



# 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](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 10/3/2025**

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:02 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Dave Paquette W8DW - online  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Char O'Connor WD8RIM  
Doc O'Connor K8DO  
Mike Bright KF8EDQ  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Doug Brinks N8NTN  
Rob Wright KC8IJN  
Joseph Goddeyne KA8FHW  
Pat Russell W8PMR - online

### **Introductions**

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for September, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Doc K8DO. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for September – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Fred KE8QCO, seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming Swaps – Kalamazoo 10/4, Muskegon 10/11, Fort Wayne 11/15

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests – State QSO parties, CQWW - SSB

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 9/6 at the new time of **8:30** am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.  
There will be a board meeting in October

### **Old business:**

Mike KD8MMH announced the club auction will be on September 20 beginning at noon. You can set up your items at 11 am. All proceeds go to SVARA.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the ARES dinner and movie night. It was a small turnout but everyone had a good time.

Doug Banks N8NTN applied for a membership to SVARA, The club voted to accept Doug's membership.

Mike KD8MMH reported on Midland's club meeting.

- They had their annual elections. Dennis will remain as president, no VP was elected, and Linda will remain as Secretary and John as treasurer.
- Midland had a discussion about turning the repeater over to the Central Michigan Emergency Network group.

Tom N8EUI asked about the status of the new Winlink antennas. Ron KC8YVF stated that we are waiting on Jeff KB8SWR and the CMEN group for installation since the site is their equipment.

#### **New business:**

Mike KD8MMH talked about the Holiday in the Heart of the City event coming up in November

Mike KD8MMH stated that there is no VE testing with the government shutdown

Fred KE8QCO talked on new VE testing rules, some new options, still working on getting things together

Mike KD8MMH talked about the Midland club, they have a new VP. Their presentation was on Duplexers/Triplexers, filters.

Mike KD8MMH talked about a video on the new HOA legislation currently being debated

Dave W8DW made a suggestion to donate or loan to Howard Hannon the MFJ loop antenna for his use. The club voted to table the motion to the November meeting.

#### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be October 23, 2025 – The topic is a review of the State/ARRL SET

#### **Presentation**

Tom N8EUI did a presentation on RF Chokes for power supplies and for generators.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA Motion carried by all.

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## **SVARA Board Meeting October 15, 2025**

Called to order at 7:01pm by Mike KD8MMH

#### **Attendance:**

Mike KD8MMH (president)  
 Brian K8HY (vice president)  
 Tom N8EUI (treasurer)  
 Ron KC8YVF (secretary)  
 Fred KE8QCO (board)  
 Mary WB8LZA (board)  
 Rick KC8VOA (board)  
 Dave K8DW (trustee)

Dave W8DW made a suggestion at the October club meeting to donate or loan the club owned MFJ loop antenna to Howard Hannon for his use. The board looked at options and decided to not get into loaning club equipment. The decision was made to sell the antenna at a reduced rate.

The value of the antenna was over \$600 new and was offered at several ham swaps for \$300 with no

takers. The board decided to sell the antenna for \$100.

Mike KD8MMH would draft an email to send to club members offering the antenna on a first come basis.

The email would be sent out on October 20 and end at the next club meeting on November 7. The first person to respond to the email would get the antenna. If that antenna did not sell by the November date, it would be put up for sell at the next Vassar Auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

## 2025 SVARA Officers

**President** – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

**Vice-President** – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

**Secretary** – Ron Huss, KC8YVF

**Treasurer** – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

**Board Member** – Fred Bolger KE8QCO (25-27)

**Board Member** – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA (24-26)

**Board Member** – Mary Paquette WB8LZA (23-25)

## 2025 SVARA Appointments

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Contesting

Digital Modes

Winlink

APRS/WX

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