### Six Meter Club of Chicago

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## February 2019

#### **COMING EVENTS**

February

8 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange

11-15 ARRL School Club Roundup

16-17 ARRL CW DX Contest

23 LPARC Hamfest, LaPorte IN Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., Talkin 01/61 (131.8 Hz)

March 2-3 ARRL Phone DX Contest

## SMCC RECEIVES REQUESTS FOR HELP AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Club has received requests again this year for assistance with two popular activities: Hinsdale's *Walk For Autism* and La Grange Park's *Run For The Roses*.

Hinsdale's walk will take place on Sunday, April 28, following the same route as it did in 2018. Since we will be just several blocks from our two meter repeater site, all communication can be easily accomplished via our two meter system, 146.37/.97.

In La Grange Park, the Run For The Roses has been moved to Sunday morning, May 19, also following the same route as last year. We usually use 145.580 Simplex for communications at this event.

Although these events are several months off, the info is being presented now so that everyone can plan ahead. Participation is NOT limited to SMCC members, so please alert your ham friends who may be available to help as they have done at previous events.

We will have sign up sheets at the next several meetings, or you may email <u>WA9FIH@aol.com</u>. The event organizers provide us with special T-shirts commemorating the event, so we need your size also.

### DUES PAST DUE FOR 2019 NOW

Dues for 2019 are PAST DUE. Dues are \$20, except for second family members, students under the age of 18 or seniors 65 and older up to the age of 90, for which the fee is \$12.

Note: Members age 90 and above who have been Club members for five years or more are exempt from paying dues. Please see our Treasurer, Kris, KC9TJL at the meeting or remit by check to Kristin Lawrentz, 2904 Sunnyside Avenue, Brookfield IL 60513. Thanks for your continued support!

## ARRL VHF JANUARY CONTEST RESULTS

The weekend of the ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes, January 19-20, was cold and snowy, with seemingly less activity than last year in the Chicagoland area.

Nevertheless, several of our members did what they could to create some activity in our area – Mike, WD9GJK had the best score reported from our club – nice job, Mike! And a big "Thank You!" to all of our members who were able to contribute to our overall Club score.

### ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2019 PLANNED NEXT MONTH

Nominations will be accepted at our February meeting for positions of President, V.P./Recording Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and one Member at Large, to provide leadership for the Club during 2019.

Our current officers have all been renominated for another term; additional nominations may be made prior to elections, which will be held at our February meeting. Please make certain that the prospective nominee regularly attends meetings and is willing to accept the nomination.

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2019 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, KC9TJL, WD9GJK, W9WSS

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

There were no minutes from the December luncheon.

WA9FIH reminded members of the January ARRL VHF Contest and use of simplex FM channels.

The election has been postponed due to the transition of the treasury from AK9Y to KC9TJL requiring completion of the audit.

Mike, WD9GJK emailed copies of our constitution to members to get feedback on items that needed updating or correction before reprinting, please let him know.

A discussion about our Hamfest resulted in agreement via motions that the gate ticket price be increased to \$10, and table prices be \$15 for first table, \$12 each additional. Jim is trying to get a reply from a vintage collectors group regarding dedicated indoor space. Thanks to John K9JK for tweaking our flyer.

Kris KC9TJL and WA9FIH are working to complete the transition of our account to a bank in La Grange Park.

Will W9WSS reported that the probable cause of interference coming from our UHF repeater has been located and Veren K9LAE is working to eliminate it. Will also reported on the availability of K9ONA branded apparel from Crown Trophy in La Grange Park.

Jim, N9TUQ reported that Bob, AK9Y is recuperating at Cantata in Brookfield, Room 388, and would welcome hearing from members.

Tom, N9HWV reported 15 members present.

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing: 1<sup>st</sup> Gail, WD9GDB; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim, N9TUQ, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul, K9LH.

Following a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. and coffee break, Jim, W9JGH presented an interesting program about DMR radio systems.

- Joe Noga, KC9TQF

## CLUB LOGO CAPS, PATCHES AVAILABLE AT MEETING

Will, W9WSS has made special arrangements with Crown Trophy of La Granger 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.

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. Anyone who has the equipment required is welcome to participate, 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 a half hour. Help keep the band active and join in the ragchew – tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

## ARCI SWAP MEET FEBRUARY 24

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois will hold their next swap meet Sunday morning, February 24 at the American Legion Post in Carol Stream, 570 North Gary Avenue – a block north of Geneva Road.

The indoor meet usually begins shortly after 6 a.m. and continues until about 10 a.m. No charge for admission, but due to limited space, sellers must be ARCI members. ARCI holds six meets each year, including their June meet at our Hamfest.

For more information, check their web site, www.antique-radios.org.

### UPCOMING 2019 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

February	23	Cabin Feveer Hamfest LaPorte IN ARC
	24	ARCI, Carol Stream American Legion
March	17	Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
	17	Tri-County ARS Jefferson WI
	23	MRAC Hamfest, Milwaukee
April	13	Madison Hamfest, Stoughton WI
	28	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	5	Kishwaukee ARC, Sandwich Fairgrounds
	23	MRAC, Milwaukee WI
June	16	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton
August	2-3	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
	4	Hamfesters Hamfest, Will Cty Fairgrounds, Peotone
September	21	Peoria Superfest, Exposition Gardens
	27	HRO Superfest, Milwaukee

### HALOADS...

### For Sale:

ICOM IC-746 PRO HF/VHF All Mode Transceiverswith 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
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:

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:

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

Antron A99 10 Mtr Vertical, 2 available, used....\$35 each

Baofeng UV5R 2m/440 FM Handheld + Chgr \$27/offer

CDE Ham II Rotor + Control refurbished by CATS and updated to Ham III...........\$350

Two Meter TE Systems 1410G Amplifier, 170

Watts out with 2 to 10 Watts drive.....\$350

KLM 440-27 UHF Yagi w/Balun, used.....\$50

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

#### 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 847-839-7343

### 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

SOMETHING TO SELL? LIST IT HERE! EMAIL YOUR AD TO WA9FIH@AOL.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 72<sup>nd</sup> Court Summit IL 60501 708-496-8982

#### 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 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

## SMCC MEMBERS REQUESTED TO REVIEW CONSTITUTION

Recently, Six Meter Club members were sent a copy of the Club Constitution via email by our Secretary, Mike, WD9GJK. Please note that this is a request for everyone to review the document for corrections and updates that occurred pver the years so that we may print and distribute up to date versions of this important document.

For example, the dues structure had been revised some time ago to account for senior citizens. This is a correction that needs to be made to the written document as it was approved by ther membership some time ago. Any member who sees an apparent typo, unrecorded change in the by-laws, or other needed correction, please contact Mike. Thanks for your help!

#### 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 47<sup>th</sup> 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 Foundation's web site, <a href="www.arrlf.org">www.arrlf.org</a>, 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: <a href="www.facebook.com/groups/287932964607477/">www.facebook.com/groups/287932964607477/</a>. The Yahoo Group can be accessed at: <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9ONA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9ONA</a>.

**HAMFEST:** Our Six Meter Club of Chicago HAMFEST is held annually on the third Sunday in June (June 16, 2019) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton IL. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.

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