

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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May 2019

COMING EVENTS

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| May | 10 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 11 | 50 MHz Spring Sprint, 2300Z Saturday – 0300Z Sunday; see article |
| | 19 | La Grange Park Run For The Roses, communications help requested; see article |
| June | 16 | SMCC 62nd Annual Hamfest at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton combined with Antique Radio Club of Illinois and Midwest Classic Radio Net meet 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| | 22-23 | ARRL Field Day, K9ONA at Hinsdale Central H.S. |

BOB "SOUPY" SEBONIA AK9Y SK APRIL 15, 2019

We were all deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of Bob, AK9Y on April 15 – he had been recovering from ulcer surgery when he developed a massive infection. Many of our members were able to pay our respects and offered condolences to his family.

Bob was a long time Club member, and served as our Treasurer for many years. Bob always made himself available to perform public service duty with the Club. He was a devoted CW operator, and we could always count on him to be our principle operator on Field Day at the CW position.

The Club is making a donation to our ARRL Scholarship Fund in Bob's memory.

SMCC RECEIVES REQUEST FOR HELP AT RUN FOR THE ROSES

Our Club has received a request again this year for assistance with a popular activity: La Grange Park's *Run For The Roses*.

The Run For The Roses has been moved to Sunday morning, May 19, basically following the same route as last year. We will meet for assignments around 7:15-7:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the southeast corner of Harding and Woodlawn, east of LaGrange Road and north of the Jewel Food store. We usually use 145.580 Simplex for communications at this event.

Participation is NOT limited to SMCC members, so *please alert your ham friends who may be available to help* as they have done at previous events.

We will have sign up sheets at the May meeting, or you may email WA9FIH@aol.com. The event organizers provide us with special T-shirts commemorating the event, so **we need your size** also.

HAMFEST FLYERS, TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

Flyers for our Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 16 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton have been printed and are ready for distribution at our meeting this month; tickets are also ready, and will be available at the meeting for members who have not yet received them.

We can be proud of how our fest, which also features the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' Spring Swapmeet and the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree, has grown over the years to become a premiere event of its kind in the midwest! Please do whatever you can to pass the word about the Hamfest to your friends, and post flyers on bulletin boards in public places.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2019 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, KC9TJL, WD9GJK, W9WSS, KC9IDS

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. With 19 members and two guests present. Everyone introduced themselves.

A motion was made and passed to dispense with the reading of the March meeting minutes, correction noted to W9WSS' call sign.

Kris KC9TJL reported on the status of our treasury.

WA9FIH reported on need for help with the April 28 Walk For Autism in Hinsdale. Will, W9WSS will handle Net Control this year. We will also need help with the LaGrange Park Run For The Roses May 19. Both groups greatly appreciate our support. Members who have friends in other clubs are asked to please spread the word.

Will, W9WSS reported that Vern, K9LAE was in good spirits and now recovering in a rehab center (Ed. Note: Vern is doing well and now back home).

Jim, N9TUQ reported on the condition of Bob. AK9Y (Ed. Note, Unfortunately Bob has become a Silent Key)

W9WSS also reported on the annual Illinois Repeater Association meeting. There are concerns about possible loss of ham frequencies in the UHF range and a long waiting list for channels open for new repeaters. Will also mentioned Club logo items available directly from Crown Trophy in LaGrange Park.

WA9FIH distributed Hamfest tickets and flyers to those present. We have kept advance ticket prices at \$6 but raised gate to \$10 to help adjust for increases in fairgrounds rental over the years. We can be proud of our Hamfest and need to spread the word about it!

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing: #1 Dave, AB9BZ; #2 Lee, W9NSP; #3 Dawn, KA9ERS.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed, followed by refreshments and our annual Spring Swap and Shop.

– Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK

SPECIAL CLUB BRANDED SHIRTS, CAPS AVAILABLE

Will, W9WSS has made special arrangements with Crown Trophy of La Grange Park for members to directly purchase SMCC branded shirts, jackets, and other apparel items directly from their store. The quality is excellent and prices are reasonable.

A limited quantity of white baseball-style caps with the Six Meter Club logo patch affixed are also 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.

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. Most of us also use a Tigertronics Signalink USB interface which has a built in sound card, between our computer and radio.

Anyone who has the equipment required is welcome to participate, so tell your friends about this exciting activity!

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 fifteen minutes to a half hour. Help keep the band active and join in the ragchew – tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

OUR BEST WISHES TO . . .

Bob, W9AVB; Mike, N9GFY; Gary, KC9IDS; Vern, K9LAE; who have all been hospitalized and are on the mend – our best wishes for a speedy recovery; let us remember them all in our thoughts and prayers!

**UPCOMING 2019
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

June	2	Starved Rock RC, Princeton
	16	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	6	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
	21	KARSfest, Peotone
August	2-3	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
	4	Hamfesters Hamfest, Will Cty Fairgrounds, Peotone
September	7	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
	21	Peoria Superfest, Exposition Gardens
	27	HRO Superfest, Milwaukee
	29	Chicago FM Club Radio EXPO, Belvidere
October	6	ARCI Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream
November	16-17	ACARTS, Fort Wayne IN
December	8	ARCI Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream

**SMCC RECEIVES
A "THANK YOU"**

We have received a very nice note from Sarah Sieracki, Director of Development for Hinsdale's Community House, regarding the assistance provided for their annual Walk the Walk for Autism:

"A huge thanks to all of your members for coming out on a cold but sunny morning! We really did luck out with the weather between the snow on Saturday and rain Monday. Year after year, your Amateur Radio group continues to provide us with an amazing level of volunteer support for our Walk, and for that we are grateful! Your support makes a big difference to our participants in providing an extra level of safety!"

HALOADS . . .

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

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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
- Complete Kenwood TS-50S portable package in fitted carrying case, includes AT-50 automatic antenna tuner, microphone, 110VAC power supply. Transceiver covers 10-160 Meters, 100 Watts output. Nice and clean, used at our 2018 Field Day for HF SSB.....\$800

Bob Weiss, W9AVB
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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
Baofeng UV5R 2m/440 FM Handheld + Chgr \$27/offer
CDE Ham II Rotor + Control refurbished by CATS and updated to Ham III.....\$350
Two Meter TE Systems 1410G Amplifier, 170 Watts out with 2 to 10 Watts drive.....\$350

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

For Sale:

Hustler 4BTV 10-40 Meter 4 Band Trap Vertical
Brand New! Never in wind or weather, list \$160
asking \$90/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

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

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**[SOMETHING TO SELL? LIST IT HERE! EMAIL
YOUR AD TO WA9FIH@AOL.COM](mailto:WA9FIH@AOL.COM)**

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
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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

Heathkit IM-2024 Frequency Counter, covers 5 Hz
to 512 Mhz.....\$125 or best offer

Simpson 303 VTVM with test leads..\$75 or best offer

Tektronix Oscilloscope Cart.....Best Offer

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**PROGRESS REPORT
ON OUR MEMBERS . . .**

We were pleased to learn that Vern, K9LAE has
completed his therapy sessions at the rehab center and
is now back at home continuing to improve from his
recent heart surgery.

We've also heard from Mike, N9GFY who is
making great progress recovering from the stroke
earlier this year.

Bob, W9AVB is making great progress too, and
we're glad that he is back on the air with us.

And it was good to see Gary, KC9IDS back
with us at our April meeting and greatly improved
from his recent neck injury.

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 Foundation's web site, www.arrlf.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 16, 2019) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.