

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

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December 2017

COMING EVENTS

- December 9-10 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, *Club Participation – see article*
- 10 Antique Radio Club of Illinois Swap Meet, 6-10 a.m., American Legion Hall, 570 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream
Free admission to buyers
- 23 Annual Six Meter Club Holiday Luncheon Meeting – advance registration, see article
- Dec. 31 – Jan. 1 ARRL “Straight Key Night” (0000-2359 UTC January 1)
- January 6 West Allis RAC Swapfest, Waukesha Cty Expo Center
1000 Northview Rd Open 8 a.m.

ARRL FOUNDATION ACCEPTING 2018 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 2018-2019 academic year.

Our Club's scholarship, a \$500 grant funded primarily 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 along with other data such as transcripts, to the Foundation no later than January 31, 2018, are available on the ARRL Foundation's web site, www.arrlf.org.

SEASONS' GREETINGS TO ALL!

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 OFFICERS REQUESTED

Since we will not have a general business meeting in December, nominations for 2018 club officers were accepted at our November meeting, and will be reopened again prior to the election in January. Please make sure that your nominee meets the constitutional requirements for office and is willing to serve.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL VE TEST NOVEMBER 25

Our traditional after Thanksgiving ARRL VEC exam session, November 25 in La Grange Park yielded only one candidate this year but we were delighted that he had no trouble passing the FCC Technician Class exam.

Thanks to our Volunteer Examiner crew for another task well done, including our VE Captain Bob, AK9Y; Glen, KC9ALX, Jim; WA9FIH; Lee, W9NSP; Jim, W9JGH; Bill, KC9KLA; and Joe, KC9TQF. And a special Thank You to Jeff, W9ARG who arranged for our new testing location in Summit!

REGISTER NOW FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON MEETING

We will NOT have a regular meeting at St. John's in December, but rather our traditional Holiday Luncheon which will be Saturday, December 23 at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive – west of Rte 83, east of Cass Ave. in Westmont. Our room will be open at 11:30, serving at Noon.

SMCC members are all eligible to bring one spouse or guest, additional guests at \$18.00 each. We MUST have a head count no later than December 16 – if you don't sign the list at our November meeting, please notify WA9FIH, email WA9FIH@aol.com or when you check in our Tuesday night net. As usual, we'll

have some nice door prizes too – see you December 23!

Minutes of the November 10, 2017 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting

Officers present: WA9FIH, WD9GJK, AK9Y, W9WSS, KC9IDS., 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 October meeting as published in the *HALO*.

Bob, AK9Y had to leave early, but presented the Treasurer's summary report. We will have the next VE exams the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving, November 25, at the Summit Public Library.

Mike, WD9GJK received correspondence from the ARRL Foundation thanking us for the donations to our Scholarship Fund in memory of our two recent Silent Key members, Rich Brecinridge, WA9BXB and Patrick Shaloo, KB9KRT.

Joe, KC9TQF was unable to attend.

WA9FIH stated that our next ARRL VEC testing would take place at the Summit Public Library on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25, and asked for a show of hands of Volunteer Examineers who would be able to assist.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 22 members present.

WA9FIH reminded members that dues for 2018 are now payable to our Treasurer, AK9Y.

Will, W9WSS suggested that a convenient and accurate source of information about local repeaters is available as an on line from the Illinois Repeater Association, www.ilra.net.

Ryan, W9UEY deferred to Vern, K9LAE for a report on our repeater system. Vern is looking into the cost of replacing the VHF duplexer, and is also investigating ways of repairing or replacing the UHF repeater transmitter amplifier, which has suffered some damage and has low power output.

WA9FIH reminded members that in place of our regular meeting in December, we will have our holiday luncheon meeting at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont. Choice of entrees was decided decided upon by those present, and a sign up sheet was

circulated. The luncheon will be Saturday, December 23.

Nominations for 2018 officers were held, with the incumbents being the only nominees so far: President, WA9FIH; Vice President, KC9TQF; Secretary, WD9GJK; Treasurer, AK9Y; Sergeant at Arms, KC9IDS; and elected Member at Large, W9WSS.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

First:	Jeff, W9ARG
Second:	Jim, N9TUQ
Third:	Gail, WD9GDB

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

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

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. A Tigertronics Signal Link USB or similar interface connects your PC and transceiver.

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 2017-2018
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

December	10	ARCI, Carol Stream
January	6	WARAC, Waukesha WI
	21	WCRA, St. Charles IL
\ February	24	LPARC, LaPorte IN
	25	ARCI, Carol Stream
\ April	29	ARCI, Carol Stream
June	17	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton

**CLUB PARTICIPATION IN ARRL
10 METER CONTEST DEC. 9-10**

If you have the capability of operating on the Ten Meter band, please plan to participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday evening Dec. 8 (0000 UTC Dec. 9) and continues until 2359 UTC Sunday Dec. 10 (5:59 PM CST Sunday).

All logging to be done in UTC time, stations may be contacted both on Phone (SSB) and CW. Suggestion: use 28.370 MHz as a "liaison" frequency to look for other club members – but don't just all listen, be sure to call CQ!

Please note that ARRL has made some changes in contest rules, and that logs now MUST be submitted no later than five days after the contest! More details and paper forms available at our meeting. Good luck in the contest!

**FERMILAB SPECIAL EVENT STATION
W9F ON THE AIR UNTIL DECEMBER 16**

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, members of the Fermilab ARC, WB9IKJ, will operate as W9F until Dec, 16, on or about 7.250, 7.275, 14.260, 14.340

MHz. Special QSL available for SASE to Fermi ARC, P>O> Box 500 MS #109, Batavia IL 60510.

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

Hustler 4BTV 10-40 Meter 4 Band Trap Vertical Brand New! Never in wind or weather, list \$160 asking \$100/best offer

Tom Kraus, N9HWV
[847-839-7343](tel:847-839-7343)

For Sale:

Moving out of state and selling all my ham gear, which was all in good operating condition when last used many years ago so must be treated accordingly. Most have original manuals. Equipment includes:

ICOM IC-2100H 2 Meter FM, Hallicrafters SR-46A, Astatic D-104 microphone, Shure 444 Desk Mic, Heathkit SB-110 6M SSB w/Spkr/PS; SB-303 Rcvr + SB-410 Xmtr, 10-80 M, transceiver together; SB-500 2 Meter Transverter. Open to reasonable offers:

Mike Corbett, ex-K9ENZ
939 Blue Aster Drive
Romeoville IL
(815)954-4767

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

NOTE: We have several pieces of Amateur Radio equipment from the estate of WA9BXB which are available and subject to reasonable offers. If interested please request additional information.

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK
3532 Raymond Avenue
Brookfield IL 60513
708-485-5481
WD9GJK@arrl.net

Peter WB9W
773-425-6155 or
WB9W1949@yahoo.com

For Sale:

Extech 480400 Phase Sequence Tester\$80/Offer
Fluke 33 True RMS Clamp-on Meter.....\$100/Offer
Fluke 13000S Flex 24 AC Current Probe...\$100/Offer
Fluke 87V True RMS Multimeter\$225/Offer
Heathkit HO-13 Panadaptor.....\$100
Knight Kit Star Roamer General Coverage AM
BC Band + Short Wave SWL Receiver.....\$35
National HRO-60 Receiver, recapped and in
excellent condition with original manual,
matching speaker, nine coil sets for shortwave
bands including bandspread on ham bands,
cabinet to hold unused coil drawers. Also
includes a plug-in SSB product detector from
a QST article which fits in space intended for a
NBFM adapter (no mods to the radio). \$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
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For Sale:

KLM 440-27 UHF Yagi w/Balun, used.....\$50
CushCraft 2 Mtr 124WB Boomer 4 el, like new.....\$40
CushCraft 2 M 10 el Twist beam A144-20T used.....\$50
Finco 2 Meter 5 el twist beam A 2+2 H & V new....\$50
Finco 6 Meter 3 el Beam A6-3 used.....\$30
AEA 2 M Isopole 2 Skirt Cone Vertical new in box....\$40
Antron A99 10 Mtr Vertical, 2 available, used....\$35 each
Times Microwave LMR-400, new, runs of 190
and 196 feet.....\$200 each

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.

Heathkit HG-10B VFO, 80-2 Mtrs, very clean
and with documentation. Matches DX-60B.....\$60

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.....\$75

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

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For Sale:

ICOM ID-880H Dual Band 2m/440 conventional +
Digital transceiver, 50 Watts, D-Star. OPC-478U
USB Cable, CD, DC power cable, separation cable,
mobile mounting kit, manual, original box.....\$400

Bob Weiss, W9AVB
6339 South Kostner Avenue
Chicago IL 60629
773-571-2213

For Sale:

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

HAMFEST: Our Six Meter Club of Chicago HAMFEST is held annually on the third Sunday in June (June 17, 2018) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.

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