

# Six Meter Club of Chicago

# HALO

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May 2016

## COMING EVENTS

- May
- 13 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, SW Corner 47<sup>th</sup> & Brainard. La Grange
  - 14 Armed Forces Day crossband Radio contacts, see article
  - 14 50 MHz Spring Sprint, 2300Z Saturday – 0300Z Sunday (6 p.m. – 10 p.m. CDT Saturday)
- June
- 5 Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest, Bureau County Fair Grounds, Princeton IL
  - 11-12 ARRL VHF QSO Party 1 p.m. Saturday – 10 p.m. Sunday CDT
  - 19 Six Meter Club Hamfest Antique Radio Club of IL Swap Meet and Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton

## SMCC HAMFEST COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Flyers for our Six Meter Club of Chicago 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 19 at the DuPage Fairgrounds in Wheaton, are available at our meetings or directly from Jim, WA9FIH. Please take some and circulate them to your friends, at other ham club meetings, post on bulletin boards, etc.

Be sure to tell your friends about the fest, which will also feature the Antique Radio Club of Illinois June Swap Meet, and the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree – three shows in one – plus VE testing, our usual great flea market, as well as indoor dealers and displays.

## ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR RUN FOR THE ROSES MAY 14

Once again this year the Park District of LaGrange Park has asked for our help in coordinating communications at the Run For The Roses 5K run and walk, which will be held Saturday morning, May 14

We will meet between 7:00 – 7:15 a.m. in the parking lot just east of the bank and north of the Jewel food store at Sherwood and Oak, east of LaGrange Road, where maps and safety vests will be distributed and posts assigned. Each communicator will also receive a T shirt from the Park District.

Jim, WA9FIH will have a sign up sheet at the May meeting. Anyone with a two meter mobile or handheld – with freshly charged battery -- can assist; all operation will be on 146.550 simplex. Non-member friends of the Club are welcome to assist, also! If you can help but can't attend our meeting, please let Jim know that you will be available – WA9FIH@aol.com.

## NEXT SMCC ARRL VEC TESTING JUNE 19 AT OUR HAMFEST

We will offer testing for all Amateur Radio license elements Sunday, June 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Six Meter Club's Hamfest, held at the DuPage County Fair Grounds, 2015 Manchester Rd., Wheaton.

The testing fee this year is \$15, check payable to "Six Meter Club of Chicago" or exact cash. Preregistration is encouraged; email our VE Captain Bob, AK9Y – [AK9Y@arrl.net](mailto:AK9Y@arrl.net). Walkins will be handled as time and space allow. Anyone currently licensed and wishing to upgrade must also bring their original FCC license and a clear copy, plus a photo ID.

Our April 29 testing in LaGrange Park yielded four applicants, a successful evening for all, one who earned his Technician and went on to pass the General, two new Tech licensees, and one who upgraded from General to Extra Class. Thanks to all ten Volunteer Examiners who assisted!

## **Minutes of the April 15, 2016 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, KC9IDS, K9WSS, W9UEY.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. After corrections were noted, it was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published in the *HALO*.

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y sent his regards from Arizona, and wanted to remind our Volunteer Examiners about the next License Test on April 29, which is posted on the ARRL web site. We will also be conducting VE testing at our Hamfest on Sunday, June 19.

WA9FIH thanked John, K9JK for noting corrections on the Spring Sprint dates. Jim has Hamfest flyers for members to take and distribute or post wherever possible. He circulated a sign up sheet for the Hinsdale Walk For Autism April 24. We have provided assistance to that charity event every year since they began nine years ago.

Mike, WD9GJK and Gail, WD9GDB were unable to attend but sent word that prizes have been arriving for the Hamfest as well as vendor reservations. Anyone who knows of a dealer of ham related products should contact Mike or Gail so they can be invited to the Hamfest.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 24 members and three guests present.

John, K9JK reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Sprint operating activities.

Will, K9WSS reported that he will represent the Club at the upcoming Illinois Repeater Assn. Meeting; he is also the ILRA Secretary-Treasurer. Will also mentioned that the best source of information about Illinois repeaters is on the [www.ILRA.net](http://www.ILRA.net) web site.

WA9FIH reported that the Park District of LaGrange Park would appreciate help again this year with the Run For The Roses which will be Saturday May 14. We will need about twenty persons to cover all locations. Jim circulated a sign up sheet and will bring it again to the May meeting. Anyone who can help and can't come to the meeting please let Jim know. We will be using 146.550 Simplex for the run.

Vern, K9LAE brought his service monitor and with help from Cindy, WA9IYZ will provide our program, a radio check-up clinic. Next month's program will be presented by Jim, N9TUQ on the history of the Grumpy Net which meets on our repeater system weekday mornings.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Virginia Fitzgerald	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dawn, KA9ERS	Present
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank, W9EHC	Present

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

-- WA9FIH for the  
Recording Secretary/V.P.

### **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, 447 North Catherine Ave. We did not have a Board meeting in April due to 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!

### **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.

## EIGHTEEN HAMS HELP AT WALK FOR AUTISM

Eighteen members and friends of the Club provided communications and traffic control assistance at the eighth annual Walk For Autism charity event in Hinsdale April 26. More than a thousand walkers participated in the three mile walk. The organizers have sent us a very nice thank you message which featured our club in bold type along with other walk supporters.

Thanks to all who helped, including W9AVB, KA9ERS, KB9FUR, N9GFY, WD9GJK, WA9IYZ, W9JGH, WA9IYZ, KC9KLA, AC9KV, KB9KRT, K9LAE, W9NHX, KC9NLA, W9NSP, KC9TQF, KC9VZH, and K9WSS, who served as net control

## UPCOMING 2016 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

June	5	SRRC, Princeton
	19	Six Meter Club/ARCI Wheaton
July	10	FRRL, Aurora
	17	KARSfest, Peotone
	30-31	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
August	7	Hamfesters, Peotone
September	17	Peoria Area ARC Superfest
	24	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
	24	CFMC Radio EXPO, Belvidere IL
October	2	ARCI, Carol Stream
December	11	ARCI, Carol Stream

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY . . .

to Patrick Shalloo, KB9KRT and his family on the passing of his father Patrick Sr. April 13. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Patrick.

## ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND CONTACTS AVAILABLE MAY 14

In celebration of the 66th anniversary of Armed Forces Day, the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military-to-Amateur Crossband Communications Test, which will take place on Saturday May 14 (Armed Forces Day is actually May 21, which conflicts with the Dayton Hamvention).

Participating military stations will transmit on MARS frequencies adjacent to the Amateur bands, and will announce the frequencies they are listening in within the ham bands for replies. Distinctive QSL cards will be issued to those contacting the military stations. For a complete listing of participating stations with frequencies and times of operation, see the MARS web site, [www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements](http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements).

(tnx ARRL)

## DIGITAL SLOW SCAN TV NET THURSDAY EVENINGS

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

## HALOADS . . .

### 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  
708-387-0245 days  
[Vincop@aol.com](mailto:Vincop@aol.com)

***SOMETHING TO SELL? GIVE YOUR INFO TO WA9FIH FOR PUBLICATION HERE NEXT MONTH!***

## MORE HALOADS . . .

### 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:

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 72<sup>nd</sup> Court  
Summit IL 60501  
708-496-8982

### For Sale:

Heathkit IM-28 VTVM, veery good condition, copy of schematic, with probe .....\$40 or best offer

1000 ft spool of CAT 5 Yellow Jacket computer cable.....\$75 or best offer

Yaesu FT-101B 10-160 M (no WARC bands), original op manual, copy of service manual, matching Yaesu Landliner spkr/phone patch, Shure 444 desk mic, Dentron AT-1K anenna tuner.....\$350 or best offer

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK  
3532 Raymond 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, including unified chassis with rcvr, transmitter, card cage, and power amplifier. Does not include 13.6 VDC power supply, cabinet, or ID/controller. Very clean, excellent working condition when removed from service. Club property surplus to our needs.....\$90

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

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