

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

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March 2020

COMING EVENTS

- March 13 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard Avenue, LaGrange – *Please arrive between 7:00 and 7:20!* This is our annual Spring Swap and Shop event!
- 21 All-American Railroad Show LTHS Field House, corner of Brainard & Cossitt, LaGrange 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Displays of operating model train layouts No selling – \$5 admission
- April 4 MRAC/MAARS Hamfest, Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd., across from HRO. 8 a.m. - Noon

HAM SWAP AND SHOP AT MARCH 13 MEETING

Our popular annual Spring Swap and Shop will take place following a brief business meeting this month, so start rummaging through your “odds & ends.”

Please bring *ONLY* Amateur Radio related items such as transceivers, hand held radios, antennas coax, connectors, microphones, test equipment, telegraph keys, handbooks, etc., but **NO** computers although ham related software or interfaces are acceptable.

Be sure to tag everything. And if it doesn't sell, you **MUST** take it back with you – nothing may be left behind!

There is no charge for selling, and our Swap & Shop is not limited to Club members, so please tell your friends about it too; everyone is welcome!

APRIL SMCC MEETING MOVED TO APRIL 17

Since the second Friday in April is Good Friday, we have arranged with our meeting site, St. John's Lutheran Church, to move our meeting back one week to the third Friday in April – April 17. We'll be in our usual spot, just a week later, so please mark your calendars!

SMCC RECEIVES REQUEST FOR HELP AT CHARITY EVENT

Our Club has received a request again this year for assistance with Hinsdale's *Walk The Walk*, which is sponsored by the Hinsdale Community House. It will take place on Sunday, May 3, following the same route through side streets as it has in the past, and we will need communicators at various intersections where the walk “turns corners” to keep an eye on the participants and report its progress (NOTE: this is not a run, so reporting first, second, third, etc. is not necessary)

Since we will be just several blocks from our repeater site, all communications can be easily handled via our two meter (146.37/97) system. Thanks to Will, W9WSS and Brandon, N9LMZ who will be acting as coordinators for this event. We'll have sign up sheets at the next several meetings. The event organizers provide special T-shirts commemorating the event, so we will need your size also.

HAMFEST FLYERS, TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

Flyers and tickets for our Hamfest, which will be held Sunday, June 21 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, are available for distribution – if you haven't already picked them up, we'll have them for you at the meeting this month. The fest also features the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' swapmeet and the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree, and has grown to become the premiere event of its kind in the midwest!

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2020 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

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

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. We met in the Library instead of our usual room. A motion was made, seconded and passed, to accept the minutes of the January meeting as published in the HALO.

Kris, KC9TJL was unable to attend but reported to WA9FIH that several members' dues for 2020 have not been received, everything else is in good order.

Gary, KC9IDS reported that 16 members and one guest were in attendance.

Will, W9WSS gave a report on the Club's repeater system and the replacement of our emergency back up batteries. Will stated that he will attend the Illinois Repeater Association's annual meeting, scheduled for the first weekend in April.

WA9FIH thanked members who were able to participate in the January ARRL VHF Sweepstakes. John, K9JK operated Rover in the contest – he has been appointed director of CQ Magazine's VHF Contest. Jim also asked for suggestions about programs for upcoming meetings – our March meeting will be the Spring Swap and Shop. Jim, W9JGH will prepare a presentation about digital operating for April.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to make a \$100 donation to our ARRL Scholarship Fund in memory of our two members, Marshall, W9RVG and Gene, KB9OYQ.

We received a pair of tickets from the LaPorte IN ARC for their hamfest and have reciprocated with two tickets to our Hamfest.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of moving the date of the April meeting back one week to April 17, the third Friday, since our regular April 10 date is Good Friday. Jim will check with the church on room availability (NOTE: April 17 will be alright).

WA9FIH distributed Hamfest tickets to members, along with flyers for circulation and posting on bulletin boards.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing: 1st – Gail, WD9GDB 2nd – Dawn, KA9ERS 3rd – Jim, WA9FIH

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn for refreshments, seconded, approved.

– Jim Novak, WA9FIH

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!

DIGITAL SLOW SCAN TV NET THURSDAY EVENINGS

Our Digital Slow Scan TV Net meets 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 interface connects your PC and transceiver.

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.

NEW SECURITY IN EFFECT AT SMCC MEETING SITE

The entry door at St. John's will no longer be left open due to new security regulations – club officers will be present from 7 to 7:20 p.m. to let attendees in. Anyone arriving later than 7:20, we will monitor 146.55 simplex so you MUST call in order to be ushered in. Thanks for your understanding and compliance with these rules!

**UPCOMING 2020
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

March	15	Tri-County ARC Hamfest, Jefferson Cty Fairgrounds, 503 N. Jackson, Jefferson WI Talkin 145.49 (123.0 Hz)
	21	All American Railroad Show 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Lyons Twp. High School Fieldhouse, 100 S. Brainard, La Grange
April	4	MRAC Swapfest, Milwaukee Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd., 8 a.m. - Noon
	29	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	2	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
	3	DeKalb ARC, Sandwich IL
June	7	SRRC, Princeton IL
	21	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

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

Simpson 303 VTVM w/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

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:

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

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 adaptor (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

Wanted:

“Junker” chassis – blown up mobile solid state amp, just need for the case and heat sink – at least 4 inches wide by 5-6 inches or more long.

Paul Mielnicki, K9LH
9116 Mobile Avenue
Oak Lawn IL 60453
708-870-4887

pmielnicki@comcast.net

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 a fitted carrying case, including AT-50 automatic antenna tuner, mic, 110 VAC power supply. Covers 10-160 Meters, 100 W out. 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:

CDE Ham II Rotor & Control Box, refurbished.....\$225

TE Systems 6 Meter 0510G Amplifier, 2-10 W in, 170 Watts out.....\$200

Motorola 2 Meter Amplifier, N1274A, 1-10 W in, 40 Watts out\$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

Rohn 25G 10' Tower Section, Very Good Cond.....\$60

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

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

For Sale:

Hustler 4BTV 10-40 Meter 4 Band Trap Vertical antenna, Brand New! Never in the wind or weather, lists for \$160 plus shipping, asking \$90 or best offer

Tom Kraus, N9HWV
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 72nd Court
Summit IL 60501
708-496-8982

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

**2020 SMCC HAMFEST
SET FOR JUNE 21**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 21 – Fathers' Day – for our annual Six Meter Club Hamfest, which will again be combined with the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' Swap Meet and the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree.

This popular ARRL Hamfest will again take place at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton and will feature both indoor and outdoor selling with ARRL and various dealer displays.

Our 2019 Hamfest was attended by participants from at least eight states and Ontario, Canada!

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 Association.

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.arrl.org, or available from the foundation. Applications are due by December 31 of each calendar year.

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 21, 2020) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton , Illinois. *All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.*

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