

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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March 2016

COMING EVENTS

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| March | 11 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 13 | Wisconsin QSO Party
1800Z – 0100 Z March 14 |
| | 20 | Tri-County ARC Hamfest
Jefferson WI Fairgrounds
Open 8 a.m. Talk in 145.49 Repeater (123.0 Hz) |
| April | 2 | Amateur Electronic Supply
AES Superfest 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
5710 W. Good Hope Road,
Milwaukee |

SWAP AND SHOP AT SMCC MEETING MARCH 11

Don't forget that the Club will have our annual Spring Swap and Shop at this month's meeting, March 11, with several tables available to display your ham-related goodies.

Bring along any Amateur Radio equipment – transceivers, accessories, coax cable, parts, antennas, test equipment, but only ham related computer items please. Please be sure to tag everything. 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.

FINAL REMINDER FOR 2016 DUES

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Once again this year we have received requests to provide assistance and communications support at several public events.

Sunday morning, April 24, the Hinsdale Community House is sponsoring the annual Hinsdale Walk For Autism over a 3.1 mile course.

Saturday morning, May 14, the Community Park District of LaGrange Park is holding their 25th annual Run For The Roses – a combination walk and run which also attracts hundreds of participants.

Organizers of both of these events are extremely appreciative of the part that our operators, and Amateur Radio in general, plays in making the activities safe and enjoyable. It also provides an opportunity for us to show off the public service aspects of ham radio in a very positive manner. All it takes is a little of your time. We will have sign up sheets at the upcoming meetings – please do what you can to help out!

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2016 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, AK9Y, 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 January meeting minutes and to accept them as printed in the *HALO* with correction to show that W9NHX was present.

Bob, AK9Y presented his financial report. He stated that our next ARRL license exam session will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29 in LaGrange Park. Bob also stated that a church official advised him that some vandalism to the property had occurred and that the local police would be watching the premises.

Following a brief discussion, AK9Y nominated Bob, W9AVB to be elected a Life Member in recognition of his many years of service to the Club, voted and carried.

Mike, WD9GJK was unable to attend but advised Jim that he and Gail had been working on Hamfest mailings. Anyone knowing of a dealer or potential prize donor who may be interested please contact Mike.

Gary, KC9IDS reported that there were 14 members and two guests in attendance.

Joe, KC9TQF discussed upcoming programs that he was working on for future Club meetings. Anyone with ideas or contacts for a possible program please let Joe know.

John, K9JK reported on his Rover activity during the ARRL January VHF Contest and urged members to submit their logs. He had offered to take care of transcribing any paper logs into electronic entries and Bob, W9AVB did turn in his log to John. Jim thanked John and all who participated for their efforts in helping the Club score.

WA9FIH stated that he had been contacted by the Hinsdale Community House for assistance with their annual Walk For Autism on Sunday, April 24, and by the Park District of LaGrange Park for their 25th annual Run For The Roses on Saturday, May 14.

Jim also reported on progress with our Hamfest and had tickets with him to distribute to members present, along with flyers to post on bulletin boards and hand out to anyone who may be interested in attending. We have been sending flyers with complimentary pairs of tickets for use as door prizes, to clubs holding hamfests in neighboring states.

Vern, K9LAE reported that the repeater crew will be going to Hinsdale Central to perform maintenance that will eliminate noise from the duplexer.

The attendance drawing winners were:

First -- Vern, K9LAE
Second – Bob, AK9Y
Third – Dawn, KD9EAR

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, passed, adjourned at 8:20 p.m.. Following adjournment WA9FIH held the 50/50 drawing.

Joe Noga, KC9TQF
V.P. and Recording Secretary

NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 27 at the LaGrange Park Village Hall Community Room, 447 N. Catherine. We will not have Board meetings in March and April due to holidays and VE testing.

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:

March	6	Sterling-Rock Falls ARC
	20	Tri-County ARC, Jefferson WI
April	2	AES Superfest, Milwaukee
	24	ARCI, Carol Stream
	30	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
May	1	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich
June	5	Starved Rock RC, Princeton
	19	Six Meter Club, Wheaton
July	17	KARSfest, Peotone
	30.31	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
August	7	Hamfesters RC, Peotone
September	17	Peoria Area ARC Superfest
	24	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
October	2	ARCI, Carol Stream
	9	SEWFARS, Hubertus WI
November	12	ACARTS, Fort Wayne IN
December	11	ARCI, Carol Stream

**AES PLANNING SUPERFEST
APRIL 2 IN MILWAUKEE**

Amateur Electronic Supply has issued an invitation to their annual ARRL-sanctioned Superfest, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their Milwaukee store, 5710 West Good Hope Road. This is not a hamfest (no flea market selling) but rather a series of ham events including talks and presentations on various ham related topics, manufacturer displays, etc. Door prizes, including a Kenwood TS-590SG, will be awarded, and there is no admission charge. Talk in will be on the N9LKH repeater, 145.130 (127.3 Hz).

**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 March 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

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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
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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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