



# 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 FreeConferanceCall.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 Levi’s Food & Spirits restaurant on 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 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 8/2/2024**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Dave N8ERL  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Dave LaRue KE8PCQ  
Jane LaRue  
Raul Costoya KE8LYV  
Clayton Badgero KE8CB  
Doug Mae KC8ZKZ  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

### **Introductions**

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

Treasury report for June – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming swaps

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW was not present, check the website, State QSP party's

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 8/3 at 9:00 am at Levis' on State St (*Sullivan's no longer open for breakfast*)  
There will be no board meeting for August.

### **Old business:**

None

### **New business:**

Dave N8ERL made a motion, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD to accept Dave LaRue KE8PCQ as a new member of SVARA. Motion was carried by all.

Ron KC8YVF reported on Field Day results. Information can be found on the K8DAC website.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the Meshtastic repeater. CMEN will put up Station G2 devices at Rosien Towers and Frankenmuth. The club will table putting up our own devices until we see that the CMEN group has in store.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the GMRS repeater that is in Saginaw at Covenant Harrison. The FCC has clarified the regulations that GMRS repeaters cannot be linked to another GMRS repeater. Wording on the FCC website and part 95 are not clear on this issue.

Clayton KE8CB asked if anyone is interested in doing POTA activations. Clayton has done several along with Dave from Midland.

### **Midland Club notes**

- Mike KD8MMH stated Midland made \$645 dollars at the swap for entry fees and table sales.
- Midland club donated \$300 to the Salvation Army
- Midland now has a receive site at Midland High School to help with their repeater issues.

### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- National Night Out will be Tuesday August 6, volunteers are needed to staff the event.
- Next ARES meeting will be August 22 – The annual Picnic and Movie night
- September meeting will be in prep for the October State-wide SET

### **Presentation**

There is no presentation scheduled.

We will build some Meshtastic devices after the meeting for those interested.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

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## **SVARA Board Meeting July 17, 2024**

Called to order at 7:02 pm by Mike KD8MMH

### **Attendance:**

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

### **Topic of Discussion:** Field Day, Next Meeting, Meshtastic

Field Day expenses – Mike KD8MMH submitted the bills for Field Day to Tom N8EUI for reimbursement. Ron KC8YVF went over the Field Day scores

The club sold over \$620 at the Midland Swap from the estate donated items.

SVARA auction will be on September 21, 2024

Next club meeting is the ice cream social, Mike KD8MMH will purchase vanilla and strawberry ice cream and toppings for the meeting.

National Night Out is the first Tuesday of August, the 6<sup>th</sup>, Ron will check with the county about participating again this year.

August 26 is the ARES Movie and Picnic meeting. Mike says he will have a special guest.

Ron KC8YVF asked the board if they would be interested in building a Meshtastic Repeater for trial at Rosine. I will be brought up at the August club meeting for discussion.

Mike KD8MMH asked on the status of Mi6. IP addresses were re-assigned and an update needs to be done to the repeater computer. Dave W8DW stated that he would have to take the computer and radio back to his house to set up a newer computer to do the job.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

**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  
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