



# 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 FreeConferanceCall.com. The club will meet at 7 PM. Changes are posted to the club website.

**Club Meeting Dates:**

All dates are Fridays: January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, 2024.

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

The club breakfast will be held at Levi’s Food & Spirits restaurant on 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 am. All dates are Saturdays. January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2024.

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

Board meetings will be held at Bigby Coffee on Bay Rd. Changes are posted on the club website. All dates are Wednesdays. January 17, February 14, March 13, April 17, May 15, June 19, July N/A, August 14, September 18, October 16, November 13, December 18, 2024.

**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 12/6/2024**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:13 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Dave Paquette W8DW – online  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Brian Kleinfeld K8HY  
Jeff Metiva KB8SWR  
Dave LaRue KE8PCQ  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Warren Nowicki KF8BNK

### **Introductions**

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

Treasury report for November – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Ron KC8YVF, seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ was not present. Check ARRL web site for local swaps.

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests – January straight key

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 12/7 at 8:30 am at Riverside Family Restaurant in Freeland  
There will be no board meeting for December.

### **Old business:**

Holiday in the Heart of the City is on November 22. Setup at 4:30, begins at 5 pm. There will be a dinner after at Texas Roadhouse. – *150 messages*

Mike KD8MMH ask for funds for the Monique Inn for Jim's stay, Gordy KC8YVD made a motion for up to \$500 to cover expenses. This would cover the hotel, dinner on Friday night and gas. Motion was seconded by Brian K8HY and carried by all.

Charlotte WD8RIM suggested to try and get sponsors for next year's event to cover Jim's expenses.

December's meeting will begin one hour early at 6 pm for the pot luck dinner. The business meeting will begin about 7 pm. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

### **New business:**

Brian K8HY got new tires for the club trailer; \$246.70 was spent on the tires.

Brian looked at the trailer frame and it is in good condition. Side windows need to be sealed; there is an issue with water. Roof might need attention. Interior needs attention. New power supply needs to be installed for the radios and wiring repaired. Brian will do the repairs as needed.

A motion by Gordy KC8YVD was made to approve up to \$200 for repairs on the trailer, the motion was seconded by Fred KE8CQO, and approved by all

A motion was made by Mike KD8MMH to Reimburse Rob KC8IJN for the mileage for transporting the club trailer to the Christmas at the Zoo event. \$20 was approved by all. Tom N8EUI will send Rob a check.

Ron KC8YVF will remind Mark at county about getting new tire on the county trailer; they are over 17 year old and need to be replaced before the May MS Walk in Frankenmuth.

SVARA will again participate in Winter Field Day the last weekend in January.

Brian K8HY will do a presentation on 3D printing at a future club meeting.

### **ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be January 23, 2025 – at the airport at 7pm. Meeting topic will be determined.
- 911 needs work to update radios, computers and cable management.

### **Presentation**

Mike KD8MMH did a presentation on the App “What Three Words”.

### **Results of the SVARA 2025 elections for Officials and Board:**

**President** – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH

**Vice President** – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY

**Secretary** – Ron Huss KC8YVF

**Treasure** – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

**3-year Board seat** –Fred Bolger KE8QCO (2025-2027)

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Mike KD8MMH. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
Secretary

## 2024 SVARA Officers

**President** – Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
**Vice-President** – Brian Kleinfeld K8HY  
**Secretary** – Ron Huss, KC8YVF  
**Treasurer** – Tom Schmidt N8EUI

**Board Member** – Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
**Board Member** – Mary Paquette WB8LZA  
**Board Member** – Renee' Paquette KE8MYJ

## 2024 SVARA Appointments

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Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY

Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

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