

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

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February 2016

COMING EVENTS

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| February | 12 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 13 | MRAC & MAARS Swapfest
12560 West Townsend Street
Brookfield WI 8 a.m. - Noon
Talkin 145.130 or 145.390
Repeaters (127.3 Hz) |
| | 20-21 | ARRL CW DX Contest
0000Z Saturday – 2359 Z
Sunday |
| | 27 | La Porte County ARC Cabin
Fever Hamfest, Civic Auditorium, 101 Ridge Street,
La Porte IN 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Talkin 146.610 rpt (131.8 Hz) VE testing 9 a.m. |
| March | 4 | Hamfesters Radio Club White
Elephant Sale, 7:30 p.m.,
Crestwood Community Center
14025 S. Kostner Avenue |

KC9TQF BECOMES NEW CLUB PROGRAM CHAIR

Joe, KC9TQF has volunteered to fill our vacant position of Program Chair. With the assistance of our members, he hopes to present a variety of programs that we will all enjoy. Our March and October meetings usually feature a semi-annual mini-swap meet, and the December meeting is actually our Holiday Dinner, leaving the other nine months open – so let's all help Joe out in identifying speakers, videos, etc. which do not necessarily have to be all related to Amateur Radio. Please discuss your program suggestion with Joe, either at the next meeting, or email him at Joseph.f.Noga@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

DUES PAST DUE FOR 2016 NOW!

Are you paid up? – dues are payable for 2016, \$20 for regular members, \$12 for Seniors or second family members. 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!

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FROM THE ARRL JANUARY VHF CONTEST

Thanks to all who were able to participate in the January ARRL VHF Contest – despite rather poor propagation this year, at least a dozen members were heard on the air!

If you did your logging with pencil and paper, John, K9JK has offered to transcribe it to electronic logging – just bring your paperwork with you to the meeting this month and he will assist you! John operated Rover during the contest, and also has a new email address: hamk9jk@gmail.com or k9jk@arrl.net. Many thanks for all your help, John!

HR 1301, S. 1685 STILL NEED OUR SUPPORT!

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015, H.R. 1301, which would direct the FCC to extend its rules requiring reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions, is still in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired by Rep. Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR). In order to get this measure onto the floor of the House, it needs a lot of supporters, including YOU!

An identical bill, S. 1685, has been introduced in the Senate by U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), with co-sponsorship by Senator Al Franken (D-MN). Check the ARRL web site for details on how you can contact your Representative and Senator to express support for these important bills.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2016 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, AK9Y, WD9GJK, K9WSS, KC9IDS.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the November 2015 meeting minutes and to accept them as printed in the *HALO*.

WA9FIH thanked members who were able to operate during the ARRL Ten Meter Contest and reminded everyone to submit their logs to ARRL. Jim also asked members to do whatever they could to help the Club score in the ARRL January VHF Contest Jan. 30-31.

Bob, AK9Y presented his financial report and stated that the financial records had been audited as required by our by-laws. Jim, N9TUQ reported on behalf of the Audit Committee and said that everything appeared to be in good order. He also suggested that a date more in advance of elections be established to provide more time for the Audit Committee to meet.

Mike, WD9GJK received correspondence from the Medinah Radio Club announcing a reception at their new ham station, K9FEZ. He also received correspondence from AMSAT (SMCC is a Life Member Club supporting AMSAT).

Gary, KC9IDS reported that there were 22 members and two guests in attendance.

WA9FIH reopened nominations for 2016 Officers. There being no additional nominations, the incumbents were all declared re-elected by acclamation: President, Jim, WA9FIH; Vice President and Recording Secretary, Joe, KC9TQF; Secretary, Mike, WD9GJK; Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y; Sergeant at Arms, Gary, KC9IDS; Member at Large, Will, K9WSS. Will chose Ryan, W9UEY as the appointed Member at Large..

Will, K9WSS reported that the battery backup UPS system is in place and working at the 440 repeater site. He also explained the problem that the Illinois Repeater Assn. and other similar groups have had with ARRL regarding updating the League's repeater directory. For up to date Illinois info, check www.ilra.net.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide the DuPage Fair Assn. with a \$1000 deposit for our Hamfest, which will be Sunday, June 19.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse WA9FIH \$70 for purchase of the correct antenna tuner which matches our Drake TR-7 station.

Hamfest tickets and flyers will be distributed at our February meeting.

AK9Y stated that he has updated the Club's web site with current information.

The attendance drawing winners were:

First -- Mike, WD9GJK
Second -- Tom, N9HWV
Third -- Gene, KB9OYQ

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, passed, adjourned at 8:15. Following adjournment WD9GJK held the 50/50 drawing.

Joe Noga, KC9TQF
V.P. and Recording Secretary

NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, February 26 at the LaGrange Park Village Hall Community Room, 447 N. Catherine.

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, this is not limited to Club members, everyone is welcome!

DIGITAL SLOW SCAN TV NET THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Club's Digital Slow Scan TV Net meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on our two meter repeater, using EasyPal software which can be downloaded free from the Internet.

UPCOMING 2015-2016 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

February	7	ARCI, Carol Stream
	13	MRAC, Brookfield WI
	27	La Porte ARC, La Porte IN
March	6	Sterling-Rock Falls ARC
	20	Tri-County ARC, Jefferson WI
April	27	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	1	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich
June	19	Six Meter Club, Wheaton
July	17	KARSfest, Peotone
	30.31	ARCI Radiofest
August	7	Hamfesters RC, Peotone
September	17	Peoria Area ARC Superfest
October	2	ARCI, Carol Stream
	9	SEWFARS, Hubertus WI
November	12	ACARTS, Fort Wayne IN
December	11	ARCI, Carol Stream

SWAP AND SHOP AT SMCC MEETING MARCH 13

We're giving readers an advanced notice that the Club will have our annual Spring Swap and Shop at this month's meeting, March 13, with several tables available to display your ham-related goodies. Bring along Amateur Radio equipment – transceivers, accessories, parts, antennas, test equipment, but only ham related computer items please. And if it doesn't sell, you MUST take it back, unsold items may NOT be left behind! Selling is free to all; your non-member friends are of course welcome to bring things too.

START SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT OUR JUNE 19 HAMFEST

What's a hamfest? True, it provides an opportunity to buy and sell radio-related equipment and parts in the flea market, and new gear from dealers – but it is more than that. We offer ARRL VEC exams that bring new hams into the service, or an opportunity to those presently licensed to upgrade. It's a great social experience, too – “eyeball QSOs” with people you've talked to on the air as well as others you've never met. And you can meet with and talk to your ARRL officials as well as from AMSAT and other groups.

This year we are holding our 59th Hamfest, and the twentieth at the DuPage Fairgrounds in Wheaton. We can be justifiably proud about the way that our fest has matured, from its start as a little picnic at a picnic grove on Route 45 in Frankfort, to the major Midwest event it has become, with attendance last year from at least fourteen states!. We are also proud to have with us the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' June swap meet, and the Midwest Classic Radio Net's Hamboree – three shows in one!

Jim, WA9FIH will have flyers and tickets for members at our February meeting. Please help us spread the word – when you attend another group's hamfest or visit another club meeting, take flyers and tickets along. Do you check into nets from other ham groups? Mention the fest. Thanks for whatever YOU can do to make our 2016 Hamfest another great one!

HALOADS...

For Sale:

Heathkit IM-28 VTVM, very good condition, copy of schematic, no probe\$40 or best offer

1000 Ft. spool of CAT 5 Yellow Jacket
Computer cable.....\$75 or best offer

Yaesu FT-101B 10-160 Meter (no WARC bands) transceiver, SN 200580, original operator's manual and copy of service manual, matching Yaesu Landliner speaker and phone patch, Shure 444T desk mic, Dentron AT1-K antenna tuner. \$350 or best offer

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK
3532 Raymond Avenue
Brookfield IL 60513
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For Sale:

ICOM 271A Multimode Two Meter 10 W
with hand mic.....\$250

ICOM 471A Multimode UHF w/mic 10 W.....\$250

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:

Astatic 877HL Desk Microphone.....\$50

Hallicrafters SX-117 Ham Band HF Receiver
Excellent condition, few paint chips on top of
cabinet, front panel is perfect. With original
manual. Will transceive with a Hallicrafters
HT-44 transmitter (which is not included).....\$250

Hallicrafters HA-10 Low Frequency Converter
Accessory for SX-117 listed above. Excellent
Condition, w/manual. An uncommon item.....\$150

National HRO-60 Receiver with matching speaker,
Nine coil sets for shortwave bands including band-
spread on ham bands and cabinet to hold unused
coil drawers. Radio has been recapped and is in
excellent condition. Also includes a plug-in
SSB product detector from a QST article which
occupies space intended for a NBFM adapter (no
mods to the radio). Original manual included...\$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
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For Sale:

Dentron Clipperton-L Amplifier, Excellent Cond.
Local pick up only.....asking \$550

Dentron MT-3000A Antenna Tuner, good condition
Local Pick up only.....asking \$250

Drake MS-4 Speaker, Very good condition.....\$75

Heathkit SB-610 Monitor Scope, great condition....\$70

Rich Breckinridge, WA9BXB
3827 Kemman Avenue
Brookfield IL 60513
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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.

CASIO CT-700 Tone Bank Electronic Keyboard,
Excellent condition.....\$50

Motorola C54RCB MICOR UHF repeater on 440 ham
band, unified chassis with rcvr, transmitter, card cage,
and power amplifier. No 13.6 VDC power supply,
cabinet, or ID/controller. Working when removed from
service. Club property surplus to our needs.....\$90

National Coil Drawers for an HRO Jr. receiver,
Ranges JA, JC, and JD, all three for.....\$120

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

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*DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL, OR ARE
YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? SEND YOUR
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THE SIX METER CLUB OF CHICAGO, INC.

“We desire to promote the Interest of Amateur Radio, foster activity in the HF, VHF, and UHF bands, acquire proficiency in CW operation, provide mutual aid in matters technical. . .”

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The HALO is the official publication of the Six Meter Club of Chicago, a not-for-profit ARRL-affiliated Special Service Club incorporated in the State of Illinois and maintained by and for Radio Amateurs.

MEETINGS: Held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month (except December) at St. John’s Lutheran Church, southwest corner of 47th Street and Brainard Avenue, La Grange IL; enter through south side door adjacent to parking lot.

NETS: Six Meter Activity and Ragchew Net, Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. Central Time, 50.130 MHz USB
Two Meter FM Information Net, Tuesday evenings at 9 p.m. Central time over our K9ONA repeater, 146.37/97
ARRL Bulletins, Club news, swap shop, other items of interest to the Amateur Radio community.
Digital SSTV (Slow Scan Amateur TV) Net, Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. on our two meter repeater.

REPEATERS: The Club operates three open repeaters under the call K9ONA/R. Our Two Meter repeater, located in Hinsdale, uses 146.370 MHz input, 146.970 MHz output, with a three minute timer that must be reset with a short pause after the courtesy tone between transmissions. A 107.2 Hz subaudible (PL) tone is usually required for access. Our 220 repeater, also located in Hinsdale, uses 223.22 MHz in, 224.82 MHz out and requires a CTCSS tone of 110.9 Hz. Our UHF repeater, recently moved to Hinsdale, uses 448.300 MHz input, 443.300 MHz output, a four minute timer, and is also “PL” access, requiring a 114.8 Hz tone. The two meter and UHF repeaters also transmit the subaudible CTCSS tone. The repeaters are usually set in cross-link mode.

AFFILIATIONS: The Club is a Life Member Club supporting AMSAT, the non-profit Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation. We have been named an ARRL-affiliated Special Service Club, and belong to the Illinois Repeater Assn.

CERTIFICATES: Available for working ten Club members (five if applicant is more than 100 miles from Chicago) on either 50, 144, or 222 MHz. Stations worked must be valid Club members at time of your QSO; repeater contacts do not count. Send log data list with time, date, and band/mode to our Secretary. There is no charge for the award.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Club has endowed a perpetual scholarship administered by the ARRL Foundation. It is awarded annually subject to specific criteria listed on the ARRL web site, www.arrl.org, or available from the foundation. Applications are due by February 1 of each calendar year.

INFOLINE: Our Club’s InfoLine telephone service is available around the clock at 708-442-4961. A recorded message will brief you on Club news and coming events, and you may leave a message on our answering machine.

FACEBOOK AND YAHOO GROUP: The Club’s Facebook page is available at: www.facebook.com/groups/287932964607477/.
The Yahoo Group can be accessed at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9ONA>.

HAMFEST: Our Six Meter Club of Chicago HAMFEST is held annually on the third Sunday in June (June 19, 2016) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.