

# Six Meter Club of Chicago

# HALO

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**February 2017**

## COMING EVENTS

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| February | 10    | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange       |
|          | 12    | Antique Radio Club of IL Swapmeet, American Legion 570 South Gary Ave, Carol Stream, 7-10 a.m.                |
|          | 18-19 | ARRL CW DX Contest<br>0000 UTC Saturday – 2359 UTC Sunday                                                     |
|          | 25    | La Porte IN ARC Hamfest<br>Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, La Porte. 7a.m. - 1 p.m. Talkin 01/61 (131.8) |
| March    | 4-5   | ARRL Phone DX Contest                                                                                         |
|          | 5     | Sterling-Rock Falls ARS Hamfest, Challand Middle School, 1700 – 6th Avenue. Sterling IL Open 7:30 a.m.        |

## HAM SWAP AND SHOP AT MARCH 10 MEETING

Our annual Spring Swap and Shop will take place following a brief business meeting next month on March 10, so start rummaging through your “odds and ends” – please bring Amateur Radio related items only – transceivers, hand held radios, antennas, coax, connectors, microphones, test equipment, handbooks, etc.

Be sure to tag everything. And, if it doesn't sell, you **MUST** take it back – you can't leave anything behind! There is no charge for selling, and our Swap & Shop is not limited to Club members, so please tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome.

## DUES PAYABLE FOR 2017 NOW

Third and final dues notice – dues are payable for 2017. 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. 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!

## NEXT ARRL VEC LICENSE EXAMS APRIL 28 IN LA GRANGE PARK

Our next Six Meter Club ARRL VEC license exam session will be held Friday evening, April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. In the Community Room, lower level of the La Grange Park Municipal Building, 447 North Catherine Avenue.

Testing for all Amateur license elements will be available. Preregistration is recommended; walk-ins will be accepted as time and space permit. Applicants may preregister by emailing our VE Captain, Bob, AK9Y, at [AK9Y@arrl.net](mailto:AK9Y@arrl.net). The exam fee this year is \$15.00, exact cash or check payable to “Six Meter Club of Chicago”. Currently licensed applicants seeking to upgrade must bring their original license and a copy, and all applicants must present positive photo ID such as a driver's license.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO WILL SPERLING . . .

Will began his Amateur radio career as WN9YHX, a Novice Class call, upgraded to WA9YHX which he held for many years and is currently assigned to his daughter in law Robyn. When vanity calls became available, he selected his initials and was known to us as K9WSS for many years. He recently learned that the W9WSS call was available, and that's what he has just acquired!

## **Minutes of the January 13, 2017 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

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

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

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y presented the financial report, and reminded everyone that our next VE test session will be Friday, April 28 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 begun to work on plans for our Hamfest.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 16 members present.

Will, K9WSS reported on the status of our 222 MHz repeater. Vern K9LAE and Cindy WA9IYZ recently moved and when Vern gets his test bench set up he hopes to repair the old transmitter until the proposed new system becomes available.

WA9FIH thanked members for participating in the December Ten Meter Contest, band conditions were poor with little DX. Jim had printed forms for the January VHF Contest and reminded members to get on the air, simplex channels only. He requested a deposit check for the DuPage Fair Assn. for our 2017 Hamfest – motion made, seconded, carried. Jim also stated that our 2017 December meeting would be a luncheon at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant on December 23.

WA9FIH reopened officer nominations for 2017. All of the incumbent officers were declared elected by acclamation: President, WA9FIH; Vice President-Recording Secretary, KC9TQF; Secretary, WD9GJK; Treasurer, AK9Y; Sergeant-At-Arms, KC9IDS; Member-at-Large, K9WSS. K9WSS appointed Ryan, W9UEY as the second Member-at-Large.

WA9FIH reminded everyone that our March meeting program will be our annual Spring Swap and Shop. There being no further business, Jim held the attendance drawing:

First:	Ron, K9ZWR
Second:	Jim, N9TUQ
Third:	Glenn, KC9ALX

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Following coffee break, Dan, W9GOB demonstrated levitation through the use of a battery operated static generator.

-- Joe Noga, KC9TQF  
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.

## **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:

February	12	ARCI, Carol Stream
	25	Cabin Fever Hamfest LaPorte IN
March	5	Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
	19	Tri-County ARS Jefferson WI
April	1	MRAC, Milwaukee WI
	8	Madison WI Hamfest
	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
	9	Fox River Radio League Aurora IL
August	4-6	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
September	23	CFMC Radio Expo Belvidere IL
October	8	ARCI, Carol Stream
December	8	ARCI, Carol Stream

## ARRL BOARD MEETS, ADOPTS LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

Meeting in Connecticut January 20-21, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted five legislative objectives for the 115th Congress. Of prime importance is early passage of the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017, which cleared the House January 23 as HR 555 and which also needs passage through the Senate. The ARRL Board also agreed that they would oppose any legislation leading to reallocation of the Amateur Radio spectrum or any sharing arrangements that would reduce the usefulness of our current allocations.

The Board voted to grant the Barry Goldwater, K7UGA Achievement Award to U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) in recognition of his outstanding support of Amateur Radio, for sponsoring the Amateur Radio Parity Act legislation, considering Kinzinger “a great friend to Amateur Radio.”

New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, presented the report of the Entry Level Licensing Committee. More than ten years ago, ARRL had asked the FCC to consider a proposal for restructuring licensing requirements and creating a more appropriate entry level ham license.

The Board received the committee's interim report and endorsed its recommendation to work toward improvements in the current license question pools. The committee also recommended continuing the effort to examine the public's attitude toward Amateur Radio, with a goal of better understanding how to reach out and attract new licensees.

A final recommendation regarding the entry level license was requested to be placed before the board at its July meeting.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, noted that there are few threats to the Amateur Radio spectrum at this time, and also pointed out the importance of a comprehensive review of the Amateur Auxiliary Official Observer program.

ARRL Second VP Brian Milesosky reported on an OO program study currently under way, focusing on identifying recommendations to improve the mechanics of the OO program as well as the program's interface with today's FCC.

(tnx ARRL)

## ARCI SWAP MEET FEBRUARY 12

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their next swap meet Sunday morning, February 12 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](http://www.antique-radios.org).

## 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)

### 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**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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	Ryan, W9UEY		Rich, W9NHX

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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 47<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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/](http://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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