

Six Meter Club of Chicago

HALO

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February 2020

COMING EVENTS

- February 14 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, SW corner of 47th and Brainard Avenue, LaGrange – *Please arrive between 7:00 and 7:20!*
- 10-14 ARRL School Club Round Up, ARRL web site for details
- 15-16 ARRL CW DX Contest
- 22 LPARC Hamfest, La Porte IN Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, Talk in 146.01/61 rpt (131.8 Hz)
- March 7-8 ARRL Phone DX Contest

DUES FOR 2020 ARE PAST DUE!

Dues for 2020 are PAST DUE! – \$20; except second family members, students under the age of 18 and seniors age 65-89, \$12. Members for at least 5 years who are 90+ are exempt from payment. You may pay our Treasurer Kris, KC9TJL at the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, please mail your check to Kristin Lawrentz, 10995 Basswood Drive, New Buffalo MI 49117-9201. Thanks for your continued support of our club!

GET WELL WISHES . . .

We were sorry to learn that Frank, W9EHC and Rich, W9NHX were both the victims of recent falls and are currently recuperating – best wishes for a speedy recovery!

GENE LEWANIAK, KB9OYQ SILENT KEY FEBRUARY 4

We are very sorry to report the passing of Gene Lewaniak, KB9OYQ of North Riverside on February 4.

Gene earned his license through classes offered by our Club, and had been active in many of our public service activities. He was an enthusiastic ham who participated in the Grumpies and our Digital Slow Scan net, too. We will all miss him! A donation will be made in his memory to our ARRL Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Visitation will be Friday, February 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Zarzycki Manor Chapel, 8949 South Archer in Willow Springs – south of the Des Plaines River, West of Willow Springs Road.

Gene's funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, February 15 at St. Barbara Church, 4008 Prairie Avenue in Brookfield, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice IL.

ARRL JANUARY VHF CONTEST RESULTS

The 2020 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes can be summarized as another year of rather low activity and relatively poor propagation in the Chicago area.

Nevertheless, we thank our Club members who were able to participate: AB9BZ, K9JK plus K9JK/Rover, K9LH, N9TUQ, WA9FIH/Rover, WB9W, WD9GDB, and WD9GJK all submitted their logs to ARRL. At least one other member was known to have participated but apparently did not submit a log.

High scores from members include K9JK's Rover entry with 2,340 points; WD9GJK, 1,904; and WB9W, 1,236.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2020 SIX METER CLUB MEETING

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TJL, KC9IDS, W9WSS.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed, to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the HALO (no December minutes – holiday luncheon).

Kris, KC9TJL gave a report on the treasury and is collecting dues from anyone who has not yet paid for 2020.

Gary, KC9IDS introduced our two guests.

Will, W9WSS gave a report on the Club's repeater system and the replacement of our emergency back up batteries.

WA9FIH discussed the upcoming ARRL January VHF Contest and has log sheets available. Jim also asked for suggestions about programs for upcoming meetings – our March meeting will be the Spring Swap and Shop. Jim, W9JGH will prepare a presentation about digital operating for April.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of moving the date of the April meeting back one week to April 17, the third Friday, since our regular April 10 date is Good Friday. Jim will check with the church on room availability (NOTE: April 17 will be alright).

WA9FIH has prepared the artwork for our 2020 Hamfest tickets and will work with our usual printer to have them produced. John, K9JK has updated our Hamfest flyer and Jim will arrange to have copies available for distribution at the next meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn for refreshments, seconded, approved.

– Jim Novak, WA9FIH

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!

MARSHALL POCHAY, W9RVG SILENT KEY JANUARY 14

We are very sorry to report the passing of one of our Life Members, Marshall Pochay, W9RVG on January 14. Marshall and his wife Hilda had moved some years ago to his retirement QTH, Harrisburg, in southern Illinois and established a “super station” antenna farm that his son (also Marshall) WD9EXD frequently operated from during VHF contests. He is survived by his wife Hilda and two other children as well as six grandchildren, including WD9EXD's daughter Nikki, who recently became KD9OIM. Marshall and his late mother Lee, K9JFN, were early members of the Club. A donation to our ARRL Foundation Scholarship Fund will be made in his memory.

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.

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.

NEW SECURITY IN EFFECT AT SMCC MEETING SITE

The entry door at St. John's will no longer be left open due to new security regulations – club officers will be present from 7 to 7:20 p.m. to let attendees in. Anyone arriving later than 7:20, we will monitor 146.55 simplex so you MUST call in order to be ushered in. Thanks for your understanding and compliance with these rules!

Kate Stair, KB9KDC
708-478-7782

**UPCOMING 2020
HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

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

February	22	LPARC, LaPorte IN
March	8	Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
April	4	MRAC, Milwaukee WI
	29	ARCI, Carol Stream
May	2	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
	3	DeKalb ARC, Sandwich IL
June	7	SRRC, Princeton IL
	21	Six Meter Club + ARCI + MCRN, DuPage Fairgrounds, Wheaton

H A L O A D S . . .

For Sale:

Heathkit IM-25 VTVM, very good condition, copy of schematic, with probe\$40 or best offer

Heathkit IG-102 RF Signal Generator 100KC to 110 MC with Cable\$50 Firm

Simpson 303 VTVM w/test leads and case\$50 or best offer

Tektronix Oscilloscope Cart.....\$35 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

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:

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, 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:

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

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

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

**2020 SMCC HAMFEST
SET FOR JUNE 21**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 21 – Fathers' Day – for our annual Six Meter Club Hamfest, which will again be combined with the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' Swap Meet and the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree.

This popular ARRL Hamfest will again take place at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton and will feature both indoor and outdoor selling with ARRL and various dealer displays.

Our 2019 Hamfest was attended by participants from at least eight states and Ontario, Canada!

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.arrl.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 21, 2020) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.