

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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May 2018

COMING EVENTS

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| May | 11 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 12 | 50 MHz Spring Sprint, 2300 Z Saturday to 0300 Z Sunday (6-10 PM CDT Saturday) |
| | 19 | La Grange Park Run For The Roses – help needed! |
| June | 3 | Starved Rock Radio Club Ham Radio, Computer and Hobby Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton IL |
| | 17 | Six Meter Club Hamfest, with Antique Radio Club of Illinois and MCRN meets, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton. |

HELP NEEDED AT RUN FOR THE ROSES SATURDAY MAY 19

The La Grange Park Run For The Roses, which had originally been cancelled, has been picked up by the Chamber of Commerce and will take place Saturday morning May 19 using the original route from several years ago. The organizers would very much appreciate our assistance.

We will have a sign up sheet at our May 11 meeting. All operations will be on 145.580 simplex. We will gather in the parking lot just east of the bank and north of the Jewel store at Oak and Sherwood (2 blocks E of LaGrange Road) 7-7:15 a.m. for assignments. If you can help but won't be able to attend our SMCC meeting, please e-mail Jim, WA9FIH@aol.com. Anyone is welcome to help, please spread the word among your friends and other clubs. Thanks!

HAMFEST FLYERS, TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

Tickets for our Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 17 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, will be available at our meeting, along with flyers detailing the event. If you have not already received your tickets, please be sure to pick them up at the meeting.

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

ST. JOHN'S PLANT SALE SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 11

The annual Spring Plant Sale at St. John's Lutheran School in LaGrange will take place this year on Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The deadline for placing advance orders has passed, but flats and potted plants may be purchased on a first-come, first served basis on May 11 at the school's parking lot, 47th and Brainard Avenue in LaGrange.

A wide selection of blooming annuals, including petunias, marigolds., begonias, impatiens, geraniums, etc., will be available, along with some herbs, tomato and green pepper plants. Proceeds benefit the school.

NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING FRIDAY MAY 11 AT ST. JOHN'S

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 11 at our regular Club meeting location, St. John's Lutheran Church – a half hour before our regular membership meeting.

Minutes of the April 13, 2018 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting

Officers present: WA9FIH, AK9Y, KC9TQF, 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 March meeting as published in the *HALO*. We were happy to see Bob, AK9Y back after his recent surgeries. Jim handled the treasury in Bob's absence, and reported two major expenses, our annual insurance and a programming cable for the UHF repeater.

Everyone who signed up to provide communications at the Walk For Autism needs to provide their shirt size. We will meet for assignments around 7:30 a.m. at the usual location. Jim stated that we will also have several volunteers from the BARS, DARC, STARS and WCRA clubs helping out, and thanked everyone for their support of the event.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 20 members and 2 guests present.

Will, W9WSS reported that we were awaiting delivery of the new two meter duplexer (ed. Note: It has been delivered and preparations are under way for relocating the system closer to the antennas). Lee, KB9OYP is setting up the new area for us.

WA9FIH announced that he has Hamfest flyers ready for distribution, please post flyers on bulletin boards in public places. Jim has advance tickets that members can begin selling. He displayed a plaque sent to the Club from ARRL along with a letter explaining that the ARRL Board of Directors has honored the Club with their Maxim Award in recognition of our donations to the ARRL Foundation Scholarship program.

John, K9JK reported on the upcoming VHF and UHF Sprint contests and other operating activities.

WA9FIH asked for members' help with two public service events, the April 22 Walk for Autism in Hinsdale, and the May 19 Run For The Roses in La Grange Park.

We have received some nice equipment donated to the Club from the estate of Ben, N9TVM, including a Butternut antenna for HF, several VHF antennas, plus a Kenwood 830S HF transceiver and VHF 6 and two meter gear. Mike, WD9GJK, Jim, N9TUQ and Jim,

WA9FIH assisted with teardown and pick up of the equipment, which will be checked out for possible use at Field Day and other events.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

First:	Ron, K9ZWR
Second:	Jerry, WB9GTO
Third:	Jim, KC9VZH

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

-- Joe Noga, KC9TQF
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 device is typically used to interface 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.

**ARRL FIELD DAY
COMING JUNE 23-24**

Please mark the weekend of June 23 and 24 on your calendar and plan to participate in ARRL Field Day, our annual emergency preparedness exercise. As usual, we will be putting K9ONA on the air for 24 hours with emergency power at our Hinsdale Central athletic field site. If you have any ham friends who might be interested in operating with us, please spread the word as this event is not limited to Club members and we welcome guest operators!

**UPCOMING 2018
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

June	3	Starved Rock RC, Princeton
June	17	Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	7	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
	15	KARSfest, Peotone
August	5	Hamfesters, Peotone
	11	Racine Megacycle Society Racine WI
August	24-25	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
September	8	Ozaukee RC Fall Swapfest Cedarburg WI
	14	W9DXCC Convention Schaumburg
	22	CFMC Radio Expo Belvidere IL
	28	HRO Superfest & WI State Convention, Milwaukee
October	7	ARCI, Carol Stream
November	3	Milwaukee Rptr Club Milwaukee WI
December	9	ARCI, Carol Stream

**ARRL 50 MHz SPRING
SPRINT MAY 12**

The ARRL's 50 MHz Sprint which is scheduled for Saturday May 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. Central Time. May and June are usually great months for sporadic-E skip so check the band out! (tnx K9JK)

**SMCC RECEIVES ARRL
HIRAM PERCY MAXIM AWARD**

We have been honored as only one of ten ARRL-affiliated clubs to receive their Hiram Percy Maxim Award in recognition of our continued support of the ARRL Foundation's Scholarship program with donations exceeding \$10,000! A beautiful plaque from the League was displayed at our April meeting.

H A L O A D S . . .

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, great shape,
original manual, matching speaker, 9 coil sets for SW
bands including bandspread on ham bands, cabinet for
unused coil drawers; 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

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:

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 CartBeSt 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. .

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK
3532 Raymond Avenue
Brookfield IL 60513
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WD9GJK@arrl.net

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:

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

Tom Kraus, N9HWV
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

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

Jim Novak, WA9FIH
2335 South 2nd Avenue
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WA9FIH@arrl.net

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

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