



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 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 12/5/2025

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:08 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Mike Linton N8XPS
Char O'Connor WD8RIM
Doc O'Connor K8DO
Jeff Fulton K8KCI
Mike Bright KF8EDQ
Doug Brinks N8NTN
Rob Wright KC8IJN
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Brian Klienfeld K8HY

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for November, Doc K8DO, 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 N8XPS. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ was not present. Mike KD8MMH reported, LCARA Sterling Heights

Contest Report

Up-coming contests – State QSO parties

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 12/6 at the new time of **8:30** am at Riverside Family Restaurant in Freeland. There will be no board meeting in December.

Old business:

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Holiday in the Heart of the City event. SVARA will again be at the Children's Zoo to fill out Santa Grams. Setup will begin at 5-5:30 with the event starting at 6 pm.

Mike KD8MMH asked for funds to support the event. Gordy KC8YVD made a motion for up to \$500 for hotel, dinner, and fuel for Jim Wade. The motion was seconded by Jeff K8KCI. Motion was carried by all.

Mike KD8MMH reported on a phishing attempt for information for the bank SVARA uses for our accounts. The email wanted us to verify information. Any SVARA members that might receive an email asking for club information should not open the email or click on any links and provide that information to the club president Mike KD8MMH.

Nominations for Club Officers

President: Mike Dougherty KD8MMH (*current president*)

Vice President: Brian Klienfeld K8HY (*current VP*)

Secretary: Ron Huss KC8YVF (*current Secretary*)

Treasurer: Tom Schultz N8EUI (*current Treasurer*)

Open Board Member: Mike Linton N8XPS

Nominations were closed

New business:

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to reimburse Rob KC8IJN for fuel money for transporting the club trailer to the Christmas at the Zoo event. \$35 was approved by Ron KC8YVF and seconded by Jeff K8KCI.

There was a good turnout for the Christmas at the Zoo and we handled about 125 Santa Grams.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club presentation – SAR presentation

Jeff K8KCI asked about club shirts. Mike KD8MMH reported that a T-shirt would cost \$14.70 including tax and a sweatshirt would cost \$30 plus tax. There will be a \$2 additional charge for XXL and a \$3 additional charge for XXXL sizes. Polo, jackets and vests would have to be ordered by the individual and SandLot Sports on Midland Rd and Weiss. We need a minimum of 12 T-shirts and/or sweatshirts to place an order. If you want a T-shirt or sweatshirt contact Ron KC8YVF at ronwhuss@gmail.com and him know what you want and what size.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be January 22, 2026

Election of Club Officers and Board Members

These are the 2026 Election of club officers and board members:

President: Mike Dougherty KD8MMH (*current president*)

Vice President: Brian Klienfeld K8HY (*current VP*)

Secretary: Ron Huss KC8YVF (*current Secretary*)

Treasurer: Tom Schultz N8EUI (*current Treasurer*)

Open Board position: Mike Linton N8XPS

Elections were closed at 7:54 pm

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm, motion by Mike KD8MMH, seconded by Jeff K8KCI. Motion carried by all.

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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Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

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Contesting

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APRS/WX

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