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2008 Field Day Report from Dave, N8ERL

Field Day 2008 was a fine time. Thanks to all of you who participated. The weather was basically good with the only problem being some strong winds on Saturday. We had around 31 participants and seven stations including our GOTA station. It was a classic laid-back and have a good time SVARA Field Day.

Our scores give or take a QSO or so are as follows:

GOTA station (captained by N8XPS)	40 QSO's	40 points
6 meter station (captained by N8ERL)	45 QSO's	45 points
Digital station (captained by N8XD)	111 QSO's	221 points
Club station (captained by N8YXR)	216 QSO's	228 points
40 meter station (captained by W8CWD)	146 QSO's	146 points
15 meter station (captained by W8LVP)	24 QSO's	44 points
10/80 meter station (captained by KC8AUZ)	179 QSO's	214 points

(Some stations had CW and Digital contacts which were worth 2 points)

All told with multipliers and bonus points we claimed 3048 points with 761 total QSO's which is higher than last year's 2900 points with 726 QSO's.

Thanks again to everyone, especially to Jeff, KC8BDQ and Judy, KC8BYI for keeping us well fed and to Joe, K8CQF, and Keith, N8XD, whose CW contacts really added to our score. Joe was our roaming CW operator (have key, will travel) and worked with several different stations. Joe's granddaughter, Kionna and her friend, Eric were instrumental in having a successful GOTA station. Also, thanks to everyone who helped set up. It's a big help to have those extra hands. Keep that last weekend in June 2009 open and join in the fun.

Reminders:

We will be having an ice cream social at the August meeting. It's just a little something to break up the summer doldrums. No need to bring anything – unless you have a favorite spoon!! We will be getting the ice cream started at 7:30 pm with the meeting to follow at 8:00pm.

We need volunteers to help with the relocation/removal of the antennas at Rosien Tower. More info at the meeting!

LABOR DAY CARE BREAK SIGN UP SHEET

	Friday, Aug 29	Saturday, Aug 30	Sunday, Aug 31	Monday, Sept 1
12 - 3 am	/	Lou, W8LPV		
	/	Eileen Vescio		
3 - 6 am	/			
	/			
6 - 9 am	/	Joe, K8CQF Kionna	Joe, K8CQF Kionna	Joe, K8CQF Kionna
	/	Pat Hardt	Pat Hardt	Pat Hardt
9 - 12 noon	Roger, K8DVX	Ron, KC8YVF	Ron, KC8YVF	Lou, W8LPV
	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB	Emmett, W8EAB
12 - 3 pm	Roger, K8DVX	Bob, N8YXR	Bob, N8YXR	Dave, N8ERL
	Ron, KC8YVF	Jennie, KC0RBV	Jennie, KC0RBV	Howard, KD8DX
3 - 6 pm	Mike, N8XPS	Bill, WA8KFC		
	John, KC8WZM	George, N8NPW	John, KC8WZM	
6 - 9 pm	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	John, KC8WZM	
9 - 12 midnight				/
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Board of Directors
SVARA
June 18, 2008
Texan on State Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm. Present were: N8XD, KC8BDQ, KC8BYI, WA8GRI, KC8YVF, and W8LPV.

Reports:

President: Thanks to all the Care break volunteers as well as the folks who went to Detroit for Metro Youth Day.

Vice-President: WA8GRI reported the club expended a goodly sum on the picnic and meeting.

Secretary: Motion by KC8BYI seconded by W8LPV to accept the minutes of the June board meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Chairman: KC8BDQ brought up the subject of the trailer tower. He would like suggestions from the club members as to how we can replace or redesign the tower to result in lighter tongue weight. He also has a padded nylon case for the lcd projector if it fits.

Old Business

WA8GRI asked for a list of unpaid members.

KC8YVF mentioned that W8LPV was in possession of two weather radios for prizes at Family Prep Day. He then made a motion to reimburse Lou for the radios. N8XD seconded that motion and all agreed.

KC8BDQ asked if we wanted to order some more items with the SVARA logo on them from National Pen for this event.

New Business

WA8GRI asked KC8YFV to look into getting some County maps for the ARES member and SkyWarn personnel.

KC8BYI asked WA8GRI to look into getting some more state maps for Care Break. And KC8YVF and N8XD brought up the subject of the repeater antennas on Rosien Tower. Contractors will be installing a new roof the last 2 weeks of August and e need to remove/relocate all of our equipment during this process.

Motion by N8XD, seconded by KC8YVF, meeting closed at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Weirauch, KC8BDQ
Secretary

General Membership Meeting
July 4, 2008
Care Break Site

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by WA8GRI.

Introductions were made. There were 20 members and 4 guests present.

The secretary's report was accepted on a motion by KC8YVD that was seconded by N8YXR. Motion passed with one Nay vote by WA8KFC.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by K8CQF that was seconded by N8YXR. All were in favor.

Repeater Committee Report – Rosien roof is being replaced in August and our antennas may need to come down. We may possibly need to use the James Township back up repeater. The Gera antenna is temporarily down. K8CQF made a motion to give the board approval to do whatever they feel needs to be done to fix Gera (2 antennas and feed line). Motion seconded by K8DVX. All were in favor.

N8ERL gave a brief Field Day report. He will have totals next month.

KC8YVF mentioned that four club members assisted with the Frankenmuth race.

KC8YVF gave the EC report. He purchased 10 emergency vests with ARRL patches for \$70. KC8BYI made a motion to reimburse KC8YVF for the costs of the vests and patches. WA8KFC seconded. All were in favor.

August general meeting will be an Ice Cream Social. N8YXR made a motion to start the meeting at 7:30 pm with the ice cream. The motion was seconded by N8REB. All were in favor.

Judy Stutesman applied for membership. N8YXR made a motion to accept application. Motion was seconded by K8CQF. All were in favor.

Detroit Metro Youth Day – July 9th. Meet up at Bridgeport Truck stop and leave by 5:00am. KC8BDQ and KC8BYI will use KD8AUZ's truck to haul the trailer. N8YXR made motion to reimburse for fuel. Motion seconded by KC0RBV. All were in favor.

W8LPV mentioned he had technical information videos for future meetings. He will discuss use with N8XD.

Club breakfast will be tomorrow morning 9:00 am at the State Street Texan.

N8YXR made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by KC8BDQ. All were in favor. The meeting closed at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Weirauch, KC8BYI



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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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