



# 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

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

The club breakfast will be held at Sullivan’s restaurant on Gratiot Rd at 8:30 am.

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

**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.

**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 5/3/2024**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:06 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Fred Bolger KE8QCO  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Greg Smith KE8WXJ  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Brian Kleinfeld K8HY  
Raul KE8LYV

### **Introductions**

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

Treasury report for April – 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 reported on up-coming swaps, Cadillac May 4, Shelby Twp May 11, Dayton May 17-19, Hudsonville Jun 1, Chelsea Jun 2, Midland Jun 15

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW was not present; there are no contests in May

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 5/4 at 8:30 am at Sullivan's on Gratiot  
There will no board meeting for May.

### **Old business:**

Midland Walk was on April 29, they had about 120 walkers

The Midland club along with Midland High School will have their balloon launch on May 4. Tracking will be available on APRS.fi

### **New business:**

Mike received an email from the family of a SK in Bay City about some radio equipment that the family wants to donate. Mike KE8MMH and Dave W8DW will go and see what they have.

Midland has a new EC. His name is Ric Sauer, KD0RMK

Ron KC8YVF talked about MFJ closing. They will close their manufacturing facilities on May 17 but the website will remain open until their inventory is sold.

Mike KD8MMH talked about the club insurance. Midland will go with the ARRL insurance also.

Tom N8EUI talked about Field Day PIO letters going out to the media, politicians and other public officials.

**ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be May 23 – Vacation Go Kits
- Frankenmuth MS Walks still needs operators
- Skywarn training – if you still need to get your training for this year, check the National Weather Service website at [Weather.gov/DTX](http://Weather.gov/DTX)

**Presentation**

Ron KC8YVF will do a presentation on Personal Radio Services.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:06 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  
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