

SVARA Harmonic

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For ARES Members: Next training is on October 23 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: October 3, November 7, and December 5

Club Breakfast Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

Board Meeting Dates (at State Street Texan):

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

General Meeting Minutes American Red Cross Building Sept 5, 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 17 members and guest.

Secretary's Report: Dave W8DW made a motion and John KC8WZM seconded to accept the minutes as published within the current Harmonic newsletter. Motion Passed.

The Treasure's Report: was presented by Duane KD8EUY, Clinton W8ERK made a motion and Ron KC8YVF 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 Sept 25 at the Harry Browne Airport. Mike thanked all the Care Break Participants for the Time.

Old Business: Ron KC8YVF reported on Rosine Towers Project progress. Guy wires have been

installed and we are waiting to install the antennas until some reinforcements are made to the tower installation.

Dave W8DW reported Echolink project. Echolink is up and running at his location and should be moved to the new location by next meeting.

Dave N8ERL talked about interference from other repeaters on the Saginaw repeater frequency.

New Business: Ron KC8YVF talked about a possible new club location.

Remember to support Bill HR 4969 by going to the ARRL web site, downloading the letter, signing it and sending it to the ARRL.

Dave W8DW mentioned putting together a membership committee to address membership renewal issues.

Events: The Swan valley event will be Sept 17, 2014 at Swan Valley High.

Sept 30 2014 will be the Covenant Emergency Expo in Bliss Park at 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM.

The first Saturday in October will be the Emergency Expo at Birch Run Expo Center.

Oct 19 will be the Zombie Run at 6:00 PM see K8DAC website for details.

The Saginaw Christmas at the Zoo will be Nov 21 at the Children's Zoo details will be posted on the K8DAC website.

Dave W8DW made a motion that we close the meeting and Mike KD8MMH seconded it. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
Secretary SVARA

**Board Meeting Minutes
State Street Texan Restaurant
Sept 17, 2014**

Duane KD8AUY called the meeting to order at 7:30 with Dave N8ERL, Dave W8DW, Mary WB8LZA, Tom N8EUI, Mike N8XPS, and Mike KD8MMH.

Mike KD8MMD made and Mike N8XPS 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: Mike KD8MMH discussed having a plan in place to remove the antennas from the roof of the Red Cross building if need be.

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary Report: None

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

Dave W8DW reported that a radio has been ordered and that Echolink was up running and should be moved to Brian's KA8YXR location before next meeting.

Duane KD8VUY talked about having a club awards luncheon.

Comments:

Dave N8ERL talked about needing steel plates made-up for support of the tower at Rosine and a purchase price around \$250.00. Dave W8DW made a motion to approve the cost to make the plates and Tom N8EUI seconded the motion. This will come out of the original moneys set aside for the project. Motion passed.

Ton N8EUI made and Mike N8XPS seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Paquette, WB8LZA
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 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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