UOK.

It was reported that the Frankenmuth MS walk and the Run for Windy both went well.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff KC8BDQ seconded by Emmett W8EAB passed and dismissed at 8:10.

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 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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