

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

October 2009

COMING EVENTS

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| October | 9 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church, SW
Corner 47 & Brainard, La Grange |
| | 10 | Lake County IN Hamfest, County
Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St.,
Crown Point IN Open 8 a.m., VE
Testing. Talkin 147.00 (131.8 Hz) |
| | 17 | 902 MHz and up Fall Sprint, 6
a.m. to 12 p.m. local time |
| | 18-19 | Illinois QSO Party, 1700 UTC
Oct. 18 until 0100 UTC Oct.19 |
| | 24-25 | CQ WW SSB Contest, 0000Z
Oct. 24 - 2359Z Oct. 25 |
| | 24 | 50 MHz VHF Sprint 2300Z Oct.
24 - 0300Z Oct. 25 |
| November | 7-8 | ARRL CW Sweepstakes |

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOF FOUNDERS' AWARD

Members are invited to submit nominations for this year's Founders' Award, presented annually to an outstanding Club member who has distinguished him/herself in terms of service to the Amateur Radio community and especially within our Club.

Previous recipients include: W9AVB, WA9CCQ, W9CEJ, WA9FIH, KA9GPX, KB9KDC, K9LPL, W9NSP, KB9OYP, WA9RIJ, N9TUQ, K9WSS, and AK9Y.

Nominations may be submitted in writing either via regular mail or e-mail to Jim, WA9FIH (wa9fih@aol.com) no later than October 20. The award will be presented at our Holiday Dinner Meeting on Saturday, December 12.

ILLINOIS QSO PARTY SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

Sponsored by the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, the 2009 Illinois QSO Party will begin at 1700 Z Sunday, October 18 and continue until 0100 Z Monday, Oct. 19 – Noon until 8 p.m. Central Time Sunday. All Illinois amateurs are encouraged to participate in this annual event.

Bands to be used are 160 through two meters, excluding 60, 30, 17 and 12 meters. Suggested frequencies are: CW - 50 kHz up from the lower band edge (3.550, 7.050, etc.); Phone - 3.890, 7.290, 14.290, 21.390, 28.390, plus six and two meters (but no repeaters!).

Illinois operators exchange signal report and county. Stations outside of Illinois give signal report and state, Canadian province, or DX country. Score one point per QSO for Phone, two points for CW/Digital.

Stations may be worked once per band/mode. Stations within Illinois may be Worked once per county/band/mode in the case of Rover stations.

Entry categories for stations in Illinois include IL Fixed Station, IL Portable, IL Mobile (operating within one county), and IL Rover (multiple counties). There is also a QRP competition category for stations running 5 watts or less.

WIARC encourages IL stations to spend some time on 20 Meters in the early afternoon to work DX stations seeking Illinois counties, and to also check 15 and 10 Meters for openings, especially around 1800, 1900, and 2000 Z.

Additional information about scoring, awards, log submissions, etc. as well as downloadable summary sheets and rules are available at www.w9awe.org/ILQP-.html.

Plaques and certificates will be awarded to high scoring stations in each entry category. Deadline for log submission is November 19.

**Minutes of the September 11 , 2009
Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Officers Present: WA9FIH, W9CEJ, AK9Y, WD9GJK, KB9KDC, WA9CCQ, W9NSP.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The minutes of the August meeting were moved by Mike, WD9GJK and seconded by Will, K9WSS to be approved as printed in the HALO; voted and carried.

Bob, AK9Y presented the Treasurer's report and stated that our next VE session will be November 27. He also reported on our Hamfest finances, which were successful again this year.

Mike, WD9GJK gave the Secretary's report.

Ray, W9CEJ announced that he has arranged the group discount purchase from MFJ again this year (Ed. Note -- see article for details).

Kate, KB9KDC announced that 16 members were present, as well as four guests, Bob, KB9MJN, his son Richard, Val, N8QVT, and Harry, K3EYL. .

Karl, WA9CCQ reported tat the Informal Breakfast would be a week later than usual, on Sept. 26 due to our participation in the Route 66 Car Show on Sept. 19.

WA9FIH reminded members that we have the Bohemian Garden Restaurant in Downers Grove reserved for our holiday dinner meeting, which will be Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12. We will be able to select menu items at a subsequent meeting.

WA9FIH explained the Route 66 On The Air special event which is Sept. 12-20, including our participation in the Berwyn Route 66 Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 19. Jim encouraged members to use the special event call from home during the rest of the time. Karl, WA9CCQ has volunteered to handle the QSLs. We will also need an appropriate photo for our commemorative QSL.

There being no additional business, Jim held the attendance drawing.

WA9FIH announced that the 50-50 drawing would be held following adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by WD9GJK, seconded, voted and carried.

Following coffee break, W9CEJ demonstrated the EZ-Pal digital slow scan TV software on his laptop computer.

**Ray Stair, W9CEJ
V.P. / Recording Secretary**

**NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 23, 2009**

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at Papa Vini's Restaurant, NW corner of Ogden and Prairie in Brookfield – this is our annual Board members' dinner meeting.

**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 – join in the ragchew, and tell your friends about the net, too.

**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, lighter 100% cotton, or in the half-mesh polyester style. See Jim at the next meeting.

Iron-on embroidered club patches, 2-3/8" x 3-1/2", are still available from the club for \$1.75 each, for members to apply to shirts or jackets. American flag patches in the same size are also available for 75 cents each.

**SLOW SCAN TV NET
THURSDAYS AT 7 P.M.**

The Slow Scan TV Net meets at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings on 144.360 MHz FM simplex. Anyone interested in slow scan is invited to check in and learn about the latest developments in digital SSTV!

**UPCOMING 2009
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

October	10 Lake Cty ARC, Crown Point IN
November	14 Milwaukee Repeater Club
	14-15 ACARTS, Fort Wayne IN
December	13 ARCI. Carol Stream

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12**

Mark your calendars for our annual December dinner meeting will be Saturday afternoon, December 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. The luncheon meeting takes the place of our usual second Friday business meeting.

This year we will be dining at the Bohemian Garden Restaurant, 980 - 75th Street in Downers Grove (west of Fairview, east of Main Street/Lemont Road).

Members in good standing may bring one spouse or guest at no charge; additional guests at \$15. Open at 1 p.m., dinner served at 2 p.m. Meals are served family style – we will select from the menu at an upcoming meeting.

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FROM
MFJ FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

Through a special group discount offer, Club members can purchase MFJ products at a substantial saving. Any MFJ, Ameritron, HyGain or Vecronics products are discounted 25%; Mirage 20%.

Check the current MFJ catalog (available online at www.mfjenterprises.com) and place your order with Ray, W9CEJ at the November meeting or contact Ray directly no later than Nov. 10. Shipping charges are additional and will be determined when the order is placed.

**DUES NOW PAYABLE
FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP**

This is the first dues notice for the 2010 membership year; Annual dues are \$20 except in the case of Senior Citizens or additional family members at one address, \$12. See our Treasurer Bob, AK9Y at the meeting or mail your check payable to “Six Meter Club of Chicago” to Bob Sebonia, 5118 South Meade Avenue, Chicago IL 60638.

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2010
OFFICERS IN NOVEMBER**

Although it's still a month in the future, it's not too early to think about nominations for Club officers for the 2010 year. Nominees must meet constitutional requirements and be willing to serve. Nominations shall be made at the November meeting, with elections held in January since we traditionally dispense with formal business at our December Holiday Dinner meeting.

**NEXT SMCC ARRL VE TESTING
NOVEMBER 27 IN LA GRANGE PARK**

Our next Club ARRL VE Testing session for all Amateur Radio license elements will be Friday, November 27 (the day after Thanksgiving) from 7 to 9 p.m. at the La Grange Park Village Hall Community Room (lower level), 447 North Catherine Avenue (west of La Grange Road or Rte. 45; north of Ogden and south of 31st Street).

Applicants must have positive photo ID and, current licensees wishing to upgrade should bring their original license and a clear copy. The testing fee this year is \$15, exact cash or check payable to “Six Meter Club of Chicago”. Preregistration is encouraged – please email our VE Captain Bob, AK9Y at AK9Y@arrl.net. Walkins will be accommodated as space and time permit.

**ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR
OPERATION COMPLETED**

Our W6Q special event operation as part of Route 66 On The Air yielded 685 QSOs – less contacts than last year, but was very successful overall. HF band conditions were fair to good with virtually no openings above 20 meters, with most contacts being made on 40 and 75.

On Saturday, Sept. 19 we displayed Amateur Radio to the public at the Berwyn Route 66 Car Show, operating W6Q curbside in front of Suburban Tire. We used a multiband dipole and two meter Ringo, with equipment provided by WA9FIH and KB9MJN. Thanks to everyone who came out to lend a hand, including KA9BVQ, WA9CCQ, WA9FIH, KC9KLA, KB9MJN, W9NSP, and N9TUQ.

The weather was perfect and a large crowd of car enthusiasts turned out, many, including a number of hams, stopping to visit us. Bill, KC9KLA had his beautiful Lotus displayed in front of our station, and it drew a lot of attention from admirers.

Thanks to all members who were able to operate. Those that we are aware of include Karl, WA9CCQ, Jim, WA9FIH, Bill, KC9KLA, Ron, N9QOB, Jim, N9TUQ, and Bob, AK9Y. Karl was our grand champion this year with 387 contacts!

A special W6Q photo QSL is in the works and should be available shortly. WA9CCQ is our QSL manager. Full details on QSLs and the certificate offered by the Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club are presented on the CBARC web site, www.w6jbt.org.

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

Crystals for 222 MHz Midland 13-509, Clegg FM-76, and Cobra 200 rigs. Many repeater pairs and simplex channels available. Send SASE for list. \$4.00 each, \$7.00 pair.

Cubic/Swan Diplomat Station, Solid State Astro 150D, 100 W continuous 3-30 MHz, matching Antenna Tuner, Power Supply, Hand Mic, J-38 Key, all in two fitted suitcases, rare, used by govt. agencies. Looks and works like new. Asking \$1,000/offer.

Drake RV-3 Remote VFO, matches TR-3, very clean....\$175

EICO 710 Grid Dip Meter w/all coils, 0.4-250 MHz.....\$25

Heliac, 7/8" genuine Andrew 50 ohm with plastic jacket over copper outer shield, approx. 125 ft length with connectors, in excellent condition. Very low loss, great for UHF use. Club property surplus to our needs. Can deliver locally.....\$175

Hy-Gain Ham IV Rotator, Brand New in the box, heavy duty, rated at 25 sq. ft. Sells for \$630 at AES.....\$450

ICOM AG-25 144 MHz Mast Mounted Preamp, from an estate, never used, current list price \$180.....\$90

ICOM IC-471A UHF Multimode, variable power up to 25 Watts 430-450 MHz, CTCSS encoder built in, dual VFOs, 32 memories. Very clean w/manual, mic, power cord.....\$350

Mirage D1010 UHF Amplifier, like new, 10 watts in 100 watts out 430-450 MHz w/instructions.....\$225

Rohn 25 Tower top section with shelf for CDE rotor, good condition Club property surplus to our needs. Limited local delivery available.....\$30/offer

Vibroplex Brass Racer with built in Curtis keyer, brand new sealed in carton.....\$200

Jim Novak, WA9FIH
2335 South 2nd Avenue
North Riverside IL 60546-1308
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For Sale:

Heathkit SB-102 HF Transceiver, 10-80 Meters, with AC Power supply and SB-600 Spkr, CW filter, manual, very nice clean radio, works well\$275

Hank Dziekan, K9DKI
23709 Lake Point Road
Channahon IL 60410
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For Sale:

Buddipole HF Portable Antenna system, deluxe package with stand, mast, etc. covers 2-40 Meters including WARC bands. Brand new, never used.....\$300

Rich Breckinridge, WA9BXB
Vincop@aol.com

For Sale:

Astatic D-104 Microphone and PTT Stand.....\$75

Drake Two Meter FET Converter and P.S.\$125

MFJ-40 VFO, 7.0-7.3 MHz.....\$30

Simpson 260 VOM, no leads.....\$25

Swan 100 MX solid state 10-80 Meter mobile rig, 100 watts PEP SSB/CW.....\$350

TR Switch.....\$25

Ray Stair, W9CEJ
16023 South 118th Avenue
Orland Park IL 60467
708-460-5042

For Sale:

Hy-Gain Model 28 Two Meter Beams, one cut for SSB, one for FM, w/manual.....\$45 each

Hy-Gain TH3JR Triband Beam, 12 ft. boom, rated at 600 W pep, good condition w/manual.....\$125

Hy-Gain Balun for HF Beam, 3-30 MHz.....\$40

Heathkit HD-15 Hybrid Phone Patch w/manual.....\$20

Dipole for 40 Meters\$5

Mobile Mark 140-174 MHz Glass Mount Mobile Whip.....\$12

Joe Gutwein, WA9RIJ
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For Sale:

Kenwood TR-9130 Two Meter Multimode Mobile, FM, SSB/CW, 30 Watts out, with CTCSS encoder, mic, manual. Clean, works well\$250

Lee Callaci, W9NSP
3021 Downing Avenue
Westchester IL 60154
708-562-4206

For Sale:

Kenwood TR-251A Two Meter Multimode, FM/SSB/CW 25/5 w. out, TU-7 tone board, mic, mobile bracket, pwr cord, owners & svc manual, orig box. Nice cond.....\$300

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