



SVARA Harmonic



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- **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.

Club Meeting Time and Place:

American Red Cross 1232 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw
1ST Friday of the month at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted

Club Meeting Dates:

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

Club Breakfast Dates (at Levi's on State St.):

A club breakfast is held monthly on Saturday morning after the meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Levi's
All dates are Saturdays: April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

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

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday following the general membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Biggby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes in meeting dates are post on the club website.
All dates are Thursday: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 19, November 16, December 14

ARES Members:

ARES training for January will be "Alternative Food Sources". Visit the ARES website for more information. ARES training for May will be "Dual Band J-Pole Antenna Build".

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

District 3 Net

145.310
Sunday 6:00 PM

SVARA (Saginaw)

147.240
Monday 9:00 PM

MARC (Midland)

147.000
Thursday 9:00 PM

**D3 Digital Training Net
(Olivia 8/500) Seasonal**

3.586 MHz USB
Sunday 8:00 PM

BAARC (Bay City)

145.310
Tuesday 9:00 PM

**MI Digital Traffic Net
(Olivia 8/500)**

3.583 MHz USB
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
8:00 PM

Saginaw Valley ARA meeting minutes for June 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Brian K8HY, who lead the pledge of allegiance with members 14 present.

Gordy KC8YVD, made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Horst. The motion passed.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. The motion passed.

The MS walk went well with a good turnout. Over 1000 people came out and over \$100,000 was raised. The Dow run also went well and the Midland club would like to thank all those who volunteered, your help is very much appreciated.

Care Break went well with just over \$400 net raised. This was a little less than last year but still a good take.

Ron KC8YVF, reported on Hamvention. For those lucky enough to come from the right direction traffic was not an issue. For those unlucky enough to come from the wrong direction traffic was considerably less favorable. For the most part weather was acceptable however, rain did make some areas of the convention grounds quite muddy. Overall those who attended said it was a great experience.

Preparations for Field Day were discussed including the Midland club's plan to join us.

Dave W8DW, reported on upcoming radio contests including several state QSO parties. Dave also mentioned the 80m digital net was looking for an additional net control.

Participation in the Birch run preparedness Expo was discussed. Mike K8AVJ made a motion to participate in the Expo and was seconded by Mike N8XPS. In consideration that most visitors were not from the Saginaw area it was decided that we would not purchase a giveaway weather radio this time.

The Red Cross has agreed to allow us to move the radio room from the basement, to the top floor.

Progress on the grant project was discussed as well as funding requests for additional equipment. Brian K8HY, reminded everyone of the club breakfast as well as the Ares fox hunt.

The motion to adjourn was made by Gordy KC8YVD and seconded by Emmett NE8B.

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for June 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Duane KD8AUY, with Mike KD8MMH, Brian K8HY, Dave W8DW, Thomas (I missed his call), Mike K8AVJ, and Anne KB8AWE, present. Mike N8XPS, joined via phone.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes as published in the harmonic news and was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

President's Report

The president had nothing new to report.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President had nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report

The secretary gave an update on the creation of a welcome package or new members.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported on Field Day paperwork. Everything should be ready. The treasurer also reported that Rob KC8IJN, was all set and that the food money for Field Day was also set.

General Discussion

Duane KD8AUY, made a motion to cancel the July general meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike KD8MMH, and passed. This was done during the board meeting because a vote on this during the general meeting was overlooked.

Details and planning for moving the radio room were discussed. The board believes the room is ready to be moved into and we should start moving equipment at the August meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mike KD8MMH, and seconded by Anne KB8AWE.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ
Secretary

Saginaw Valley ARA board meeting minutes for July 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Duane KD8AUY, with Mike KD8MMH, Doris KD8MMG, Mike N8XPS, Dave W8DW, Mike K8AVJ, and Anne KB8AWE present.

Dave W8DW, made a motion to accept last month's board meeting minutes, although not published in the harmonic news, and was seconded by Mike KD8MMH. The motion passed.

President's Report

The president reported on planning for the upcoming Care Break and Emergency Preparedness Expo. He also reported on the progress of the grant project and the multiple requests for documentation from the grant project group.

Vice President's Report

The Vice President was not present.

Secretary's Report

The secretary presented sample documents to be included in the new member welcome package. The secretary also mentioned he would not be present for the August meeting and would need someone to fill in for him.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported on Care Break expenses in the expected cost of the ice cream social.

General Discussion

Doris KD8MMG, made a motion to hold an ice cream social at the August meeting, as per usual. The motion was seconded by Mike N8XPS and passed.

Field Day was quite successful despite the rain and the near record-breaking flooding that occurred in Midland. About 40 people showed up over the course of the event including several youth operators that made contacts. Preparing printed forms or paper logs was discussed as well as the need for several spare logging PCs to be used as needed. The outstanding professionalism of the Field Day flyer was also discussed. Great job Tom N8EUI, thank you so much.

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave W8DW, and seconded by Mike KD8MMH.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Elias K8AVJ
Secretary

Do you need help programming your HT? Come to the next meeting, bring your HT, any manuals you have and we will do our best to help. Don't have a manual? We'll still give it a try.

2017 SVARA Officers

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Secretary	Mike Elias K8AVJ	Board Member	Tom Schmidt N8EUI
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