



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 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 3/7/2025

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:01 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Dave Paquette W8DW – online
Mary Paquette WB8LZA – online
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Dennis O'Connor K8DO
Rick Schattilly KC8VOA
Charlotte O'Connor WD8RIM
Clayton Badgero KE8CB
Warren Nowicki KF8BNK
Mike Linton N8XPS
Thomas Hickmott KC8VUQ
Jeff Metiva KB8SWR
Randall Mey KE8AHW
Thomas Jensen

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for February, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for February – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Dennis K8DO, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ was not present. Cadillac Swap May 3

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests – QSO Parties, CQWW SSB at end of month

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 3/8 at 9:00 am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.
There will be no board meeting in March.

Old business:

Ron KC8YVF reported on Winter Field Day Results

Tom N8EUI got an email from the Mad River Radio Club looking for donations for the Michigan QSO Party. The club will send \$70 to the MRRC for award support. Motion made by Mike KD8MMH and seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

Tom N8EUI will pay for the clubs PO box for 2025. The cost has gone up again another \$10.

Mike KD8MMH talked about plans for the 70th Anniversary Party in 2026. The board will begin planning later in the year.

VE Testing is changing to all online at the end of the year. Midland club stated that they will no longer

give testing sessions after the switch. SVARA will look at possibly starting our own testing sessions with the new online procedure.

New Club Members -

- James Harrington
- Jeff Fulton
- Pat Russell
- Wendy Russel

Motion was made by Mike KD8MMH to accept the new members, motion carried by all.

New business:

Mike KD8MMH stated that SVARA would like to get 2 tables at the Cadillac swap to sell equipment from the different estate sales. Rick KC8VOA made the motion to reserve two tables that was seconded by Fred KE8QCO, motion accepted by all.

Dave W8DW will check to see what is left from the Vern Tolles estate and what is in Dave N8ERL's hanger from the Eichhorn estate.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland Dow Run/Walk will be June 7. They need operators to staff the course.

Doc K8DO has a 1980 Harmonic Newsletter to donate to the club archive with a photo from that time.

Ron KC8YVF did a presentation on a proposed antenna upgrade for the Saginaw Winlink Node. Gordy KC8YVD made a motion to spend up to \$1500 on the 3 new antennas and need supplies. Tom N8EUI seconded the motion, which was carried by all.

Jeff KB8SWR is working on the 6-meter repeater to get it back online.

Rick KC8VOA mentioned the 70th anniversary of the club coming up in 2026. A committee will be needed to begin planning.

Jeff KB8SWR asked if there is an interest for a 10-meter repeater. The club will consider.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Ron KC8YVF and Mike KD8MMH attended the county TableTop Exercise on March 5
- Next ARES meeting will be March 27, 2025 – at the airport at 7pm. Meeting topic is Working with Public Safety Officials
- MBS Airport and Saginaw County will have a functional exercise on May 7, mark your calendars
- In-person Skywarn training in Saginaw County will be Wednesday April 23. If you need to update your certification and cannot make this training, check the NWS Skywarn calendar for other sites or online training. <https://www.weather.gov/dtx/spotter2>

Presentation

POTA activation presented by Clayton KE8CB.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. 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)

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