

# SVARA Harmonic

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## SET

The county SET will be held Oct. 3, 2009. All ARES or RACES members who plan on attending should contact Ron KC8YVF.

## Pride Parade

The Pride Parade is coming up in November. We need to decide if we are doing Santa Grams again. This will be discussed at the meeting.

## Elections

We are approaching election time again and we need members to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to enrich and help shape the future of SVARA. So be sure to start thinking about who you want to represent you next year. We will take nominations beginning with the November meeting.

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General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Rest Area Care Break site  
September 4, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 7:31 with 27 members and guest present by KB8BDQ. The strike of the gavel was followed by opening remarks and the pledge of allegiance.

KB8BYI reported on preparations for Labor Day Care Break implored filling openings in the schedule.

QSL card received from N1AD Steve Brody. Thanks expressed to participants in The Kids Fun Day presented by Covenant Neighborhood Watch. Thank you letter composed to express gratitude for tower donation.

Motion to add Gayle Wright (No Call Sign) to general membership made by K8WZM and seconded by KB8BYI.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by W8EAB and seconded by KB8BDQ to accept as presented in the Harmonic News Letter.

Treasure's Report: Presented by KB8BYI motion to accept made by KC8YVD and seconded by W8LPV.

Vice President's Report: W8LPV reported on status of 501c3 application has passed the state working toward federal approval.

Old Business: N8XPS reported that donation made to the Castle Museum of electronic equipment is currently on loan until considered by acquisition committee and board.

KC8YVF reported donated tower has been retrieved, sanded, and painted. N8YXR working with American Tower on bracket design. September 8th is scheduled for packet and hamgate operation training. N8ERL will chair the Emergency Preparedness Day at St. Charles Park on the 27th of September from 12 to 4.

Motion to made by W8LPV and seconded by KC8YVF to disband meeting at 7:47

Respectfully Submitted  
Michael Linton, N8XPS  
Secretary

Boureier's Restaurant north of Pinconning one third north of Cody Esty Road on the west side of M-13 will be the site of a radio swap the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 2p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes  
State Street Texan Restaurant  
September 16, 2009

Meeting called to order at 8:06 p.m. with W8EAB, W8LPV, KC8YVF, N8XPS, KB8BDQ, and KB8BYI present.

Motion made by KB8BYI then seconded by W8EAB to accept minutes as presented in the Harmonic newsletter.

President's Report: KB8BDQ had nothing to add.

Vice President's Report: N8ERL arranged for the donation and short term storage of 9 sections of Rohn 55 tower. W8LPV asked if they could be moved to garage storage. Arrangements made to make the move within a week to ten days.

Secretary's Report: N8XPS had nothing to add.

Treasure's Report: Was presented by KB8BYI at General Membership Meeting and asked for update of 501c3 at next meeting.

Chairman's Report: KC8YVF reported 911 packet equipment installed. Observed radio room used as office with radios utilized by non-hams. Attempted to remove and secure microphones in cabinet but forced to unlock. KB8BYI and KB8BDQ motioned that the board recommend the removal of the amateur radios to be removed from 911. Emergency Prep Day set for September 27th and SET will be on October 3rd. Antenna tower is sanded and painted. N8YXR consulted on mounting options. Brackets tilt, and mounting plate estimated at \$705 from American Tower. Hoping N8YXR can provide less expensive fabrication options. Echolink access to repeater currently provided by KD8AVA looking to move to Covenant Harrison needs a \$70 dollar interface.

There is no other Old Business to report.

New Business: W8LPV asked to consider possible future of the board and suggest two members qualified to serve.

Motion made by KB8BYI seconded by W8EAB to adjourn and was at 9:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Linton N8XPS  
Secretary



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SVARA Members sponsor the 147.240+ PL 103.5 & 224.28 Open Repeaters K8DAC/R  
-and- Emergency HF stations at the American Red Cross and auxiliary field operations.

General Membership meeting is held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, at 8:00 p.m.  
at the American Red Cross, 1232 N. Michigan.

Board of Directors meeting - monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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