Six Meter Club of Chicago

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October 2017

COMING EVENTS

October

- 13 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, SW Corner 47th & Brainard. La Grange
- 21 Scouting Jamboree On The Air (Club participation, see article)
- 22 Illinois QSO Party 1700 Z Sunday (Noon) until 0100 Z Monday (8 pm Sunday)

28-29 CQ WW SSB Contest

November

- 4 Milwaukee Repeater Club Swapfest, Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Rd. Milwaukee (Across from HRO). 8 a.m. -1 p.m. Talk in 146.910 rptr (127.3 Hz)
- 4-6 ARRL CW Sweepstakes 2100Z Saturday – 0300 Monday (3 p.m. Saturday -9 p.m. Sunday CST)

HAM SWAP AND SHOP AT OCTOBER MEETING

Our annual Fall Swap and Shop will take place following a brief business meeting this month on October 13, so start rummaging through your "odds and ends" – please bring Amateur Radio related items only – transceivers, hand held radios, antennas, coax, connectors, microphones, test equipment, handbooks, etc.

Be sure to tag everything. And, if it doesn't sell, you MUST take it back – you can't leave anything 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.

SCOUTING JAMBOREE ON THE AIR COMING OCT. 21

Please mark your calendars and plan to work with the Club in our effort to introduce Scouts to Amateur Radio via their worldwide event, Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) over the October 21-22 weekend.

Joe, KC9TQF is coordinating the effort, which involves setting up HF and VHF stations. This year we will be back at St. Cletus School where we normally operate,. The school is located at 700-55th Street in LaGrange, just east of Brainard Avenue.

Set up will begin at 7:00 a.m. Saturday Octobeer 21, with on the air times from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. We will be looking for SSTV QSOs via the K9ONA repeater between 10-11 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m. – thanks to the members who have already volunteered to send Slow Scan pictures from their home stations.

Joe will teach a Merit Badge class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served between 11:30 and 12:30. We will also have a "hands on" demonstration of Morse code, which has been very popular in past years.

We will need help with antenna set up early in the morning as well as tear down around 3 p.m. We also need operators and members who can demonstrate the equipment and answer questions about Amateur Radio, both at the site and via their home stations.

Listen for us on the Club's repeater system, with the special event call N9C. Thanks for whatever you can do to help with this important event, which is an excellent opportunity to introduce Amateur Radio to young people!

Additional information about JOTA can be found via a link from the ARRL's web site, www.arrl.org.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...

to Dawn, KA9ERS and her family on the recent passing of her father in Wyoming.

Minutes of the September 8, 2017 Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting

Officers present: WA9FIH, AK9Y, KC9TQF, WD9GJK, KC9IDS..

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the August meeting as published in the *HALO*. We observed a moment of silence in memory of Patrick, KB9KRT (SK).

Bob, AK9Y presented the financial report. We are still in need of a location to hold the fall VE license exams.

Mike, WD9GJK reported that John, K9JK will be operating Rover during the September ARRL VHF Contest so please listen for him and hand out some points.

Joe, KC9TQF reported on possible sites for VE testing. The LaGrange Park fieldhouse was expensive to rent. AK9Y will check with St. John's. Jeff, W9ARG suggested the Summit Public Library, which is available the Saturday morning after Thanksgiving.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 16 members present.

Joe, KC9TQF stated that we will be back at St. Cletus in LaGrange this year for Scouting Jamboree On The Air which is Saturday, October 21. Our Fall Swap and Shop will be held at the October meeting, Friday October 13.

WA9FIH reminded members that the Route 66 On The Air special event has started and ends Sept. 17 and urged everyone to participate using the W6Q call. Mike, WD9GJK will handle QSLs for the event again this year. Jim also suggested that members contact their Senators urging them to pass the Amateur Radio Parity Act.

WD9GJK suggested checking for hurricane emergency traffic and staying clear of those freuencies when operating on HF for W6Q or other activities.

Bill, KC9KLA invited those present to the British Car Meet at Harper College in Palatine.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

First: Dawn, KA9ERS Second: Mike, WSD9GJK Third: Bill, KC9KLA A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

-- Joe Noga, KC9TQF Recording Secretary/V.P.

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. A Tigertronics Signal Link USB or similar interface connects your PC and transceiver.

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!

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.

DUPAGE ARC AUCTION AT OCTOBER 23 MEETING

The DuPage ARC will hold a silent auction at their October 23 meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. At the Church of the Holy Nativity, NE corner of 55th and Richmond in Clarendon Hills (one mile east of Cass Avenue). Anyone is welcome to bid – full details on the DARC web site, www.w9dup.org.

UPCOMING 2017-2018 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

November	4	Milwaukee Repeater Club Swapfest
	18	ACARTS, Fort Wayne IN
December	10	ARCI, Carol Stream
January	6	WARAC, Waukesha WI
	21	WCRA, St. Charles IL
June	17	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton

NEXT LICENSE EXAMS NOVEMBER 25 IN SUMMIT

Thanks to the efforts of Jeff, W9ARG, we have a new location for our ARRL VEC license exams – our next exam session will be held Saturday morning, November 25 from 10 a.m. until Noon at the Summit Public Library, 6233 South Archer Road.

The exam fee is \$15.00, exact cash or check payable to "Six Meter Club of Chicago." All license elements will be offered. Preregistration is encouraged; please contact our VE Captain Bob, AK9Y at AK9Y@arrl.net. Walkins who did not preregister will be handled as time and space allow.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR FOUNDERS' AWARD

We are currently seeking nominations for our annual Founders' Award, which is presented to a member who has distinguished her or himself with outstanding service to the Club and to the Amateur Radio community.

Please submit your nomination with a brief description of why you feel that the nominee is deserving of the award, in writing either via email or mail to Jim, WA9FIH (<u>WA9FIH@aol.com</u>) no later than October 20. Presentation of the award will be made at our Holiday Dinner in December.

HALOADS...

For Sale:

Hustler 4BTV 10-40 Meter 4 Band Trap Vertical Brand New! Never in wind or weather, list \$160 asking \$100/best offer

Tom Kraus, N9HWV 847-839-7343\

For Sale:

Moving out of state and selling all my ham gear, which was all in good operating condition when last used many years ago so must be treated accordingly. Most have original manuals. Equipment includes:

ICOM IC-2100H 2 Meter FM, Hallicrafters SR-46A, Astatic D-104 microphone, Shure 444 Desk Mic, Heathkit SB-110 6M SSB w/Spkr/PS; SB-303 Rcvr + SB-410 Xmtr, 10-80 M, transceive together; SB-500 2 Meter Transverter. Open to reasonable offers:

Mike Corbett, ex-K9ENZ 606 Fenton Avenue Romeoville IL (815)954-4767

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

Following are Club property, make a fair offer

ITEM 1: Ameritron AL-1200 Linear Amplifier, operates from 230 VAC line.

ITEM 2: Ameeritron AL-600 Solid State Linear with matching power supply (115/230)

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK 3532 Raymond Avenue Brookfield IL 60513 708-485-5481 WD9GJK@arrl.net

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:

KLM 440-27 UHF Yagi w/Balun, used\$50			
CushCraft 2 Mtr 124WB Boomer 4 el, like new\$40			
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			
AEA 2 M Isopole 2 Skirt Cone Vertical new in box\$40			
Antron A99 10 Mtr Vertical, 2 available, used\$35 each			
Times Microwave LMR-400, new, runs of 190 and 196 feet\$200 each Peter WB9W 773-425-6155 or WB9W1949@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

Motorola C54RCB MICOR UHF repeater on 440 ham band, including unified chassis with rcvr, transmitter, card cage, and power amplifier. Does not include 13.6 VDC power supply, cabinet, or ID/controller. Very clean, excellent working condition when removed from service. Club property surplus to our needs.......\$75

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

Jim Novak, WA9FIH
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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

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

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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the State of Illinois and maintained by and for Radio Amateurs.

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 Assn.

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 web site, <u>www.arrl.org</u>, or available from the foundation. Applications are due by January 31 of each calendar year.

INFOLINE: Our Club's InfoLine telephone service is available around the clock at 708-442-4961. A recorded message will brief you on Club news and coming events, and you may leave a message on our answering machine.

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 17, 2018) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.

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