



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: 2025

All dates are Fridays: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, 2025.

Club Breakfast Dates (Check club website for updates): 2025

The club breakfast will be held at Levi's Food & Spirits restaurant, 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 am. All dates are Saturdays. January 4, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, 2025.

Board Meeting Dates (at Bigby Coffee, 3085 Bay Rd.): 2025

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website. All dates are Wednesdays. January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 14, June 18, July N/A, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, 2025.

ARES Members:

ARES members please visit the ARES website 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 8/1/2025

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at _____ pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Dave Paquette W8DW
Mary Paquette WB8LZA
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Char O'Connor WD8RIM
Doc O'Connor K8DO
Jeff Fulton K8KCI
Warren Nowicki KF8BNK
Mike Bright KF8EDQ

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for June, Fred KE8QCO, motion to accept, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for June – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Ron KC8YVF, seconded by Dave W8DW. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming Swaps – none

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests – NA QSO Party CW and SSB

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 8/2 at 9:00 am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.
There will be no board meeting in August

Old business:

Ron KC8YVF reported the new Winlink antennas have shipped, no ETA.

Gordy KC8YVD made a motion to spend \$20 on two tables for the Midland Swap for estate sale items, seconded by Doc K8DO.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the new VE testing he found out about in the Dayton Hamvention. The club will need to have dedicated tablets or computers for in-person testing.

Field Day – Gordy made a motion to allow up to \$500 for Field Day, the Ice Cream Social and Movie and Picnic night for food and supplies, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ.needed to do in-person testing with the new system. The Midland Club is no longer going to do testing with the new system. Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland Club meeting.

- Presentation on Alstar nodes
- The School balloon launch

Stepir antennas will cease production of antennas for amateur radio on August 31

Ron KC8YVF did a review of the MBS/County emergency exercise.

Dave W8DW talked about the Ed King auction

Doc K8DO stated that the 6-meter repeater is coordinated and needs to be back on the air by September or he will cancel the coordination. All other repeaters have been updated with MARC.

New business:

Mike KD8MMH reported the Midland Club Meeting will be on August 7

Midland is thinking about partnering with CMEN to resolve the issues with the Midland repeater

Ron KC8YVF did a review of the 2025 Field Day event

September 20 will be the annual Club Auction – please donate to the club items ham related or not to help support the club

Repeaters – the antennas are in for the Winlink station, will have to get with Jeff KB8SWR to see when they can be installed.

There seems to be a squelch issue with the 147.24 repeater. The repeater will not drop off correctly after a transmission. Will need to look at that issue.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be August 28, 2025 – The topic is the annual picnic and movie night
- September ARES meeting will be one week earlier on September 18
- National Night Out will be on Tuesday August 5.
- The Fall State SET will be on October 4, save the date

Presentation

No presentation for this month – Ice Cream

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Doc K8DO. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

2025 SVARA Officers

President – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

Vice-President – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

Secretary – Ron Huss, KC8YVF

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Board Member – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA (24-26)

Board Member – Mary Paquette WB8LZA (23-25)

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Digital Modes

Winlink

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