

## **Six Meter Club of Chicago**

# **HALO**

[www.k9ona.com](http://www.k9ona.com)

**July 2019**

### **COMING EVENTS**

July	12	Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange
	21	KARSfest, Will County Fairgrounds, Wilmington-Peotone Road west of Rte 50 (Cicero Ave. Talkin 34/94 (107.2 Hz)
August	2-3	Antique Radio Club of IL Radiofest, Addison IL
	4	Hamfesters RC Hamfest, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone

### **SMCC ARRL FIELD DAY OPERATION A SUCCESS!**

A great big "THANK YOU!" to all who had a part in making our 2019 Field Day another pleasant and very successful experience – we appreciated everyone's help, whether you were able to come out to the site and participate, or made contact with K9ONA from home!

A very special thanks to our chef Gary, KC9IDS who along with his aunt made sure that we were all well fed, and to Lee, KB9OYP, who provided the solar panel and worked with Hinsdale Central to help us secure the site again this year, as well as to everyone who supplied equipment for the operation. Although it rained on and off over the weekend, we were able to get the antennas – multiband dipoles for HF SSB and CW, and verticals for 6 Meeter SSB and Two Meter FM -- set up with minimal problems, and the HF bands were in great shape – 20 Meters was open all night – and we even worked into a number of states on the East Coast on 6 Meters! It was great to see Vern, K9LAE who did most of the CW operation, too. Overall, we made 433 QSOs, including 170 on CW and 50 on VHF – a considerable gain over last year's total of 371. And when the exercise ended, we managed to tear everything down and pack it into our vehicles in an hour, just beating another rain storm!

### **THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT HAMFEST!**

Although the weather forecast Saturday was calling for rain on Sunday, we were truly fortunate that it only began misting toward the end of our Hamfest early Sunday afternoon, and we drew a huge crowd again this year, with ticket stubs deposited in the drum from at least eight states and Ontario, Canada! Once again, we had a great mix of modern equipment and very nice vintage gear from members of the Antique Radio Club of Illinois and the Midwest Classic Radio Net.

Our VE crew, captained by Tom, KA9ZXN, had a busy morning handling license exams, as did our ARRL officials, including Central Division Director Kermit, W9XA, and a QSL checker for ARRL awards. Many nice prizes were awarded, including First Place (\$300) to Bob Bertolozzi, N9BB of Elgin; Second (\$200) to Joe Esdale of Highland Park, an ARCI member; and Third (\$100) to Carol Crockett KD9DJS of Glendale Heights. Many thanks to all who had a part in making our 62<sup>nd</sup> Hamfest so successful, growing over the years to become a premiere event of its kind in the midwest!

### **ANTIQUÉ RADIO CLUB RADIOFEST AUGUST 2-3**

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their annual Radiofest Friday and Saturday, August 2-3 at the Medinah Shriners Convention Center, Addison – 550 Shriners Drive – North of Army Trail Rd., East of Swift Road. Auction Friday 6 p.m.

Saturday all day outdoor flea market, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., sellers must be ARCI members, free admission to buyers/visitors. Indoor various programs and contest exhibits. Vintage ham station WA9RCI on the air, listen for them on our K9ONA repeater as well as HF bands.

Full details (print out their flyer) on the ARCI web site, [www.antique-radios.org](http://www.antique-radios.org).

## **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2019 SIX METER CLUB MEETING**

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

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and since KC9TQF was not available, Dawn, KA9ERS volunteered to take minutes.

A motion was made by Vern, K9LAE. seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the May meeting minutes, accepting them as printed in the HALO.

Kris KC9TJL reported on the status of our treasury.

Mike, WD9GJK reported on the many prizes that have been received for our Hamfest.

WA9FIH stated that the organizers of the LaGrange Park run had sent along their thanks for another job well done by our crew.

We need volunteers to provide equipment and antennas for our Field Day stations, as well as operators.

Paul, K9LH is unable to handle VE duties at our Hamfest due to a blood clot in his leg – thanks to Tom, KA9ZXN who is filling in as VE Captain, along with fellow Volunteer Examiners Glen, KC9ALX and Dave, AB9BZ. Jim also reminded members to account for all Hamfest tickets, whether or not they have been sold.

Will, W9WSS reported on the status of our repeater system. The UHF repeater is still down as it was sent to Motorola for repair.

John, K9JK spoke on VHF Contesting and has been named Director of CQ Magazine's contests.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:  
#1 Will, W9WSS  
#2 Gary, KC9IDS  
#3 Martin, KD4SLL

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

– Dawn, KA9ERS

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

## **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!

**UPCOMING 2019  
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

July	21	KARSfest, Peotone
August	2-3	ARCI Radiofest, Addison, see article on front page.
	4	Hamfesters Hamfest, Will Cty Fairgrounds, Peotone
	10	Racine Megacycle Club Hamfest Racine WI
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	Fort Wayne IN Hamfest
December	8	ARCI Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream

**HALOADS . . .**

**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](mailto: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

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

Jim Novak, WA9FIH  
2335 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
North Riverside IL 60546-1308  
708-420-9571  
[WA9FIH@arrl.net](mailto: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](mailto:WB9W1949@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:**

Heathkit IM-28 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](mailto:WD9GJK@arrl.net)

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

**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](mailto:tom@n9hwv.com)  
[LaGrange Park IL 60526](mailto:tom@n9hwv.com)  
 847-839-7343

**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 72<sup>nd</sup> Court  
 Summit IL 60501  
 708-496-8982

**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

**ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR  
 COMING SEPT. 7-15**

Once again this year we will be participating in the  
 very popular Route 66 On The Air celebration,  
 representing the Chicago area as the eastern end of the  
 historic route.

Coordinated by the Citrus Belt ARC in California  
 ([www.W6JBT.org](http://www.W6JBT.org)), this very popular event features  
 ham stations operating along the route from W6A on  
 the western end to our W6Q station which SMCC  
 members may operate from their homes from  
 September 7 through the 15th. Special QSL cards are  
 made available for the event, which will celebrate its  
 twentieth year in 2019 – we have participated since its  
 beginning!

