

SVARA Harmonic

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Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association

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For ARES Members: Next training is on September 25 at 7pm at the Harry Brown Airport.
(Please refer to the ARES website for contact and more information)

- **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 (at Red Cross): 7:00 pm

Club Meeting Dates (at Red Cross):

All dates are Fridays: September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Saturdays: September 6, October 4, November 8, and December 6

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

All dates are Wednesdays: September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building Aug 1, 2014

Mike KD8MMH called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Mike KD8MMH then led us in the pledge of allegiance and introductions. There were 19 members and guest.

Secretary's Report: Dave N8ERL made a motion and Lou W8LPV seconded to accept the minutes as published within the current Harmonic newsletter. Motion Passed.

The Treasure's Report: was presented by Duane KD8EUY, Gordie KC8YVD made a motion and Emmett NE8B seconded it to accept the report. Motion passed.

Minnie KD8PAZ updated the club on the upcoming swaps.

Presidents Report: Mike KD8MMH announced the club breakfast and the club board meeting, he also reminded us to turn in their public service hours. The ARES group meeting is on Thursday August 28 at the Harry Browne Airport and this month it's going to dinner and a movie, it's an open meeting and all club members are welcome.

Mike commented on the upcoming Care Break and the lack of participation, he passed the signup sheet around and said that if we cannot fill the spots the board may decide not to do it, the club makes about \$600.00 on the event and it would be a shame give it up.

Old Business: Ron KC8YVF reported on Rosien Towers Project progress.

Dave W8DW reported on the results of Field Day.

Dave W9DW reported on Echolink progress. Echolink is up and running but the radio slated for the project could not be used. Dave is presently using his Baofeng HT as the transceiver so the node may be up and down. Bugs are still being worked out.

New Business: Gordie made a motion to set aside \$200.00 for the Echolink transceiver, Mike KD8MMH seconded the motion. Motion Passed after discussion.

Ron KC8YVE reported on the Simulated Emergency Test and Saginaw county placing 1st place in the state.

Joe N8OSL reported on District 3 Projects and talked about the October 4 packet drill. Joe asked for volunteers for the August 23 Crim race. Joe also talked about the new state EOC in Lansing and what part amateur radio is going to take in it.

Gordi KC8YVD made a motion that we close the meeting and Ron KC8YVF seconded it. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned 7:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
Secretary SVARA

**Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
Aug 13, 2014**

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Dave N8ERL, Dave W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, Tom N8EUI, Mike N8XPS, Judy KC8BYI and Jeff KC8BDQ present.

Mary WB8LZA made and Dave W8DW seconded the motion to accept the minutes as published within the Harmonic newsletter. Motion passed

Treasures Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Duane KC8AUY.

President's Report: None

Vice President's Report: Mike N8XPS talked about Care Break Scheduling and posting of the new updated schedule at the trailer at the event.

Secretary Report: None

Chairman's Report: Duane KD8AUY asked about the progress of Echolink and the Rosien Tower Project.

Dave W8DW reported that a radio has been ordered and that Echolink was up running with his HT on a temporary basis.

Dave N8ERL reported on the progress of the Rosien Towers project, Jeff KB8SWR, Ron KC8YVF and Dave N8ERL has spent time at the site and has completed tower installation. Antennas still need to be mounted on the towers.

Comments: Judy KC8BYI informed us that the tower section being stored at her daughters house need to be removed from storage at that location. Mike N8XPS said we could store them at his sister's home. Mike N8XPS contacted Mike KD8MMH and they are making arrangements for removal.

Dave N8ERL talked about the present repeater and its age. Members of the repeater committee discussed looking into replacing the present repeater with a newer unit.

Mike N8XPS made and Mike Dave W8DW seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
Secretary



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General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1st Friday, at 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, 8:30 a.m. at the Texan Restaurant, 5656 State St.

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