



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 5/2/2025

The meeting was called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:02 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH
Ron Huss KC8YVF
Dave Paquette W8DW - Online
Mary Paquette WB8LZA - Online
Tom Schmidt N8EUI
Warren Nowicki KF8BNK
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ
Gordy Schram KC8YVD
Randy Mey KE8AHW
Jack Robinson K8GTG
Fred Bolger KE8QCO
Doug Brinks N8NTN
Joseph Goddeyne KA8FHW
Renee Paquette KD8MYJ
Char O'Connor WD8RIM
Doc O'Connor K8DO

Introductions

Mike KD8MMH asked for a motion to accept the Secretary report for April, Gordy KC8YVD, motion to accept, seconded by Minnie KD8PAZ. Motion carried by all.

Treasury report for April – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Warren KF8BNK, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD. Motion carried by all.

Swap Meet Report

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming contests – Cadillac May 3, Dayton Hamvention May 16, 17, 18, Hudsonville Ham Fest, Hudsonville June 6-7, NewBerry June 7, Marshall June 8, Shelby Township May 10

Contest Report

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests - State QSO Parties

Announcements

Club breakfast Saturday 5/3 at 9:00 am at Levis Food and Spirits on Brockway.
There will be no board meeting in May.

Old business:

Ron KC8YVF received a reply from the Ukraine about the antennas for the Winlink Node

Mike KD8MMH reported that some of our repeaters need to be re-coordinated

Ron KC8YVF stated that there was a install party at 911 on Saturday 3/29. New computers, monitors and a printer were installed to replace the 12+ year old computers.

Mike KD8MMH stated that there will be in-person Skywarn trainings in Bay City and Saginaw on 4/23.

Tom N8EUI stated that the club has 3 tables for the Cadillac swap on May 4. The club will be selling items from the various estate donations.

Mike KD8MMH reported on the Midland club. They had a presentation on SDR radio presented by Jack K8GTG

Tom N8EUI has a Mosley TA-30 antenna for sale. Contact Tom for more information.

Ron KC8YVF stated that the domain for K8DAC.com has been paid.

New business:

Midland had their annual balloon launch on May 4

Wednesday May 7 is the MBS/Saginaw County Emergency Exercise. Anyone that wants to participate contact Ron KC8YVF.

The April in-person Skywarn training was cancelled due to an issue with the presenter. No new training will be scheduled.

May 10 is the Frankenmuth MS Walk, operators are still needed to staff to course. If interested, contact Ron KC8YVF.

Field Day 2025 is fast approaching. It will be held on June 28-29 in Kochville at our usual location. Anyone interested in operating a station or helping out, contact Ron, KC8YVF or Mike KD8MMH
Next June is the clubs 70th anniversary. We will be looking for members to help plan the event.

VE Testing will be going to Online only next year. Fred KE8QCO has volunteered to look at what is needed to do in-person testing with the new system. The Midland Club is no longer going to do testing with the new system.

ARES Report

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be May 22, 2025 – at the airport at 7pm. Meeting topic is a review of the May county exercise
- MBS Airport and Saginaw County will have a functional exercise on May 7.
- The Frankenmuth MS Walk will be on May 10, operators are still needed.

Presentation

Ron KC8YVF will do a presentation on How to measure your radio harmonics with the TinySA.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by All.
Motion carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Huss, KC8YVF
Secretary

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