

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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August 2019

COMING EVENTS

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| August | 9 | Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard, LaGrange |
| | 10 | Racine Megacycle Club Free Fest, Racine Kennel Club, 6320 Six Mile Road, Caledonia WI. Talk in 147.270 rptr (127.3 Hz) |
| September | 7 | Ozaukee Radio Club Hamfest Firemen's Park, 796 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg WI Talk in 37/97 (127.3 Hz) |
| | 21 | Peoria Superfest and ARRL Illinois State Convention, Exposition Gardens, Peoria |

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PROGRAMS!

We have always had an interesting variety of programs at our SMCC meetings, but our Program Director, Joe, KC9TQF is on the lookout for new ones – whether related to Amateur Radio or not, so if you have an idea for a presentation that our members would enjoy, please let Joe know. We are fortunate to have access to a variety of audio visual equipment in our meeting room at St. John's.

Our October program is traditionally our Fall Swap and Shop, so start picking through your excess goodies and find some ham related items that you would like to find a new home for – no charge for selling!

The swap and shop is not limited to members so please tell your friends about the event too! Be sure to clearly label all of your items, and remember, if it doesn't sell, you can't leave it behind!

ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR COMING SEPT. 7-15

Once again this year we will participate in the Historic Route 66 On The Air event, which is coordinated by the Citrus Belt ARC, W6JBT. With stations along the route beginning with W6A in California. For eighteen years, we have represented the eastern end of the highway, using the special event call W6Q.

For a number of years, the event coincided with the Berwyn Route 66 Car Show, but unfortunately the show is being held earlier this year, so all W6Q operations will take place from the home or mobile stations of our members.

Operation begins at 0000 UTC Saturday, September 7 (7 p.m. Friday CDT) and ends at 2359 UTC Sunday, September 15 (7 PM CDT).

Frequencies to be used are as follows: CW – 3.533, 7.033, 10.110, 14.033, 18.080, 21.033, 24.900, and 28.033 MHz; SSB – 3.866, 7.266, 14.266, 18.164, 21.366, 24.966, and 50.133 MHz. Operation will also take place via our K9ONA repeater system for local contacts.

Every SMCC member is eligible and encouraged to operate as W6Q during the event, even if you can only operate via our repeater system – just be sure to keep an accurate log of your contacts. Also, to avoid having more than one member on a particular band/mode at once, please monitor our repeater and announce your intent to be on a particular band and mode, and also call in when you are finished operating on that frequency.

This is a fun event which is very popular with the amateur community. The Citrus Belt ARC has a certificate available; check their web site, www.w6jbt.org, for details. Special QSL cards are also issued by the various stations operating along the route; SASE is requested but members can pick up their card at a SMCC meeting.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2019 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, KC9IDS

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He stated that Kris, KC9TJL and Mike, WD9GJK were unable to attend due to family commitments.

A motion was made,. seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the June meeting minutes, accepting them as printed in the HALO with correction that John, K9JK is director of CQ Magazine's VHF contests.

WA9FIH reported on the Hamfest and expressed a huge thank you to all who were involved with the fest. Addresses on ticket stubs in the drum indicated attendance from at least eight states and Ontario, Canada. We have received the check from ARCI for use of their space; they had a successful meet and auction and were pleased to be with us again this year, and their presence as well as that of MCRN made for an excellent variety of flea market offerings. Kris will present a final report next month.

Gary, KC9IDS reported thirteen members present.

WA9FIH discussed Field Day, and thanked everyone who brought equipment and either operated from the site or made contact with K9ONA from home. More contacts were made this year than in 2018. Band conditions on HF were great, with 20 Meters open over night, well into early Sunday morning. Two meters was rather quiete but we did contact some members. A very special thanks to Vern K9LAE who did a great job pounding the key at our CW station . This year we also made some excellent six meter contacts, including east coast sporadic-E, using a neat vertical antenna provided by Martin, KD4SLL. John, K9JK operated Rover and provided many contacts for local FD groups.

The UHF repeater has been reinstalled in a new larger cabinet and is back on the air working well, many thanks to our members who had a part in this project!

Jim reminded everyone regarding our participation in Route 66 On The Air which is scheduled for September 7 through 15. This is a very popular activity that our members can operate from their home stations. (ed, note: See article on front page for details)

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed, followed by refreshments..

– Joe, KC9TQF

SPECIAL CLUB BRANDED SHIRTS, CAPS AVAILABLE

Will, W9WSS has made special arrangements with Crown Trophy of La Grange 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. Their store is located just east of LaGrange Road (Route 45) on the north side of 31st Street.

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. Most of us also use a Tigertronics Signalink USB interface which has a built in sound card, between our computer and radio.

Anyone who has the equipment required is welcome to participate – the net is NOT limited to Club members, so tell your friends about this exciting activity!

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:
#1 Pete, WB9W
#2 Jerry, WB9GTO
#3 Jim, W9JGH

UPCOMING 2019 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

August	10	Racine Megacycle Club Hamfest Racine WI
September	7	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
	21	Peoria Superfest and ARRL Illinois State Convention, Exposition Gardens
	27	HRO Superfest, Milwaukee
	29	Chicago FM Club Radio EXPO, Belvidere
October	6	ARCI Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream
November	16	Fort Wayne IN Hamfest
December	8	ARCI Swap Meet, American Legion Hall, Carol Stream

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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

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:

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, 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:

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 2nd Avenue
North Riverside IL 60546-1308
708-420-9571
WA9FIH@arrl.net

For Sale:

- CushCraft 2 M 10 el Twist beam A144-20T used.....\$60
- Finco 2 Meter 5 el twist beam A 2+2 H & V new.... ..\$65
- Antron A99 10 Mtr Vertical, 2 available, used....\$35 each
- CDE Ham II Rotor + Control refurbished by CATS
and updated to Ham III.....\$350
- CDE Ham M Rotor + Control refurbished as new....\$200
- HyGain Ham IV Rotor & Control Box like new.....\$250
- Two Meter TE Systems 1410G Amplifier, 170
Watts out with 2 to 10 Watts drive.....\$325
- Six Meter TE Systems 0510G Amp, 170 W
out with 2-10 Watts drive.....\$200
- Motorola Two Meter Amp Model N1274A
1-10 W Input, 40 Watts out.....\$50
- Ham Radio Callbooks, 1983 and 1993 editions ...\$5 each

Peter WB9W
773-890-0382 or
WB9W1949@yahoo.com

For Sale:

- Heathkit IM-25 VTVM, very good condition, copy
of schematic, with probe\$50 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

SOMETHING TO SELL? OR ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL ITEM? LIST IT HERE!

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
[1205 Ostrander Avenue](mailto:TomKraus@arrl.net)
[LaGrange Park IL 60526](mailto:TomKraus@arrl.net)
[847-839-7343](tel:847-839-7343)

For Sale:

- Yaesu FT-901DM w/AM filter + desk mic \$500/offr
- Yaesu matching antenna tuner.....\$100 firm
- Yaesu FT-767 HF + 6, 2, 432 + hand mic...\$600/offr

Tom Dombrowski, K9BVQ
5426 South 72nd Court
Summit IL 60501
708-496-8982

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

**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
fifteen minutes to a half hour.

Help keep the band active and join in the ragchew – tell
your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

