

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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COMING EVENTS

August 14 Six Meter Club Meeting has been
CANCELLED! (SEE BELOW)

NOTE: Many upcoming hamfests and other public events have been cancelled or rescheduled. At the time of publication of this edition of the *HALO*, the following events had been listed as **CANCELLED**:

August 15 Randolph County ARC Hamfest,
Winchester IN

29 Baraboo WI Hamfest

29 Ozaukee RC Cedarburg WI Hamfest

Sept. 11-12 W9DXCC Convention and ARRL
IL State Convention, Naperville

19-20 Peoria Superfest

25-26 HRO Superfest, Milwaukee WI

SMCC HOLDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

We have been notified by Saint John's Lutheran Church, where we normally meet, that since they are effectively closed down, we will not be able to hold in-person meetings until the virus situation has been resolved – which also presently prohibits gatherings of ten or more persons.

Meanwhile, **we have been holding on-the-air meetings via our K9ONA repeater system for about half an hour. Our next meeting is Friday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m.**, which is our regular meeting date and time.

Members who are not able to access the repeater can still participate using the Echolink system. Please forward your suggestions to Jim, WA9FIH at WA9FIH@aol.com. Thanks!

ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR COMING SEPTEMBER 12-20

Once again this year, we have been invited to participate in the Historic Route 66 On The Air event, which is coordinated by the Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club, W6JBT, with stations along the route beginning with W6A in California. For nineteen years, we have represented Chicago, 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, where we operated curbside, showing off ham radio to the public, but all operations this year will take place from the home or mobile stations of our members.

Operation begins at 0000 UTC Saturday, September 12 (7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 CDT) and continues through 2359 UTC Sunday, September 20 (7 p.m. CDT).

Frequencies to be used – plus or minus several kHz – 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 one time, please monitor our repeater and announce your intent to be on a certain band and mode, and also call back in when you are finished operating on that frequency.

This is a fun event, very popular with the amateur community. The Citrus Belt ARC has a nice certificate available – check their web site, www.w6jbt.org, for details. Special QSL cards are also issued by participating stations, SASE requested but members can pick up theirs at a SMCC 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 and join in the ragchew – tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

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.

SMCC JUNE 21 HAMFEST CANCELLED, SET FOR 2021

We were sorry to report the cancellation of our annual Hamfest held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, which also features the Antique Radio Club of Illinois' June swap meet as well as the Midwest Classic Radio Net Hamboree.

Fairgrounds management has already reserved May 20, 2021 – Fathers' Day – for our next Hamfest. Anyone who already purchased tickets may return them for a refund or hold onto them for 2021 as they will be honored at that time.

Many other activities at the Fairgrounds, including the popular County Fair held in July, have also been cancelled.

CHECK IN WITH THE GRUMPIES MORNINGS ON THE SMCC REPEATER

If you are at home during the morning weekdays, don't forget to check in with the Grumpy Net which meets on our repeater system between 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is a good old fashioned rag chew net with some great trivia questions, too! Jim, N9TUQ is the coordinator.

ARRL ANNOUNCES SMCC AWARDED TO KC9WIC

We were delighted to learn that this year's recipient of our Six Meter Club Scholarship award of \$500, administered by the ARRL Foundation, has been awarded to Joe "J. P" Noga, KC9WIC of Indian Head Park, son of Joe, KC9TQF and Virginia. He will be attending the University of Iowa, majoring in Computer Science and Engineering. Congratulations!

SAN DIEGO HS HAMS DEPLOY MARINE BUOY TRANSMITTER

Members of the Mount Carmel High School Amateur Radio Club in San Diego CA have constructed and deployed a marine buoy in the Pacific Ocean which is transmitting in the WSPR mode on 14.0956 MHz USB, using the call sign KQ6RS,

The system's antenna is a stainless steel CB whip through a matching network. The unit's signal has been heard throughout the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, and Costa Rica. (tnx ARRL)

SMCC RECEIVES REQUEST FOR HELP AT CHARITY EVENT

Our Club had received a request again this year for assistance with Hinsdale's *Walk The Walk*, which is sponsored by the Hinsdale Community House.

It had been scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 3, but the organizers are presently reviewing options for either holding the event later in the year or possibly cancelling it – as soon as a decision has been made they will notify us and we'll post it here.

H A L O A D S . . .

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

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
- Rohn 25G 10' Tower Section, Very Good Cond.....\$60
- Ham Radio Callbooks, 1983 & 1993 editions.... \$5 each

Peter WB9W
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SOMETHING TO SELL? LIST IT HERE! EMAIL YOUR AD TO WA9FIH@AOL.COM

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
- 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
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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 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.....\$800

Bob Weiss, W9AVB
 6339 South Kostner Avenue
 Chicago IL 60629
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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
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For Sale:

Kenwood TS-950S, High Stability TCXO, 500 Hz CW filter installed. Automatic antenna tuner and linear AC power supply built in\$500

[Yaesu FT-817, CAT cable, rubber antennas.....\\$400](#)

[Kenwood TS-130S HF Transceiver, no mic.....\\$200](#)

[ICOM IC-706 HF/VHF Transceiver, 500 Hz CW Filter installed.....\\$400](#)

[YouKits EK-1C 20/30/40 Meter CW Transceiver.\\$120](#)

Dave, AB9BZ
 (773)284-6730 or
dkuk@att.net

For Sale:

Huge collection of LP records in original sleeves, very reasonable offer accepted, don't want to go to dumpster

Guy – (708)212-4442
 Berwyn

For Sale:

Downsizing collection of vintage hi-fi equipment, all in good working order, clean, mint with no scratches, etc.

Speakers – Altec Lansing, Bozak, Bose, Hartley, some with cabinets. Sony Crossover.

Preamps – Hadley 621E

Amplifiers – Crown, Hadley, McIntosh

Tuners – Marantz, one w/walnut case, one rack mount

Turntables – Fairchild, Panasonic

Disc Player – Panasonic

Tape Recorder – Ampex

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**ILLINOIS ARES MEMBERS
WORKING WITH IEMA**

Illinois ARES members are supporting the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's (IEMA) COVID-10 response activities as AuxComm Radio Operator volunteers. Illinois ARES will coordinate the number and location of volunteer amateur communicators with IEMA on an ongoing basis for the foreseeable future.

In a separate activity, the daily ARES Wellness Net has been established to allow Illinois Amateurs to stay connected and comment on their status. The net is informal and uses HF, EchoLink, digital nodes, and linked VHF and UHF nets.

The Wellness Net has seen check-ins from more than 40 Illinois counties. Other local and regional VHF/UHF nets have been activated throughout Illinois as well. The Wellness Net meets daily at Noon Central Time on 3905 kHz, and also uses ECHOLINK conference node WBOVTM-L NODE 824404.

(tnx ARRL)

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 20, 2021) at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Illinois. *All Club members are expected to work to insure its success.*

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