

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

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June 2017

COMING EVENTS

- June 9 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange
- 10-11 ARRL VHF June Contest, 1800 UTC Sat – 0300 UTC Mon (1 p.m. Sat – 10 p.m. Sun Central Time)
- 18 *Six Meter Club Hamfest*, with Antique Radio Club of Illinois and MCRN meets, DuPage Fairgrounds, Manchester Road east of County Farm Road, Wheaton.
- 24-25 ARRL Field Day, see article

ARRL FIELD DAY COMING JUNE 24-25

Please mark the weekend of June 24 and 25 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 (battery/solar and generator) power at our Hinsdale Central athletic field site, thanks to the efforts of Lee, KB9OYP; enter at 56th and Madison on the west side of the school campus.

On the air operation begins at 1 p.m. Saturday; set up will start around 10 a.m. We will operate until 1 p.m. Sunday on both HF and VHF, SSB, FM and CW. As usual, Gary, KC9IDS will serve as our chef and we guarantee no one will go away hungry! Please come out and help with set up, operation, and/or teardown. We especially need relief crews to keep the station on the air over night.

If you are unable to help at the site, please get on the air from your home station or mobile and hand out some points! On two meter FM we will be on 146.52 and 146.55 (NO repeater operation).

ORGANIZERS SEND THANKS FOR HELP AT RUN FOR THE ROSES

Although the Park District of La Grange Park had decided not to hold the Run For The Roses this year, it was picked up by a local group of runners who formed a non-profit organization. and the race and walk was held Saturday morning, May 20.

Despite threatening weather about two hundred runners and walkers participated, with the race progress and leaders in the various categories reported by our volunteers to the race officials at the finish line.

Our group included: KD4SLL, W9AVB, WA9FIH, KB9FUR, N9GFY, WD9GJK, KF9IO, K9JK and his wife Judy, KC9KLA, W9NSP, KC9TQF, N9TUQ, and K9ZWR. The operation, on a two meter simplex frequency, went smoothly, and the organizers send their sincere thanks to everyone for our help.

WA9BXB, K9OSR, W9MCG BECOME SILENT KEYS

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of three of our current and former members, and extend our sympathy to their families.

Services for Richard Breckenridge, WA9BXB, were held June 5. Rich was a long time member who, until his health declined, always did whatever he could to help at our Hamfest and did a great job behind the key at Field Day. He was a VietNam Air Force veteran who had a distinguished career with the LaGrange Park Police Dept., retiring as Deputy Chief. Rich, who lived in Brookfield, was 69.

Gene Thomas, W9MCG of Elmhurst, had been an early member of the Club. He passed away May 22 at the age of 80.

And we just learned that Jack Beckel, K9OSR, also from Elmhurst – one of our Life Members, a founding member of the Club and first Station Trustee, became an SK at the age of 95 in January.

**Minutes of the May 12, 2017
Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Officers present: WA9FIH, AK9Y, KC9IDS, W9WSS.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the April meeting as published in the *HALO*.

Jim thanked everyone who signed up to provide communications at the La Grange Park Run For The Roses. We will meet for assignments around 7:00 a.m. at the usual location.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 16 members and 1 guest present.

Will, W9WSS reported on the Illinois Repeater Association annual meeting in Champaign, which he attended serving as our representative.

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 sell.

We will need help from members at the Hamfest, a sign up sheet will be circulated at the June meeting. He stated that we have received authorization to use the commemorative call sign K6O from June 10 through June 18 in honor of the Club's 60th anniversary. Members can operate from their home stations during that time using the K6O call.

WA9FIH discussed plans for Field Day, which is the weekend after our Hamfest. Once again thanks to KB9OYP we will be using the athletic field area at Hinsdale Central High School. We will need help setting up, operating, and at close down.

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

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

First:	John, K9JK
Second:	Dawn, KA9ERS
Third:	Virginia Fitzgerald

A motion was made by W9WSS, seconded by K9JK and approved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Following coffee break, WA9FIH introduced our guest speaker, Brian Bardy, N9YZK who presented a

fascinating video program on Alaska's Seward Peninsula, where he serves during the Summer as a seasonal park ranger.

-- Jim Novak filling in
for Joe Noga, KC9TQF
Recording Secretary/V.P.

**NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY JUNE 9 AT ST. JOHN'S**

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 9 at our regular Club meeting location, St. John's Lutheran Church – a half hour before our regular membership 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. 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.

UPCOMING 2016-2017 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

June	18	Six Meter Club + ARCI DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
July	8	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
	9	Fox River Radio League Aurora IL
	16	KARSfest, Peotone
August	4-6	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
	6	Hamfesters, Peotone
September	16	Peoria Superfest
	23	CFMC Radio Expo Belvidere IL
October	8	ARCI, Carol Stream
November	18	ACARTS, Fort Wayne IN
December	8	ARCI, Carol Stream

SMCC SEARCHING FOR VE TEST AND BOARD MEETING SITE

Due to consolidation of dispatching for the LaGrange Park Police at a new site, their Village Hall is no longer open in the evening, resulting in a loss of the Community Room which we have used for ARRL VE Amateur Radio License Testing and SMCC Board of Directors meetings for many years.

We will temporarily hold our Board meetings at Saint John's a half hour before our regular meetings. Our next VE testing will take place at our Hamfest June 18, but we also traditionally hold exams in April and November. Anyone knowing of a suitable site in the general vicinity of LaGrange Park that would be available either Wednesday or (preferably) Friday evenings on a no charge basis – please let us know – email Jim, WA9FIH at WA9FIH@aol.com.

HAMFEST COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Tickets for our Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 18 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, have been distributed to members and all must be accounted for, whether sold or unsold, prior to the Hamfest,

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.

Assistance with setup, including posting signs, table arrangement, etc. will be needed Saturday afternoon after 1 p.m. And early Sunday morning a variety of tasks need to be filled, including gate ticket sales, monitoring parking, and assistance by the stage area. Members working at the fest are welcome to bring items for sale – be sure to tag them with call and price.

SMCC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS WITH SPECIAL K6O HAM CALL

We are celebrating the Club's 60th anniversary this year, and have been granted the use of Special Event call sign K6O from June 10 through June 18 – the week prior to and including the date of our Hamfest.

Club members will be able to use this special call from their home stations just as we did ten years ago for the Club's fiftieth anniversary when we used the special call W5O, in place of our usual K9ONA call letters.

Operation will begin at 0000 UTC June 10 (7 p.m. CDT Thursday evening June 9) and continue until 2359 UTC June 18 (7 p.m. Sunday evening), which provides for the use of K6O during our Hamfest for the talk-in station as well.

We welcome suggestions (and art work) from our members for a specially designed K6O QSL card.

Later, from September 9 through 17, we will again be participating in the very popular multi-station *Route 66 On The Air* event using the call letters W6Q.

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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 Mtr A449-6S 5 el beam like new.....\$45
Finco 6 Mtr 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

Andrew 1/2" hard line LDF4-50A, 135 ft & 60 ft
each with male type N connectors, new.....\$160 & \$80

Peter WB9W
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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
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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

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

For Sale:

Heathkit HO-13 Panadaptor.....\$100

Knight Kit Star Roamer General Coverage AM
BC Band + Short Wave SWL Receiver.....\$35

National HRO-60 Receiver with matching speaker,
Nine coil sets for shortwave bands including band-
spread on ham bands and cabinet to hold unused
coil drawers. Radio has been recapped and is in
excellent condition. Also includes a plug-in
SSB product detector from a QST article which
occupies space intended for a NBFM adapter (no
mods to the radio). Original manual included...\$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:

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

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