

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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February 2018

COMING EVENTS

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| February | 9 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 18-19 | ARRL CW DX Contest
0000 UTC Saturday – 2359 UTC Sunday |
| | 25 | Antique Radio Club of IL Swapmeet, American Legion 570 South Gary Ave, Carol Stream, 7-10 a.m. |
| | 25 | La Porte IN ARC Hamfest Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, La Porte. 7a.m. - 1 p.m. Talkin 01/61 (131.8) |
| March | 4-5 | ARRL Phone DX Contest |
| | 5 | Sterling-Rock Falls ARS Hamfest, Challand Middle School, 1700 – 6th Avenue. Sterling IL Open 7:30 a.m. |

HAM SWAP AND SHOP AT MARCH 9 MEETING

Our annual Spring Swap and Shop will take place following a brief business meeting next month on March 9, so start rummaging through your “odds and ends” – please bring Amateur Radio related items only – transceivers, hand held radios, antennas, coax, connectors, microphones, test equipment, handbooks, etc.

Be sure to tag everything. And, if it doesn't sell, you **MUST** take it back – you can't leave anything behind! There is no charge for selling, and our Swap & Shop is not limited to Club members, so please tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome.

DUES PAST DUE FOR 2018 NOW

Final dues notice – dues are past due for 2018. Dues are \$20, except for second family members, students under the age of 18 or seniors 65 and older up to the age of 90, for which the fee is \$12. Members age 90 and above who have been Club members for five years or more are exempt from paying dues. Please see our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y at the meeting or remit by check to Robert Sebonia, 5118 South Meade Avenue, Chicago IL 60638. Thanks for your continued support!

NEXT ARRL VEC LICENSE EXAMS APRIL 28 IN SUMMIT

Our next Six Meter Club ARRL VEC license exam session will be held Saturday morning, April 28 from 10 a.m until Noon in the Board Room of the Summit Public Library, 6233 South Archer Road – parking behind building.

Testing for all Amateur license elements will be available. Preregistration is recommended; walk-ins will be accepted as time and space permit. Applicants may preregister by emailing our VE Captain, Bob, AK9Y, at AK9Y@arrl.net. The exam fee this year is \$15.00, exact cash or check payable to “Six Meter Club of Chicago”. Currently licensed applicants seeking to upgrade must bring their original license and a copy, and all applicants must present positive photo ID such as a driver's license.

FEBRUARY 9 MEETING PROGRAM ON CRYSTALS

We are pleased to announce that the program at our February meeting has been arranged by Jerry, WB9GTO, and will be about “Quartz Crystals.”

If you have a suggestion for a program and would like to present it yourself or recommend a friend who can do so, please propose your idea to our Program Chair, Joe, KC9TQF for scheduling.

**Minutes of the January 12, 2018
Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, WD9GJK, AK9Y, KC9IDS, W9WSS.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the *HALO*. Jim stated that we have reserved Saturday, December 22, 2018 for our next luncheon at the Bohemian Crystal as well.

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y presented the financial report. Bob, W9AVB performed the required annual financial audit and reported that everything appeared to be in good order. AK9Y reminded everyone that our next VE test session will be Saturday, April 28 at the Summit Public Library Dues are now payable and past due for 2018.

Mike, WD9GJK reported that he and Gail have begun to work on plans for our Hamfest.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 17 members and one guest present.

Joe, KC9TQF stated that Jerry, WB9GTO has arranged for a guest speaker at our February meeting, who will present a program on quartz crystals.

Will, K9WSS reported on the upcoming Illinois Repeater Association annual meeting, which will take place Saturday, March 17 in Champaign. Will is currently the IRA Secretary/Treasurer.

WA9FIH thanked members for participating in the December Ten Meter Contest, band conditions were poor with little DX. Jim had printed forms for the January VHF Contest and reminded members to get on the air, simplex channels only. He requested a deposit check for the DuPage Fair Assn. for our 2018 Hamfest – motion made, seconded, carried. Jim also stated that our 2018 December meeting would be a luncheon at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant on December 22.

WA9FIH reopened officer nominations for 2018. All of the incumbent officers were declared elected by acclamation: President, WA9FIH; Vice President-Recording Secretary, KC9TQF; Secretary, WD9GJK; Treasurer, AK9Y; Sergeant-At-Arms, KC9IDS; Member-at-Large, K9WSS. K9WSS appointed Ryan, W9UEY as the second Member-at-Large.

WA9FIH reminded everyone that our March meeting program will be our annual Spring Swap and Shop. There being no further business, Jim held the attendance drawing:

First:	Frank, W9EHC
Second:	Dawn, KA9ERS
Third:	Bill, KC9KLA

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

-- Joe Noga, KC9TQF
Recording Secretary/V.P.

**NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9**

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held a half hour prior to our regular meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, February 9, in our usual meeting room at St. John's Lutheran Church.

**DIGITAL SLOW SCAN TV
NET THURSDAY EVENINGS**

Don't forget that we have a Digital Slow Scan TV Net every Thursday evening for about an hour, beginning at 7:00 p.m., on our two meter repeater. We use EasyPal software which can be downloaded free from the Internet.

**SIX METER ROUNDTABLE
EACH TUESDAY AT 8 P.M.**

Our Six Meter Roundtable Activity Net meets on 50.130 MHz USB Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m., usually for about a half hour. Help keep the band active and join in the ragchew – tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

**CLUB LOGO CAPS, PATCHES
AVAILABLE AT MEETING**

A limited quantity of white baseball-style caps with the Six Meter Club logo patch affixed are available from Jim, WA9FIH for \$6.00 each. The caps, with adjustable headband, are available either in cotton corduroy for cool weather wear, or in the lighter half mesh polyester style. Iron-on embroidered club patches for application to shirts or jackets, 2-3/8" x 3-1/2", are also available from the Club for \$1.75 each. American Flag patches in the same size are available for 75 cents each. See Jim at the next meeting.

**UPCOMING 2018
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

Listed below are all known hamfests and radio swap meets in the local area:

February	24	Cabin Fever Hamfest LaPorte IN
	25	ARCI, Carol Stream
March	4	Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
	18	Tri-County ARS Jefferson WI
	24	MRAC, Milwaukee WI
April	7	Madison WI Hamfest
	29	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	6	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich
June	17	Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	7	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
	8	Fox River Radio League Aurora IL
August	24-25	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
September	23	CFMC Radio Expo Belvidere IL
October	7	ARCI, Carol Stream
December	9	ARCI, Carol Stream

**BEN, N9TVM A SILENT
KEY AT AGE 101**

We are very sorry to report the passing of Ben Niedzielski, N9TVM from LaGrange Park on January 22 at age 101 – our eldest member. Ben received his Technician license, and subsequent upgrade to General Class, through classes offered by our Club through the Park District of LaGrange Park in the early 1990's.

A WW II Army Air Corps pilot, Ben was a retired Chicago Public Schools high school teacher, and pioneered classroom simulator driver education

programs in the Chicago schools. He was very active for many years assisting with Club activities such as Field Day, our Hamfest, and special events, as well as public service activities.

In lieu of flowers, a donation will be made in Ben's name to the Club's Scholarship Fund which is administered by the ARRL Foundation.

**ARCI SWAP MEET
FEBRUARY 25**

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their next swap meet Sunday morning, February 25 at the American Legion Post in Carol Stream, 570 North Gary Avenue – a block north of Geneva Road. The indoor meet usually begins shortly after 6 a.m. and continues until about 10 a.m. No charge for admission, but due to limited space, sellers must be ARCI members. ARCI holds six meets each year, including their June meet at our Hamfest. For more information, check their web site, www.antique-radios.org.

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

Moving out of state, selling my ham gear which was all operating well when last used but has not been powered up for some time so must be treated accordingly. Original manuals with most gear. Equipment includes:

ICOM IC-2100H 2 M FM, Hallicrafters SR-46A, Astatic D-104 mic, Shure 444 Desk Mic, Heathkit SB-110 6 M SSB w/spkr/PS; SB-303 RCVR + SB-401 Xmtr 10-80 M, transceive together; SB-500 2 M Transverter. Make offers.

Mike Corbett, ex-K9ENZ
939 Blue Aster Drive
Romeoville IL
(815)954-4767

For Sale:

Yaesu FT-901DM w/AM filter + desk mic \$500/ofr

Yaesu matching antenna tuner.....\$100 firm

Yaesu FT-767 HF + 6, 2, 432 + hand mic...\$600/ofr

Tom Dombrowski, K9BVQ
5426 South 72nd Court
Summit IL 60501
708-496-8982

For Sale:

Hustler 4BTV 10-40 Meter 4 Band Trap Vertical
Brand New! Never in wind or weather, list \$160
asking \$100/best offer

Tom Kraus, N9HWV
847-839-7343

For Sale:

Extech 480400 Phase Sequence Tester\$80/Offer

Fluke 33 True RMS Clamp-on Meter.....\$100/Offer

Fluke 13000S Flex 24 AC Current Probe...\$100/Offer

Fluke 87V True RMS Multimeter\$225/Offer

Heathkit HO-13 Panadaptor.....\$100

Knight Kit Star Roamer General Coverage AM
BC Band + Short Wave SWL Receiver.....\$35

National HRO-60 Receiver, recapped and in
excellent condition with original manual,
matching speaker, nine coil sets for shortwave
bands including bandspread on ham bands,
cabinet to hold unused coil drawers. Also
includes a plug-in SSB product detector from
a QST article which fits in space intended for a
NBFM adapter (no mods to the radio). \$400

Shure 404B Hand Mic, new in the box.....\$30

Multi MPA-250 Biamp, 250 Watt Public Address
Amp in rack cabinet, like new.....\$150

Ron Fitzgerald, K9ZWR
5555 South Neva Avenue
Chicago IL 60638
773-586-3276
ronfitz5555@yahoo.com

For Sale:

ICOM ID-880H Dual Band 2m/440 conventional +
\Digital transceiver, 50 Watts, D-Star. OPC-478U
USB Cable, CD, DC power cable, separation cable,
mobile mounting kit, manual, original box.....\$400

Bob Weiss, W9AVB
6339 South Kostner Avenue
Chicago IL 60629
773-571-2213

For Sale:

KLM 440-27 UHF Yagi w/Balun, used.....\$50

CushCraft 2 Mtr 124WB Boomer 4 el, like new.....\$40

CushCraft 2 M 10 el Twist beam A144-20T used.....\$50

Finco 2 Meter 5 el twist beam A 2+2 H & V new... ..\$50

Finco 6 Meter 3 el Beam A6-3 used.....\$30

AEA 2 M Isopole 2 Skirt Cone Vertical new in box....\$40

Antron A99 10 Mtr Vertical, 2 available, used....\$35 each

Times Microwave LMR-400, new, runs of 190
and 196 feet.....\$200 each

Peter WB9W
773-425-6155 or
WB9W1949@yahoo.com

For Sale:

Crystals for 222 MHz Midland 13-509, Clegg FM-76
And Cobra 200 radios. Many repeater pairs and
simplex channels available. SASE or email for a list.
\$5.00 each, \$9.00 pair plus postage.

Heathkit HG-10B VFO, 80-2 Mtrs, very clean
and with documentation. Matches DX-60B.....\$60

Tektronix 535A Classic Oscilloscope with several
plug-ins and matching cart, exc. cond.....\$100/offer

Jim Novak, WA9FIH
2335 South 2nd Avenue
North Riverside IL 60546-1308
708-442-4961
WA9FIH@arrl.net

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