

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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February 2019

COMING EVENTS

February	8	Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange
	11-15	ARRL School Club Roundup
	16-17	ARRL CW DX Contest
	23	LPARC Hamfest, LaPorte IN Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., Talkin 01/61 (131.8 Hz)
March	2-3	ARRL Phone DX Contest

SMCC RECEIVES REQUESTS FOR HELP AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Club has received requests again this year for assistance with two popular activities: Hinsdale's *Walk For Autism* and La Grange Park's *Run For The Roses*.

Hinsdale's walk will take place on Sunday, April 28, following the same route as it did in 2018. Since we will be just several blocks from our two meter repeater site, all communication can be easily accomplished via our two meter system, 146.37/.97.

In La Grange Park, the Run For The Roses has been moved to Sunday morning, May 19, also following the same route as last year. We usually use 145.580 Simplex for communications at this event.

Although these events are several months off, the info is being presented now so that everyone can plan ahead. 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 next several meetings, 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.

DUES PAST DUE FOR 2019 NOW

Dues for 2019 are PAST DUE. Dues are \$20, except for second family members, students under the age of 18 or seniors 65 and older up to the age of 90, for which the fee is \$12.

Note: Members age 90 and above who have been Club members for five years or more are exempt from paying dues. Please see our Treasurer, Kris, KC9TJL at the meeting or remit by check to Kristin Lawrentz, 2904 Sunnyside Avenue, Brookfield IL 60513. Thanks for your continued support!

ARRL VHF JANUARY CONTEST RESULTS

The weekend of the ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes, January 19-20, was cold and snowy, with seemingly less activity than last year in the Chicagoland area.

Nevertheless, several of our members did what they could to create some activity in our area – Mike, WD9GJK had the best score reported from our club – nice job, Mike! And a big “Thank You!” to all of our members who were able to contribute to our overall Club score.

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2019 PLANNED NEXT MONTH

Nominations will be accepted at our February meeting for positions of President, V.P./Recording Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and one Member at Large, to provide leadership for the Club during 2019.

Our current officers have all been renominated for another term; additional nominations may be made prior to elections, which will be held at our February meeting. Please make certain that the prospective nominee regularly attends meetings and is willing to accept the nomination.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2019 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

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

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

There were no minutes from the December luncheon.

WA9FIH reminded members of the January ARRL VHF Contest and use of simplex FM channels.

The election has been postponed due to the transition of the treasury from AK9Y to KC9TJL requiring completion of the audit.

Mike, WD9GJK emailed copies of our constitution to members to get feedback on items that needed updating or correction before reprinting, please let him know.

A discussion about our Hamfest resulted in agreement via motions that the gate ticket price be increased to \$10, and table prices be \$15 for first table, \$12 each additional. Jim is trying to get a reply from a vintage collectors group regarding dedicated indoor space. Thanks to John K9JK for tweaking our flyer.

Kris KC9TJL and WA9FIH are working to complete the transition of our account to a bank in La Grange Park.

Will W9WSS reported that the probable cause of interference coming from our UHF repeater has been located and Veren K9LAE is working to eliminate it. Will also reported on the availability of K9ONA branded apparel from Crown Trophy in La Grange Park.

Jim, N9TUQ reported that Bob, AK9Y is recuperating at Cantata in Brookfield, Room 388, and would welcome hearing from members.

Tom, N9HWV reported 15 members present.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing: 1st Gail, WD9GDB; 2nd Jim, N9TUQ, 3rd Paul, K9LH.

Following a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. and coffee break, Jim, W9JGH presented an interesting program about DMR radio systems.

– Joe Noga, KC9TQF

CLUB LOGO CAPS, PATCHES AVAILABLE AT MEETING

Will, W9WSS has made special arrangements with Crown Trophy of La Granger 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. 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 a half hour. Help keep the band active and join in the ragchew – tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

ARCI SWAP MEET FEBRUARY 24

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their next swap meet Sunday morning, February 24 at the American Legion Post in Carol Stream, 570 North Gary Avenue – a block north of Geneva Road.

The indoor meet usually begins shortly after 6 a.m. and continues until about 10 a.m. No charge for admission, but due to limited space, sellers must be ARCI members. ARCI holds six meets each year, including their June meet at our Hamfest.

For more information, check their web site, www.antique-radios.org.

**UPCOMING 2019
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

February	23	Cabin Fever Hamfest LaPorte IN ARC
	24	ARCI, Carol Stream American Legion
March	17	Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
	17	Tri-County ARS Jefferson WI
	23	MRAC Hamfest, Milwaukee
April	13	Madison Hamfest, Stoughton WI
	28	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	5	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich Fairgrounds
	23	MRAC, Milwaukee WI
June	16	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
August	2-3	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
	4	Hamfesters Hamfest, Will Cty Fairgrounds, Peotone
September	21	Peoria Superfest, Exposition Gardens
	27	HRO Superfest, Milwaukee

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

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

Kate Stair, KB9KDC
708-478-7782

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

Ron Fitzgerald, K9ZWR
5555 South Neva Avenue
Chicago IL 60638
773-586-3276
ronfitz5555@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

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:

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
 5426 South 72nd Court
 Summit IL 60501
 708-496-8982

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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SMCC MEMBERS REQUESTED TO REVIEW CONSTITUTION

Recently, Six Meter Club members were sent a copy of the Club Constitution via email by our Secretary, Mike, WD9GJK. Please note that this is a request for everyone to review the document for corrections and updates that occurred pver the years so that we may print and distribute up to date versions of this important document.

For example, the dues structure had been revised some time ago to account for senior citizens. This is a correction that needs to be made to the written document as it was approved by ther membership some time ago. Any member who sees an apparent typo , unrecorded change in the by-laws, or other needed correction, please contact Mike. Thanks for your help!

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