

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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September 2016

COMING EVENTS

- September
- 9 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, SW Corner 47th & Brainard. La Grange.
- 10-11 ARRL Sept. VHF Contest 1800Z Sat (1 pm) until 0300Z Monday (10 pm Sunday)
- 10-18 Route 66 On The Air
- 16 NIDXA W9DXCC Banquet & Convention, Schaumburg
- 17-18 Peoria Area ARC Superfest Exposition Gardens, 1601 W Northmoor Road. Talk in 147.18 rprr (131.8 Hz)
- 24 Ozaukee RC Fall Swapfest Firemen's Park, W65 N796 Washington Ave. Cedarburg WI. Talk in W9CQO 37/97 127.3 Hz Open 6 a.m.
- 24 Chicago FM Club Radio EXPO. Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere IL. Talkin 16/76 (107.2 Hz) Open 6 a.m.
- October
- 2 Antique Radio Club of IL Fall Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream, 570 S. Gary Avenue (north of Geneva Road) 6 a.m. – 11 a.m.

ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR TO PRESENT PROGRAM OCTOBER 14

We are pleased to announce that Kermit Carlson, W9XA, our new ARRL Central Division Director, will present the program at our October 14 meeting. Don't miss this presentation, and invite your friends to come, too!

ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR COMING SEPT. 10-18

Once again this year we will participate in the Historic Route 66 On The Air event, which is coordinated by the Citrus Belt ARC, W6JBT, with stations along the route beginning with W6A in California. For sixteen years, we have represented the eastern end of the highway, using the special event call W6Q.

For a number of years, the event coincided with the Berwyn Route 66 Car Show, but unfortunately the car show was held on August 27 this year so all W6Q operations will take place from the home stations of our members.

Operation begins at 0000 UTC Saturday, September 10 (7 p.m. Friday CDT) and ends at 2359 UTC Sunday September 18 (7 PM CDT).

Frequencies to be used are as follows: CW – 3.533, 7.033, 10.110, 14.033, 18.080, 21.033, 24.900, and 28.033 MHz; SSB – 3.866, 7.266, 14.266, 18.164, 21.366, 24.966, and 50.133 MHz. Operation will also take place via our K9ONA repeater system for local contacts.

Every SMCC member is eligible and encouraged to operate as W6Q during the event, even if you can only operate via our repeater system – just be sure to keep an accurate log of your contacts. Also, to avoid having more than one member on a particular band/mode at once, please monitor our repeater and announce your intent to be on a particular band/mode, and also call in when you are finished operating on that frequency.

This is a fun event which is very popular with the amateur community. The Citrus Belt ARC has a certificate available – see their web site. www.w6jbt.org for further information. Special QSLs are also issued by the various stations operating along the route. Our QSL manager is Mike, WD9GJK.

Minutes of the August 12, 2016 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, AK9Y, KC9IDS, K9WSS, W9UEY, W9NHX.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the July meeting as published in the *HALO*.

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y presented the Club's financial report, including a preliminary breakdown of Hamfest income and expenses. Bob read a thank you letter from Hinsdale Hospital for our donation. Our next VE test session will be Friday, November 25 in La Grange Park. Bob is researching less expensive web hosting services for our site as the current one is rather expensive.

Joe, KC9TQF stated that he he has contacted the American Legion Post in LaGrange as a possible site for this year's Scouting Jamboree On The Air since there is construction going on at St. Cletus. Our October program will be presented by ARRL Central Division Director Kermit Carlson, W9XA.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 17 members and one guest present.

WA9FIH reported that Jim, N9TUQ is undergoing rehab at Plymouth Place following knee replacement surgery. Jim also announced plans for the Club's participation in Route 66 On The Air operating Special Event station W6Q, September 10-18. The Park District of LaGrange Park has invited members who helped at Run For The Roses to attend their volunteer appreciation picnic dinner and concert August 17.

Mike, N9GFY made a presentation on behalf of Hillside Emergency Management Agency regarding their need for Amateur Radio communications support for some of their events and possible emergencies. A motion was made, seconded and passed that a memorandum of understanding will be drafted between the groups stating that SMCC would provide support to Hillside EMA on an as-available basis. In return, the Hillside EMA could provide a possible site for exercises such as Field Day.

John, K9JK announced information about upcoming VHF contests.

Ryan, W9UEY reported on the UHF repeater which was off the air due to a problem with the UPS back up power source.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

1 st	Frank, W9EHC	Present
2 nd	Jerry, WB9GTO	Present
3 rd	Bob, AK9Y	Present

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Following coffee break, KC9TQF presented a slide show about the APRS system.

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

NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, September 23 at the LaGrange Park Village Hall, 447 North Catherine Ave.

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.

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.

UPCOMING 2016 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

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

GET WELL WISHES . . .

to John Kalenowski, K9JK, who was scheduled to have undergone back surgery shortly before our September meeting. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, John!

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR FOUNDERS' AWARD

We are currently seeking nominations for our annual Founders' Award, which is presented to a member who has distinguished her or himself with outstanding service to the Club and to the Amateur Radio community. Please submit your nomination with a brief description of why you feel that the nominee is deserving of the award, in writing either via email or mail to Jim, WA9FIH (WA9FIH@aol.com) no later than October 20. Presentation of the award will be made at our Holiday Dinner in December.

SCOUTING JOTA OCTOBER 14-16

Scouting's Jamboree On The Air – JOTA – provides an opportunity to introduce Amateur Radio to Scouts around the world. This year JOTA is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, October 14 to 16. More than a million Scouts in at least 150 countries are expected to participate, with some 18,000 Amateur Radio stations involved.

Our Club has participated in JOTA on a number of occasions, for the past several years at St. Cletus School in Countryside, coordinated by Joe, KC9TQF.

This year, due to construction on their campus, Joe is working on plans to operate from the American Legion Coulter Post in LaGrange on Saturday, October 15. In addition to operating on the air, we have held Merit Badge qualification classes and demonstrated various modes including “hands on” Morse code. As in the past, help will be needed from members in setting up and tearing down the antennas and equipment. We will have more details on this at our meeting.

FORMER AES MILWAUKEE STORE REOPENED BY HRO

Ham Radio Outlet has opened its latest Amateur Radio retail outlet on the site of the former Amateur Electronic Supply headquarters store at 5710 West Good Hope Road in Milwaukee on August 27. AES had closed its stores on July 28, following a surprise announcement a month earlier that it was going out of business after 59 years.

Several weeks later, HRO announced plans to make over the 5,000 square foot AES Milwaukee store and reopen it as their “superstore.” A number of former AES employees have been retained by HRO, which has also set up areas where new equipment can be demonstrated.

HRO, a family owned business, is the world's largest Amateur Radio dealership, with 14 locations across the United States. Grand Opening events for the Milwaukee store have been scheduled for October 1, 8, 15 and 22.

(tnx ARRL)

FALL VHF-UHF SPRINT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

The Southeastern VHF Society – svhfs.org – has announced the schedule for the Fall 2016 VHF-UHF Sprints, which are short “mini-contests” intended to promote activity on the bands. The 144 MHz Sprint will be Monday, September 19 from 7 to 11 p.m. Local time; 222 MHz, Tuesday, September 27, 7 to 11 p.m. Local time; 432 MHz, Wednesday, October 5, 7 to 11 p.m. Local time; and Microwave – 902 MHz and up, Saturday, October 8 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Local time.

Operation is primarily on weak signal modes (SSB, CW); any FM use is simplex only, no repeaters. Exchange is your Grid Square (EN61, etc.) – but on 902 and up, your full six character identifier is required, such as EN61cu. For further information consult the SVHFS web site.

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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
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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:

Heathkit IM-28 VTVM, very 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

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK
3532 Raymond Avenue
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For Sale:

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

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
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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 revr, 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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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, located in La Grange Park, 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 18, 2017) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.

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