

# ***Six Meter Club of Chicago***

# **HALO**

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## **March 2017**

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### **COMING EVENTS**

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| March | 10 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
|       | 19 | Tri County ARC Hamfest Jefferson Cty Fair Grounds, Jefferson WI Open 8 a.m.                             |
|       | 25 | CQ Magazine Worldwide WPX SSB Contest 0000 UTC Saturday – 2359 UTC Sunday                               |
| April | 1  | MRAC-MAARC Hamfest Elks Lodge, 5555 West Goodhope -- across from . - HRO. Open 8 a.m - Noon             |
|       | 8  | Madison Area ARC Hamfest Dane County Fairgrounds, Stoughton WI  |

### **HAM SWAP AND SHOP AT MARCH 10 MEETING**

Our annual Spring Swap and Shop will take place following a brief business meeting this 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 with your name/call letters and asking price. 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. If you would like your item(s) auctioned, please indicate the minimum acceptable bid.

### **WALK FOR AUTISM SUNDAY APRIL 23**

Hinsdale Community House will be holding their Tenth Annual Walk For Autism on Sunday morning, April 23, and the director has once again requested our assistance in providing communications support over the circuitous three mile path.

Since the event is very close to our VHF repeater site, we will use the K9ONA two meter repeater for communications. Our personnel will need to be in place by 8 a.m. We will have a sign up sheet at the March and April meetings.

### **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@arll.net](mailto:AK9Y@arll.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.

### **LA GRANGE PARK RUN**

## **CANCELLED FOR 2017**

We have been advised by the Park District of La Grange Park that their annual *Run For The Roses* will not be held this year. Their Director of Activities has expressed his thanks for our past assistance, and looks forward to working with us in the future.

### **Minutes of the February 10, 2017 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Officers present: WA9FIH, WD9GJK, KC9IDS, W9WSS, W9UEY.

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

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y was out of town so WA9FIH reminded everyone that our next VE test session will be Friday, April 28 at the municipal building in La Grange Park. Dues are past due for 2017.

Joe, KC9TQF was out of town on business and unable to attend.

Mike, WD9GJK stated that he and Gail, WD9GDB are working on Hamfest mailings. He read a request from AMSAT for donations to help with their next generation of satellites. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$50.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 16 members and one guest present.

Will, W9WSS reported on the status of our 222 MHz repeater. He and Ryan, W9UEY will be attending the Illinois Repeater Association's annual meeting April 22 in Champaign. Will's son Greg will present a program on digital systems at the April meeting.

WA9FIH announced that he has Hamfest flyers ready for distribution, along with tickets that members can begin selling.

Jim also received a request from the Hinsdale Community House for assistance again this year at their annual Walk For Autism, which will be held Sunday morning, April 23. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

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:	Tom, N9HWV
Second:	Mike, WD9GJK
Third:	Will, W9WSS

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

-- Jim, WA9FIH for  
Joe Noga, KC9TQF  
Recording Secretary/V.P.

### **NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24**

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 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, along with an interface such as the Tigertronics Signalink USB between the PC and a serial port equipped two meter FM radio. .

### **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:

March	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	<b>Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton</b>
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

## **HAMFEST FLYERS, TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS**

Tickets for our Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 18 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, have been printed and are ready for distribution at our meeting this month, along with flyers detailing the event.

We can be proud of how our fest, which also features the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' Spring swap meet and the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree, has

grown over the years to become a premiere event of its kind in the midwest.

Please be sure to pass the word along about the Hamfest to your friends, and post flyers on bulletin boards where you work and at public places.

## **ARCI'S NEXT SWAP MEET APRIL 30 IN CAROL STREAM**

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their next swap meet Sunday morning, April 30 at the American Legion Post in Carol Stream, 570 North Gary Avenue – a block north of Geneva Road.

The meet, which will be outdoors (weather permitting, otherwise inside the building) usually begins shortly after 6 a.m. and continues until about 10 a.m.

There is 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).

## **SCOUTING'S JOTA SET FOR OCTOBER 20-22**

Although it is still a few months in the future, please mark your calendars for the third weekend in October, when the annual worldwide Jamboree On The Air is scheduled (we usually participate on Saturday, which will be October 21). This event provides an excellent way to introduce Amateur Radio to young people (and their parents!).

## **SMCC CELEBRATING 60TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR**

Although it seems like only yesterday when we were observing the fiftieth anniversary of our Club and the Hamfest, it was actually ten years ago!

Once again, we are planning on issuing a special commemorative QSL card with a "1 X 1" call sign that members can put on the air from their homes during the week before the Hamfest, as well as for the talk-in station on the morning of the fest as well.

If anyone has additional ideas for the celebration, such as special displays at the Hamfest, etc., please bring them up at the next meeting. Ten years ago, at

our Silver Anniversary Hamfest, we did have a display room featuring items with "silver" in their name such as Silvertone radios – how about a theme of radios or ham items from 1957? Thanks in advance for your input!

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## 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  
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### 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

### 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

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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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“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 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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