

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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January 2018

COMING EVENTS

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| January | 12 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 21 | WCRA Hamfest, Kane Cty Fairgrounds, Route 38 & Randall Road, St. Charles |
| | 20-21 | ARRL VHF Contest, Club Participation – see article and PLEASE OPERATE! |
| | 27-29 | CQ 160 Meter CW Contest |

AWARDS PRESENTED AT CLUB'S HOLIDAY DINNER

Our annual holiday dinner meeting, which was held Saturday, December 23, was well attended with close to fifty members and guests present.

The Club's Founders Award was presented in memorium to the late Richard Breckinridge, WA9BXB, who became a silent key in 2017. Rich was a long time member who, until his health declined, always participated in our public service activities, helped at the Hamfest, and did a great job as relief CW operator at Field Day for many years.

Vern Schultz, K9LAE, was the recipient of Life Membership in recognition of his dedication to maintaining and improving our K9ONA repeater system as well as participation in many other club activities, including Field Day, public service events, and help at our Hamfest.

We have already reserved Saturday, December 22, 2018 for our Holiday Luncheon (same time, 11:30 a.m.) at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, so please be sure to mark your calendars.

DUES PAYABLE FOR 2018 NOW

Third and final dues notice – dues are payable for 2018. 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.

Note: 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!

ARRL JANUARY VHF CONTEST SET FOR JANUARY 20-21

Please plan on participating to help the Club's score in the ARRL January VHF Contest, beginning 1900 UTC Saturday Jan. 20 (1 p.m. Saturday CST) and ending 0359 UTC Monday Jan. 22 (10 p.m. Sunday).

There are various entry categories – full information is available on the ARRL web site. Logging can be done via computer using any of the popular contesting software such as N3FJP, CT, etc. Paper logs may also be submitted – we will have forms available at the January Club meeting.

Even if you can only operate for a short time, with a modest station, every little bit helps the Club aggregate score – please participate as much as you can!

Due to a rules change in 2016, 146.52 simplex is now available for contesting, and can also be used during Field Day! Other simplex frequencies such as 146.55 can still be used – suggestion – look for members on 146.55 at the hour and half hour.

Complete rules and regulations are available on the ARRL web site, www.arrl.org.

ANNUAL ARRL TEN METER

CONTEST DECEMBER 10-11

The ARRL Ten Meter Contest, December 10-11, was very quiet this year, with generally poor band conditions, only a few minutes of east-west path sporadic-E skip and a brief opening to South America. Nevertheless, several of our members did what they could to create some activity in our area

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2018 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 2018.

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.

NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, February 9 in our usual meeting room at St. John's prior to our regular general business meeting. We will not have a Board meeting in 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.

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 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, 2018, are available on the ARRL Foundation's web site, www.arrlf.org.

ROUTE 66 2017 QSL CARDS FOR W6Q ARE IN THE MAIL

The special commemorative QSL cards for our Club's participation in Route 66 On The Air for 2017, using the W6Q call, have been received from the printer and have been mailed to all amateurs who submitted their card and a self-addressed stamped envelope to our Secretary, Mike, WD9GJK.

Members who did not submit SASE's may pick up their cards from Mike at our January 12 club meeting.

Our 2018 W6Q activity is scheduled for September 8-16.

**UPCOMING 2018
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

January	22	WCRA, St. Charles Kane County Fairgrounds
February	11	ARCI, Carol Stream American Legion
	24	Cabin Fever Hamfest LaPorte IN
March	4	Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
	18	Tri-County ARS Jefferson WI
April	29	ARCI, Carol Stream American Legion
May	7	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich Fairgrounds
June	18	Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	8	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
August	6	Hamfesters Hamfest, Will Cty Fairgrounds, Peotone
	24-25	ARCI Radfiofest, Addison
September	14	NIDXA W9DXCC Convention Schaumburg
	22	CFMC Radio Expo Belvidere IL
	28	ARRL Wisconsin State Conventiion at HRO Superfest, Milwaukee
October	7	ARCI, Carol Stream
November	17	ACARTS Hamfesters Fort Wayne IN
December	9	ARCI, Carol Stream

**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.

H A L O A D S . . .

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, transceive 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

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

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
ronfitz5555@yahoo.com

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:**

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

Peter WB9W
773-425-6155 or
WB9W1949@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.

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

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

Jim Novak, WA9FIH
2335 South 2nd Avenue
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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

**SOMETHING TO SELL? LIST IT HERE! 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.