

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

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September 2019

COMING EVENTS

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| September | 7 | Ozaukee Radio Club Hamfest
Firemen's Park, 796 Wash-
ington Avenue, Cedarburg WI
Talk in 37/97 (127.3 Hz) |
| | 7-15 | Route 66 On The Air – See
article, Club participation
using special event call W6Q |
| | 13 | Six Meter Club Meeting
7:30 p.m., Saint John's
Lutheran Church, 47 th &
Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 14 | Tippecanoe ARA Hamfest
County Fairgrounds, 1406
Teal Road, Lafayette IN
Talkin 145.370 rptr (131.8 Hz) |
| | 21- 22 | Peoria Superfest and ARRL
Illinois State Convention,
Exposition Gardens, Peoria
Talkin 147.180 repeater
(131.8 Hz) |
| | 27-28 | HRO Superfest and ARRL
Central Division Convention
Milwaukee Park behind Elks,
5555 w. Goodhope Road
Friday Noon-5 p.m., Saturday
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Talkin
145.130 repeater (127.3 Hz) |
| | 29 | Chicago FM Club Radio
EXPO, Boon County Fair
Grounds, Belvidere IL
Talkin 16/76 (107.2 Hz) |
| October | 6 | Antique Radio Club of IL
Fall Swap Meet, American
Legion Hall, Carol Stream,
570 S. Gary Avenue (North
of Geneva Road) 6-11 a.m. |

ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR SEPTEMBER 7-15

Once again this year we are participating in the Historic Route 66 On The Air event, which is coordinated by the Citrus Belt ARC, W6JBT. with stations along the route beginning with W6A in California. For eighteen years, we have represented the eastern end of the highway, using the special event call W6Q.

For a number of years, the event coincided with the Berwyn Route 66 Car Show, but unfortunately the show is being held earlier this year, so all W6Q operations will take place from the home or mobile stations of our members.

Operation begins at 0000 UTC Saturday, September 7 (7 p.m. Friday CDT) and ends at 2359 UTC Sunday, September 15 (7 PM CDT).

Frequencies to be used are as follows: CW – 3.533, 7.033, 10.110, 14.033, 18.080, 21.033, 24.900, and 28.033 MHz; SSB – 3.866, 7.266, 14.266, 18.164, 21.366, 24.966, and 50.133 MHz. Operation will also take place via our K9ONA repeater system for local contacts.

Every SMCC member is eligible and encouraged to operate as W6Q during the event, even if you can only operate via our repeater system – just be sure to keep an accurate log of your contacts. Also, to avoid having more than one member on a particular band/mode at once, please monitor our repeater and announce your intent to be on a particular band and mode, and also call in when you are finished operating on that frequency.

This is a fun event which is very popular with the amateur community. The Citrus Belt ARC has a certificate available; check their web site, www.w6jbt.org, for details. Special QSL cards are also issued by the various stations operating along the route; SASE is requested but members can pick up their card at a SMCC meeting.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2019 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9IDS, W9WSS

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. He stated that Joe, KC9TQF, Kris, KC9TJL and Mike, WD9GJK were unable to attend due to family commitments.

A motion was made by KA9ERS, seconded by K9BVQ and passed to dispense with the reading of the August meeting minutes, accepting them as printed in the HALO.

Vern, K9LAE presented a report on our repeater system. The 220 repeater appears to have lower than normal audio deviation.

Gary, KC9IDS reported eleven members present.

Jim, N9TUQ stated that the Grumpies, which meet on our two meter repeater from 8:45 until 9:45 a.m. Weekdays, are still on their Summer schedule of three days (M-W-F) but will resume the normal five day Monday through Friday schedule starting September 5. Net controllers are needed, please contact Jim, N9TUQ.

Jim reminded everyone regarding our participation in Route 66 On The Air which is scheduled for September 7 through 15. This is a very popular activity that our members can operate from their home stations. HF band conditions have been rather poor this year due to low sun spots, especially on 10 and 15 Meters, so members are asked to do their best to activate the W6Q call especially on 80 through 20 Meters and VHF. He introduced our guest, Greg, N5LFH, who will be staying in the Chicago area for a while and has volunteered to assist with the W6Q event as a Rover station on the HF bands. Greg previously operated with the Joplin MO club in last year's Route 66 event. (ed, note: See article on front page for details) Anyone using the W6Q call MUST first announce their intentions to operate a particular band and mode by calling on the K9ONA two meter repeater to make sure that there is no duplication of users on a particular band/mode per FCC rules!

October meeting's program will be our Fall Swap and Shop so start going through your surplus "goodies" and plan on bringing some items for our sales tables. No charge, and guests are welcome too!

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:
#1 Dawn, KA9ERS
#2 Jim, W9JGH
#3 Gary, KC9IDS

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed, followed by refreshments.

– Dawn, KA9ERS for KC9TQF

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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. Their store is located just east of LaGrange Road (Route 45) on the north side of 31st Street.

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 – the net is NOT limited to Club members, so tell your friends about this exciting activity!

UPCOMING 2019 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

September	21	Peoria Superfest and ARRL Illinois State Convention, 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	Fort Wayne IN Hamfest
December	8	ARCI Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PROGRAMS!

We have always had an interesting variety of programs at our SMCC meetings, but our Program Director, Joe, KC9TQF is on the lookout for new ones – whether related to Amateur Radio or not, so if you have an idea for a presentation that our members would enjoy, please let Joe know. We are fortunate to have access to a variety of audio visual equipment in our meeting room at St. John's.

Our October program is traditionally our Fall Swap and Shop, so start picking through your excess goodies and find some ham related items that you would like to find a new home for – no charge for selling! The swap and shop is not limited to members so please tell your friends about the event too! Be sure to clearly label all of your items, and remember, if it doesn't sell, you can't leave it behind!

HALOADS . . .

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
1205 Ostrander Avenue
LaGrange Park IL 60526
847-839-7343

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
6339 South Kostner Avenue
Chicago IL 60629
773-571-2213

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, 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:

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

Jim Novak, WA9FIH
2335 South 2nd Avenue
North Riverside IL 60546-1308
708-420-9571
WA9FIH@arrl.net

For Sale:

CushCraft 2 M 10 el Twist beam A144-20T used.....\$60

Finco 2 Meter 5 el twist beam A 2+2 H & V new.... \$65

Antron A99 10 Mtr Vertical, 2 available, used....\$35 each

CDE Ham II Rotor + Control refurbished by CATS and updated to Ham III.....\$350

CDE Ham M Rotor + Control refurbished as new....\$200

HyGain Ham IV Rotor & Control Box like new.....\$250

Two Meter TE Systems 1410G Amplifier, 170 Watts out with 2 to 10 Watts drive.....\$325

Six Meter TE Systems 0510G Amp, 170 W out with 2-10 Watts drive.....\$200

Motorola Two Meter Amp Model N1274A 1-10 W Input, 40 Watts out.....\$50

Ham Radio Callbooks, 1983 and 1993 editions ...\$5 each

Peter WB9W
773-890-0382 or
WB9W1949@yahoo.com

For Sale:

ICOM IC-746 PRO HF/VHF All Mode Transceiver with handheld mic and power supply from W9CEJ's estate.....\$700/Offer

Kate Stair, KB9KDC
708-478-7782

For Sale:

Heathkit IM-25 VTVM, very good condition, copy of schematic, with probe\$40 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

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

SOMETHING TO SELL? OR ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL ITEM? LIST IT HERE!

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

**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!

