

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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December 2016

- December 10-11 ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Club Participation – see article
- 11 Antique Radio Club of IL
Swap Meet, 6-10 a.m.,
American Legion Hall, 570
S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream
Free admission to buyers
- 17 Six Meter Club Holiday
Dinner Meeting, 4:30 p.m.

ANNUAL ARRL TEN METER CONTEST DECEMBER 10-11

If you are able to operate on the Ten Meter band, please help our Club score by participating in the ARRL Ten Meter Contest over the December 10-11 weekend. The event begins at 0000 UTC Saturday which is 6 p.m. CST Friday evening, and ends at 2359 UTC Sunday (6 p.m. CST). Exchange is RST and Section (IL for us). Stations may be worked both on Phone and CW for extra points. Log sheets and full rules may be downloaded from the ARRL web site. Suggestion: Check for SMCC members on the hour and half hour on 28.370 MHz. Thanks for your support, and good luck in the contest!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VE TEST NOVEMBER 25

Our traditional day after Thanksgiving ARRL VEC exam session, November 25 in La Grange Park yielded only two candidates this year but we were delighted that both had no trouble passing their FCC Technician Class exams.

Thanks to our Volunteer Examiner crew for another task well done, including our VE Captain Bob, AK9Y; Glen, KC9ALX, Jim; WA9FIH; Mike, WD9GJK; Tom, N9HWV; Jim, W9JGH; Bill, KC9KLA; and Joe, KC9TQF.

DECEMBER SMCC CLUB MEETING ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER DEC. 17

Please note that we will *NOT* have a regular business meeting on the second Friday of December. Instead, our annual Club Holiday Dinner will be held Saturday, December 17 at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont – same location as last year, east of Cass Avenue and north of Ogden Avenue at the stop light. Members are eligible to bring one guest at no charge; additional guests \$15 each.

Note that this is a *dinner* not *luncheon* this year – open at 4:30, serving at 5 p.m. Attendees must have preregistered.

DUES ARE PAYABLE FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIP

This is your second notice that Club dues for the 2017 membership term are now payable, and will be accepted by our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y at the December dinner meeting, or members may mail a check to Robert Sebonia, 5118 South Meade Avenue, Chicago IL 60638.

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.

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2017 AT JANUARY MEETING

Nominations were accepted at our November meeting for positions of President, V.P./Recording Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and one Member at Large, to provide leadership for the Club during 2017. Our current officers were all renominated for another term; additional nominations may be made prior to elections, which will be held at our January meeting. Please make certain that the prospective nominee regularly attends meetings and is willing to accept the nomination.

Minutes of the November 11, 2016 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting

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

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the October meeting as published in the *HALO*. Jim welcomed our guest presenter, Tony Faragia, Hillside IL Emergency Management Director. Since it was Veterans' Day, Jim asked veterans present to identify themselves and how and where they served (applause).

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y presented the financial report, and reminded everyone that our next VE test session will be Friday, November 25 at the municipal building in La Grange Park. Dues are now payable for 2017.

Mike, WD9GJK was unable to attend but submitted his report that he and Gail have replied to all Route 66 On The Air QSL cards received so far.

Joe, KC9TQF was also unable to attend.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 21 members, and two guests present.

WA9FIH reported on the Club's Board meeting, circulated a sign up list for the December dinner meeting, and also announced that any licensed amateur pursuing a college degree in the coming year should file an application before January 31st with the ARRL Foundation for our SMCC Scholarship.

Will, K9WSS reported on the status of our repeater system.

WA9FIH opened officer nominations for 2017. All of the incumbent officers were nominated for re-election: President, WA9FIH; Vice President-Recording Secretary, KC9TQF; Secretary, WD9GJK; Treasurer, AK9Y; Sergeant-At-Arms, KC9IDS; Member-at-Large, K9WSS. Additional nominations can be made prior to elections at our January meeting.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Following coffee break, Hillside EMA Director Tony Faragia and Assistant Director Mike Stropolis, N9GFY presented a program about their organization

and the history of CONELRAD and how disaster communications has evolved.

-- Jim Novak, WA9FIH for the
Recording Secretary/V.P.

NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, February 24 in the Community Room, lower level of the La Grange Park Municipal Building, 447 North Catherine Avenue. We will not have a Board meeting in December or January.

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 2016-2017 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

December	11	ARCI, Carol Stream
January	7	WARAC Swapfest Waukesha WI
	22	WCRA, St. Charles
February	12	ARCI, Carol Stream
	25	Cabin Fever Hamfest LaPorte IN
April	30	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	7	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich
June	18	Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	8	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
August	4-6	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
October	8	ARCI, Carol Stream
December	8	ARCI, Carol Stream

ARRL FOUNDATION ACCEPTING 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The ARRL Foundation, which administers our Six Meter Club of Chicago Scholarship as well as a number of other awards, is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Our Club scholarship, a \$500 grant funded by proceeds from our Hamfest, is available to any licensed Illinois amateur who is pursuing or will be pursuing an undergraduate two or four year degree at an accredited university, college, community college or technical school.

Full details and a downloadable application form, which must be submitted to the Foundation no later than January 31, 2017, are available on the ARRL Foundation's web site, www.arrl.org.

ARCI SWAP MEET DECEMBER 11

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their next swap meet Sunday morning, December 11 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.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH ARRL STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT

“Straight Key Night” has actually evolved into a day long event January 1 – 0000 through 2400 UTC, which is 6 p.m. New Years Eve until 6 p.m. New Years Day. This is an opportunity to do some real CW operating without the use of keyers, computer keyboards or bugs – just a plain old straight key. Your editor's favorite is the good old military surplus J-38. SKN is not a contest but rather a casual operating time – just call “CQ SKN” on your favorite HF band!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017 EVENTS . . .

Each year, our club participates in a number of activities, including public service events and contests. The first operation we can look forward to is the annual ARRL January VHF Contest, which in 2017 is the weekend of January 21-22.

Field Day, which some people consider to be a contest, is really an emergency preparedness exercise, a test of our efficiency in setting up a station and operating for 24 hours with temporary antennas and emergency power. We have been truly fortunate to have an excellent site to operate FD in Hinsdale – please mark your calendars for the June 24-25 weekend and plan on participating!

Route 66 On The Air, commemorating the anniversary of the historic highway from California to Illinois, is a fun operating event which every member can participate in, using a special event call – W6Q. In 2017, the dates are September 9-17.

We can also plan on assisting with LaGrange Park's Run For The Roses and Hinsdale's Walk For Autism, as well as possible events in Hillside, dates to be announced.

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

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
Brookfield IL 60513
708-485-5481
WD9GJK@arrl.net

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
5555 South Neva Avenue
Chicago IL 60638
773-586-3276
ronfitz5555@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.

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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EMAIL YOUR AD TO WA9FIH@AOL.COM***

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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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, using EasyPal software.

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 Hinsdale as well, 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 January 31 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.