



# SVARA Harmonic

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- **SVARA Meeting Presentations**

We are always 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 at K8DAC-R. All are welcome and encouraged to join in.

**Club Meeting Time and Place:**

SVARA club meetings will be held at Harry Brown Airport or on FreeConferenceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

**Club Meeting Dates:**

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

**Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates):**

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

**Board Meeting Dates (at Bigby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.):**

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website.

All dates are Wednesdays. January 17, February 14, March 13, April 17, May 15, June 19, July N/A, August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, December 18.

**ARES Members:**

ARES members please visit the ARES website [http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares\\_training.htm](http://ares.saginawradio.com/scares_training.htm) for training schedule information. ARES training are held the fourth Thursday of the month.

**Weekly Nets, Please join us. All licensed operators are welcome.**

**Mid-Michigan Net**  
147.240  
Sunday 7:00 PM

**SVARA (Saginaw)**  
147.240  
Monday 9:00 PM

**MARC (Midland)**  
147.000  
Thursday 7:30 PM

**TCARA (Tuscola)**  
146.66 MHz  
Monday 7:30 PM

**BAARC (Bay City)**  
145.360 MHz  
Tuesday 8:00 PM

**MI Digital Traffic Net**  
3.583 MHz USB (Olivia 8/500)  
Tues, Thurs, Sat 8:00 PM

## SVARA Meeting 6/7/2024

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:01 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Dave N8ERL  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI Online  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Greg Smith KE8WXJ  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Mike Linton N8XPS  
Raul Costoya KE8LYV  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Dennis O'Connor K8DO  
Char O'Connor WD8RIM  
Clayton Badgero KE8CB

### Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for May, Gordy KC8YVD motion to accept, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for May – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Ron KC8YVF, seconded by Dennis K8DO. Motion carried by all.

### Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming swaps, Midland Jun 15

### Contest Report

Dave W8DW was not present; State QSP party's

### Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 6/8 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot (*Sullivan's no longer open for breakfast*)  
There will be a board meeting for June to discuss the club donation. Wednesday 6/19

### Old business:

Ron KC8YVF reported the Frankenmuth MS Walk attracted over 750 walkers. We had 13 operators from Saginaw and Midland counties participate. Everything went well.

Mike KD8MMH received an email from the family of a SK in Bay City about some radio equipment that the family wants to donate. Mike KD8MMH and Dave W8DW will go and see what they have. – **UPDATE**  
– *Mike and Dave tested the radio equipment, and everything seemed to be working fine except one radio.*

Tom N8EUI talked about Field Day PIO letters going out to the media, politicians and other public officials. – **UPDATE** *we have one elected official who has responded and plans to come. Representative Amos Oneal.*

### New business:

John Tallman KB8PGW – new member – motion to accept from Gordy KC8YVD, second Rick KC8VOA.  
Approved by all.

Mike KD8MMH suggested the club keep the Kenwood TS-850s from the Eichhorn donation to replace the old club radio (Kenwood TS-940S) and for the club and sell the old Kenwood radio. The motion was made by Ron KC8YVF and seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Approved by all.

A suggestion by Mike KD8MMH was made to loan one of the MFJ969 tuners from the Eichhorn donation to be used in the county comms trailer. The motion was made by Rick KC8VOA, and second by Mike KD8MMH. Approved by all.

An email will be sent out by Mike KD8MMH on Monday 6/10 for the Eichhorn donation items to the club members. The bidding will begin at 6 pm and will end on Wednesday 6/12 at 6 pm. The items will be offered for club members first. Any remaining items will be taken to the midland swap on June 15. Field Day 2024 – Mike KD8MMH talked with Kochville township about using the park – we have the green light to use the park as we have in past years.

Ron KC8YVF will write a Donation Acknowledge Letter to the Eichhorn family for donation with our Tax-Exempt information.

Mike KD8MMH made a motion for \$250 petty cash for Field Day Expenses, Grody KC8YVD second, Motion carried by all.

Ron KC8YVF will contact Jimmy John's for the food and Mike KD8MMH will purchase pop, water, chips and salads for the event.

#### **Midland Club notes**

- repeater still having issues, a temporary site is up at midland high school to help provide better coverage
- The Balloon launch on May 11 took place from Chesaning Park because of wind changes. The balloon reached an altitude of 90,000 feet before the balloon popped and landed by parachute in the Thumb.

#### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be June 20 – The annual Fox Hunt, a new location in Freeland
- There will be no ARES meeting in July. Next meeting will be in August for the annual picnic and movie night

#### **Presentation**

Ron KC8YVF will do a presentation on Meshtastic.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

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## **SVARA Board Meeting June 19, 2024**

Called to order at 7:06 pm by Mike KD8MMH

#### **Attendance:**

Mike KD8MMH  
 Brian K8HY  
 Tom N8EUI  
 Ron KC8YVF  
 Renee K8MYJ  
 Mary WB8LZA  
 Rick KC8VOA  
 Dave K8DW

**Topic of Discussion:** Radio Donation, Field Day.

SVARA took in \$720 in sales for the donated equipment from the Eichorn estate. \$100 is still outstanding for one item waiting payment. The remaining equipment will be taken to other swaps. Dave N8ERL volunteered to store the items at his hanger

Field Day – Mike KD8MMH will pick up salads, chips, pop and water for the event.

Ron KC8YVF asked Tom N8EUI for a list of paid dues for 2024 to update the club roster.

The ARES Fox Hunt will be on Thursday June 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

## 2024 SVARA Officers

**President** – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
**Vice-President** – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY  
**Secretary** – Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
**Treasurer** – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

**Board Member** – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
**Board Member** – Mary Paquette WB8LZA  
**Board Member** – Renee' Paquette KE8MYJ

## 2024 SVARA Appointments

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Dave Paquette, W8DW (Trustee)

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Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY

Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

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