

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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June 2020

COMING EVENTS

June 12 Six Meter Club Meeting has been **CANCELLED!**

NOTE: Many upcoming hamfests and other public events have been cancelled or rescheduled. At the time of publication of this edition of the *HALO*, the following events had been listed as **CANCELLED**:

June 21 Six Meter Club/ARCI, Wheaton IL
July 11 South Milwaukee ARC, Oak Creek WI
18 Chippewa Falls WI Hamfest
19 KARSfest, Peotone IL
August 2 Hamfesters RC Hamfest, Peotone IL

SMCC HOLDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

We have been notified by Saint John's Lutheran Church that since they are effectively closed down, we will not be able to hold in-person meetings until the virus situation has been resolved – which also presently prohibits gatherings of ten or more persons.

Jeff, W9ARG is working with us to experiment with Internet meetings using the ZOOM program, and we expect to test this system in the near future, beginning with a Board meeting of the officers. **NOTE:** *Several members have indicated that they would prefer not to use ZOOM, but continue with the on the air format until we are permitted to hold in-person meetings again.*

Meanwhile, we will hold an on-the-air meeting via our K9ONA repeater system for about half an hour, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, which is our regular meeting date and time. Members who are not able to access the repeater can still participate using the Echolink system. Please forward your suggestions to Jim, WA9FIH at WA9FIH@aol.com. Thanks!

SMCC JUNE 21 HAMFEST CANCELLED, SET FOR 2021

We are sorry to report the cancellation of our annual Hamfest held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, which also features the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' June swap meet as well as the Mdiwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree.

Fairgrounds management has already reserved May 20, 2021 – Fathers' Day – for our next Hamfest. Anyone who already purchased tickets may return them for a refund or hold onto them for 2021 as they will be honored at that time. Many other activities at the Fairgrounds, including the popular County Fair held in July, have also been cancelled.

ARRL 2020 FIELD DAY OFFERS NEW GUIDELINES

Due to the present situation regarding the need for isolation and limiting the size of groups, ARRL has formulated some new alternatives for Field Day operation this year.

Field Day begins at 1800 UTC (1 PM CDT) Saturday June 27 and ends Sunday June 28 at 2100 UTC (4 PM CDT). It is an exercise in emergency preparedness that gives hams a “hands on” experience with operating under conditions requiring the use of emergency power, setting up a station at a temporary location with efficient portable antennas and exchanging test messages. Mobile operation (1C), or home stations (1D) using emergency or commercial power, are also included in the rules. **NOTE:** This year home stations may work each other for points.

Since gathering at usual offsite locations for Field Day will not be possible in many cases this year, ARRL suggests that we all consider operating as Class B, C, D, or E stations using our individual call signs, either base or mobile. Published results will include Club names for all participating stations. We encourage all Club members to get on the air from their home stations and help the Club score.

**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.

**CHECK IN WITH THE GRUMPIES
MORNINGS ON THE SMCC REPEATER**

If you are at home during the morning weekdays, don't forget to check in with the Grumpy Net which meets on our repeater system between 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is a good old fashioned rag chew net with some great trivia questions, too! Jim, N9TUQ is the coordinator.

**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.

**ESTATE SALE PLANNED
AT SK W9GOB'S QTH**

An estate sale including many pieces of ham gear is being planned by the family of our late member Dan, W9GOB – tentative dates are Wednesday June 24, Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, exact times TBA. Watch your email for full details.

SMCC RECEIVES REQUEST

FOR HELP AT CHARITY EVENT

Our Club had received a request again this year for assistance with Hinsdale's *Walk The Walk*, which is sponsored by the Hinsdale Community House. It had been scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 3, but the organizers are presently reviewing options for either holding the event later in the year or possibly cancelling it – as soon as a decision has been made they will notify us and we'll post it here.

**ANTIQUA RADIO CLUB'S
RADIOFEST CANCELLED**

We have just received information that the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' Radiofest, which had been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8 at the Shriners' Convention Center in Addison, has been cancelled.

Check the ARCI web site, www.antique-radios.org for further details .

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

Simpson 303 VTVM w/test leads.....\$75 or 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 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
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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 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.....\$800

Bob Weiss, W9AVB
6339 South Kostner Avenue
Chicago IL 60629
773-571-2213

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

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

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:

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

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:

Kenwood TS-950S, High Stability TCXO, 500 Hz CW filter installed. Automatic antenna tuner and linear AC power supply built in\$500

Yaesu FT-817, CAT cable, rubber antennas.....\$400

Kenwood TS-130S HF Transceiver, no mic.....\$200

ICOM IC-706 HF/VHF Transceiver, 500 Hz CW Filter installed.....\$400

YouKits EK-1C 20/30/40 Meter CW Transceiver.\$120

Dave, AB9BZ
(773)284-6730 or
dkuk@att.net

For Sale:

Downsizing collection of vintage hi-fi equipment, all in good working order, clean, mint with no scratches, etc.

Speakers – Altec Lansing, Bozak, Bose, Hartley, some with cabinets. Sony Crossover.

Preamps – Hadley 621E

Amplifiers – Crown, Hadley, McIntosh

Tuners – Marantz, one w/walnut case, one rack mount

Turntables – Fairchild, Panasonic

Disc Player – Panasonic

Tape Recorder – Ampex

Paul Chase
(708)366-7864
paulchasesr@gmail.com

For Sale:

Huge collection of LP records in original sleeves, very reasonable offer accepted, don't want to go to dumpster

Guy – (708)212-4442
Berwyn

**ILLINOIS ARES MEMBERS
WORKING WITH IEMA**

Illinois ARES members are supporting the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's (IEMA) COVID-10 response activities as AuxComm Radio Operator volunteers. Illinois ARES will coordinate the number and location of volunteer amateur communicators with IEMA on an ongoing basis for the foreseeable future.

In a separate activity, the daily ARES Wellness Net has been established to allow Illinois Amateurs to stay connected and comment on their status. The net is informal and uses HF, EchoLink, digital nodes, and linked VHF and UHF nets.

The Wellness Net has seen check-ins from more than 40 Illinois counties. Other local and regional VHF/UHF nets have been activated throughout Illinois as well. The Wellness Net meets daily at Noon Central Time on 3905 kHz, and also uses ECHOLINK conference node WB0VTM-L NODE 824404.

(tnx ARRL)

**FCC PROVIDES VE TEAMS WITH
OPPORTUNITY FOR REMOTE TESTING**

The FCC has clarified that nothing in its rules prohibits remote Amateur Radio testing, and no prior approval is required to conduct a remote exam session.

In an April 30 news release, the Commission said that they “provide flexibility to volunteer examiners and coordinators who wish to develop remote testing methods or to increase remote testing programs already in place”. “We recognize that some volunteer examiner coordinators may not have the immediate capacity for widespread remote testing. We expect those volunteer examiner coordinators with limited remote testing capacity to work closely with those requesting such testing to prioritize any available testing slots.”

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, said that she is gratified to see that the FCC appreciates the need for remote testing. “Many of our VE Teams have been employing remotely proctored exam sessions with both video and in-person components, following social distancing protocols, where necessary.”

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.arrlf.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 20, 2021) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton , Illinois. *All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.*

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