



# 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:**

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 Levi’s Food & Spirits restaurant on 5800 Brockway Rd at 9:00 am. All dates are Saturdays. January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 8, 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 9/6/2024**

The meeting called to order by Mike KD8MMH at 7:11 pm who led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Attendance**

Mike Dougherty KD8MMH  
Minnie Passmore KD8PAZ  
Ron Huss KC8YVF  
Dave Paquette W8DW  
Mary Paquette WB8LZA  
Gordy Schram KC8YVD  
Tom Schmidt N8EUI  
Raul Costoya KE8LYV  
Randy Mey, KE8AHW  
Rick Schattilly, KC8VOA  
Brian Kleinfeld, K8HY  
Warren Nowicki, KF8BNK

### **Introductions**

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

Treasury report for August – Tom N8EUI reported on financial state of the club, motion to accept by Ron KC8YVF, seconded by Rick KC8VOA. Motion carried by all.

### **Swap Meet Report**

Minnie KD8PAZ reported on up-coming swaps – 9/7 Coldwater, 9/7 Wyoming, 9/8 Findly OH, 9/14 West Branch, 9/15 Adrian, 9/28 Gaylord

### **Contest Report**

Dave W8DW reported on up-coming contests – State QSO Parties, 80 meter contest weekend of 9/7

### **Announcements**

Club breakfast Saturday 9/7 at 9:00 am at Levis' on State St (*Sullivan's no longer open for breakfast*)

There will be no board meeting for September.

The club Auction will be held on Saturday September 21 at noon at Harry Browne Airport

### **Old business:**

Dave N8ERL made a motion, seconded by Gordy KC8YVD to accept Dave LaRue KE8PCQ as a new member of SVARA. Motion was carried by all.

Ron KC8YVF reported on Field Day results. Information can be found on the K8DAC website.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the Meshtastic repeater. CMEN will put up Station G2 devices at Rosien Towers and Frankenmuth. The club will table putting up our own devices until we see that the CMEN group has in store.

Ron KC8YVF reported on the GMRS repeater that is in Saginaw at Covenant Harrison. The FCC has clarified the regulations that GMRS repeaters cannot be linked to another GMRS repeater. Wording on the FCC website and part 95 are not clear on this issue.

Clayton KE8CB asked if anyone is interested in doing POTA activations. Clayton has done several along with Dave from Midland.

**New business:**

October presentation will be new and cool gadgets, bring in your cool gear to show other members.

Club Auction will be on Saturday September 21 starting at noon.

Ron KC8YVF will conduct a project day following auction at 2 pm, we will build basic cable testers.

Rick KC8VOA talked about Meshtastic frequencies are 902-928 are being threatened by a company that wants to build a backup GPS network, the FCC is taking comments from interested parties.

Holiday in the Heart of the City will again happen in November the Friday before Thanksgiving. Jim Wade is planning to attend this year. His room has been booked but will need to be paid for to secure the room he wants.

Motion to accept a new member, Warren Nowicki KF8BNK, motion by Mary WB8LZA and seconded by Rick KC8VOA, motion carried by all.

**Midland Club notes**

- Midland had their elections in September. They have a new VP in Paul. They retained the same president, secretary and treasurer.
- Presentation was done by a 16 year old high school senior on a Nextear Project

**ARES Report**

Ron KC8YVF reported on ARES events

- Next ARES meeting will be September 25 – This will be held at the conference room at 911 at 7pm.
- The Fall SET will be held on Saturday October 12, mark your calendars
- The county trailer is due for new tires, Mark at county will look in to replacing them.

**Presentation**

Vintage Show-and-Tell – bring your oldest or unique radio gear for demonstration.

Mike KD8MMH asked for motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm, motion by Gordy KC8YVD, seconded by Rick, KC8VOA. 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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