

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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March 2018

COMING EVENTS

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| March | 9 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 18 | Tri-County ARC Hamfest Jefferson WI |
| | 24 | MRAC/MAARS Combined Hamfest, Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd., across from HRO. 8 a.m. - Noon |
| | 24 | All American Railroad Show LTHS Fieldhouse, corner of Brainard & Cossitt, LaGrange 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Displays of operating model train layouts, no selling. \$5 admission |
| April | 7 | Madison WI Hamfest, Mandt Community Center, Stoughton WI, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| | 9 | ARRL 144 MHz Spring Sprint, 7-11 p.m. Local time |

HAM SWAP AND SHOP AT MARCH 9 MEETING

Our annual Spring Swap and Shop will take place following a brief business meeting next month on March 9, 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.

NEXT ARRL VEC LICENSE EXAMS APRIL 28 IN SUMMIT

Our next Six Meter Club ARRL VEC license exam session will be held Saturday morning, April 28 from 10 a.m. until Noon in the Board Room of the Summit Public Library, 6233 South Archer Road – parking behind building.

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. 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.

HINSDALE WALK FOR AUTISM SUNDAY APRIL 22

The Hinsdale Community House, organizers of the annual Walk For Autism charity walk, have once again requested our assistance to provide communications along the circuitous route through the side streets of their village.

The event will take place the morning of Sunday, April 22 and is very close to our two meter repeater so handhelds will work fine. The organizers of this event very much appreciate our help!

We will have a sign-up sheet at our March and April meetings—communications volunteers will each receive a nice tee shirt so we will also need your size prior to the meet – if you can help but can't attend the Club meeting, please email WA9FIH@aol.com and we will add you to our list.

We were also sorry to learn that the annual LaGrange Park *Run For The Roses'* 2017 sponsor has disbanded and at last word the race will not be held this year.

**Minutes of the February 9, 2018
Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Sorry, no minutes this time as our February meeting was cancelled due to the very severe weather conditions we were experiencing!

**HAMFEST FLYERS, TICKETS
AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS**

Tickets for our Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 17 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. And, because our attendance has grown, ticket prices have not increased in many years despite rising costs.

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.

**NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13**

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held a half hour prior to our regular meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, in our usual meeting room at St. John's Lutheran Church.

**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 SPRING SPRINTS
IN APRIL, MAY**

Besides the April 9 144 MHz Sprint, the 222 MHz Sprint will be Tuesday, April 17 and 432 MHz Sprint Wednesday, April 25, both also 7-11 p.m. Local time. The 902 & Up Sprint is Saturday May 5, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Local time. The 50 MHz Sprint will be Saturday May 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. Central Time. (tnx K9JK)

**UPCOMING 2018
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

March	18	Tri-County ARS Jefferson WI
	24	MRAC, Milwaukee WI
April	7	Madison WI Hamfest
	29	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	6	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich
June	17	Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	7	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
August	24-25	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
September	23	CFMC Radio Expo Belvidere IL
October	7	ARCI, Carol Stream
December	9	ARCI, Carol Stream

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For Sale:

Moving out of state, selling my ham gear which was all operating well when last used but has not been powered up for some time so must be treated accordingly. Original manuals with most gear. Equipment includes:

ICOM IC-2100H 2 M FM, Hallicrafters SR-46A, Astatic D-104 mic, Shure 444 Desk Mic, Heathkit SB-110 6 M SSB w/spkr/PS; SB-303 RCVR + SB-401 Xmtr 10-80 M, transceiver together; SB-500 2 M Transverter. Make offers.

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

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

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:

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
WA9FIH@aol.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 great
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:

KLM 440-27 UHF Yagi w/Balun, used.....\$50

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

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:

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:

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

Tektronix Oscilloscope CartBe\$ Offer

NOTE: We have several pieces of Amateur Radio
equipment from the estate of WA9BXB and other
donations to the Club, including some vintage pieces of
Hallicrafters gear which are available and subject to
reasonable offers. If interested please request
additional information. Might bring several of the
smaller items to the Swap and Shop this month.

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Brookfield IL 60513
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WD9GJK@arrl.net

**ARRL CANCELS ANNUAL
HAMFEST IN AURORA**

We are sorry to learn that the Fox River Radio
League's annual Hamfest, usually held in July at the
Aurora Central Catholic High School, will not be held
in 2018, according to a notice on the club's web site.

***SOMETHING TO SELL? LIST IT HERE! EMAIL
YOUR AD TO WA9FIH@AOL.COM***

ARRL REQUESTS EXPANDED

HF PRIVILEGES FOR TECHS

In an announcement dated February 28, ARRL has
requested that FCC expand HF privileges for
Technician Class licensees to include limited phone
segments on 15, 40 and 75 Meters, plus RTTY and
Digital mode segments on 10, 15, 40 and 80 Meters.
These requests stem from recommendations of the
ARRL Board of Directors' Entry Level License
Committee.

In its petition, ARRL stated that this action “will
attract more newcomers to Amateur Radio, result in
increased retention of licenssse who hold Technician
Class licenses, and provide an improved incentive for
entry level licensees to increase technical self-training
and pursue higher llicense class achievement and
development of communications skills.

Specifically, ARRL proposes to provide Technician
C;lass licensees, present and future, with Phone
privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7,225 to 7.300 MHz,
and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz, plus RTTY and digital
privileges in current Technician allocations on 10, 15,
40 and 80 meters. The ARRL petition points ot=ut the
explosion in popularity of various digitl modes over the
pst two decades. Under the ARRL plan, the maximum
power level for Technician Class operators on HF
would remain at 200 Watts PEP. The few remaining
Novice licensees would not gain any new privileges
under the proposal.

The League notes that the FCC has not assessed
entry level operatinig privileges since 2005, and
suggests that a periodic rebalancing is appropriate in
light of demographic and technological changes that
have taken place, including input from survey
responses from more than 8,000 ARRL members in
their request.

Now numbering more than 378,000, Technician
Class licensees account for more than half of the US
Amateur Radio population. The League's Entry Level
License Committee has determined that the current
Technician Class question pool already covers far more
material than necessary for an entry level exam to
validate expanded privileges. ARRL told the FCC that
it would continue to refine examination preparation
and training materiaols aimed at STEM (Science,
Technology, Engineereeing, and Math) topics, increase
outreach and recruitment, work with Amateur Radio
clubs, and encourage educational institutions to use
Amateur Radio in STEM and other experiential
learning programs. (tnx ARRL)

