



# 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: 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 1/3/2025**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:05 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Dave Paquette W8DW – online  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Dennis O'Connor K8DO  
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA  
Charlotte O'Connor WD8RIM  
Randy Mey KE8AHW

### **Introductions**

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for December, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Charlotte WD8RIM. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for December – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Dennis K8DO, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. 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 – Ritty Roundup, State QSO parties, CW-CQWW

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 1/4 at 9:00 am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.  
There will be a board meeting on January 15, 2025 at Bigby on Bay Rd. All members are welcome to attend.

### **Old 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.

**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)

**New business:**

Thursday 1/9 Midland club will have their annual holiday dinner at the Red Oak restaurant in Sanford. Midland does VE testing, if interested, contact Mike KD8MMH.

Mike KD8MMH received an email about a SK. Dave W8DW contacted the person and will help in selling items for the family. A list can be found on the clubs website under Donations. Items that do not sell by March will be donated to the club to sell.

Ron KC8YVF has put the item list on the club website for review.

Mike KD8MMH took the list to the Midland Club meeting for anyone who might be interested in purchasing an item.

Winter Field Day will be the weekend of January 25 and 26. Anyone interested in helping with setup, tear down or operating a station should contact Ron, KC8YVF.

The board will meet on January 15 to elect a board president, club call trustee, repeater committee and trailer committee.

**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
- Winter Field Day will be the last weekend of January.

**Presentation**

Winter Field Day will be discussed.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Dennis K8DO. Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Secretary

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**SVARA Board Meeting January 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)

**Board Chairman for 2025:**

The board selected Mike KD8MMH as board president for 2025

**Repeater Trustee Appointment for 2025:**

The board selected Dennis O'Connor K8DO as trustee for the club calls and repeaters for 2025

**Repeater Committee Appointees for 2025:**

- 1 Ron KC8YVF
- 2 Mike KD8MMH
- 3 Dave W8DW
- 4 Rick KC8VOA
- 5 Jeff KB8SWR
- 6 Brian K8HY
- 7 Dennis K8DO

**Trailer Committee Appointees for 2025:**

- 1 Brian K8HY - Lead
- 2 Ron KC8YVF
- 3 Mike KD8MMH
- 4 Rob KC8IJN
- 5 Fred KE8QCO
- 6 Rick KC8VOA

**Webmaster:**

Ron KC8YVF will continue as Webmaster for the club and ARES websites for 2025

**Newsletter Editor:**

Ron KC8YVF will continue as the newsletter editor for the club for 2025

**PIO:**

Tom N8EUI will continue as PIO for the club for 2025

**Other Business:**

2025 dues will remain at \$12 for the next year

Dave W8DW stated that he would not continue as club trustee. He stated that Dennis O'Connor K8DO would be interested in taking the position. The board approved the change.

The K8DAC call is up in 2026, The KD8KDP call is up in 2029.

The D-Star, Fusion and 220 radios are on the KD8KDP call; the other repeaters operated by the club are on the K8DAC call.

Tom received a letter from the Michigan QSO Party board asking if SVARA would be interested in donating to the organization to sponsoring an award. The cost would be \$70. The board will bring it to the membership of the club for the February meeting.

Dave W8DW stated that he received a call from a woman who's family member had passed away and wanted help selling some radio equipment. Dave went over to the woman's house to inventory the

equipment. The items will be offered to SVARA and other local area club members. Those items that do not sell will be donated to the SVARA club. There is an attached list.

Rick KC8VOA asked what is the process if the club trustee could no longer fulfill their duties. The board stated that it would then appoint a new trustee to the position at the next board meeting.

Rick also asked if there are any passwords or emails needed for the trustee. Dave W8DW will provide that information to the board and new trustee.

Ron KC8YVF talked about the upcoming Winter Field Day. Right now the station captions are Tom N8EUI, Fred KE8QCO, Ron KC8YVF and Doc K8DO. Mike KD8MMH will be there for setup and operation support.

Fred KE8QCO stated that he has applied for VE and is willing to help if SVARA begins VE testing in the future.

**Carry over items:**

Each officer will fill out a list of their duties and responsibilities for posting to the club records.

Also the Webmaster will complete a list of their duties and responsibilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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

### Newsletter Editor

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

### Emergency Coordinator

Ron Huss, KC8YVF 989-799-2679

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### Public Info Officer

Tom Schmidt N8EUI 989-270-8974 |

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### Repeater Committee

Dennis O'Connor, K8DO(Trustee)

Mike Dougherty, KD8MMH (President)

Ron Huss, KC8YVF

Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY

Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA

Jeff Metiva, KB8SWR

Tom Schmidt, N8EUI

Renee Paquette, KE8MYJ

Dave Paquette, W8DW

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## SVARA Elmers

CW (Morse Code)

Contesting

Digital Modes

Winlink

APRS/WX

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