

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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COMING EVENTS

October 8th Six Meter Club Meeting at Saint John's 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

October 2021

8th Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting

18-22 **School Club Roundup**

23-24 **EME - 2.3 GHz & Up**

11-1-21 ARRL Foundation Scholarship will open

Suggestion: Check the ARRL website, www.ARRL.org, for the latest updates on ham related gatherings.

Update on Jim WA9FIH

Jim is doing fine he is progressing in Bella Tera La Grange for his Physical Therapy and treatments He is hoping to join us soon on the air again. He is in good spirits. He also said thanks all for the prayers that his friends have said for him and Hello to everyone.

Six Meter Club of Chicago September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Joe KC9TQF opened the meeting at 7:30 PM on September 10th on the K9ONA repeater system.

Officers Present:

- KC9TQF
- KC9IDS

- KC9TJL (Via Phone)
- WD9GJK

Announcements:

KC9TJL reported the club is in good shape and solvent

Mike WD9GJK reported 40 meters on 7.266 is in use for Hurricane Larry so for W6Q operators please take note.

Mike WD9GJK reported that QSL SASE for W6Q is to be sent to his mailing address, use QRZ for WD9GJK home address.

KC9TQF reported that JOTA will be on October 16th, and is working with the BSA council to participate in the event on October 16th. He mentioned he might need operators to work slow scan and respond to contacts on the repeater from 9-1 on the 16th.

Member Check-ins

- WD9GDB
- KC9KLA
- K9RA
- KD9NVU
- W9NSP
- N9TUQ
- KD9OGA
- KA9ZXN

Guest Check-Ins

- KD9MHJ
- WA9ZPM
- WA9CIP

After check in KC9TQF opened the floor to a round table. Once the final call for late check-ins was issued, KC9TQF made a motion to close, and WD9GJK and WD9GDB second and carried.

Jota on the Air

The JOTA dates are October 16th and 17th. I am working with the Scout Council here in Lagrange to get a station setup on the air for the event.z

Thanks!

Joe KC9TQF

Acting President

Six Meter Club of Chicago

2022 ARRL Foundation Scholarship Program Will Open on November 1, 2021

Again this year the SMCC will sponsor a \$500.00 scholarship to a local Student applying to a college, University or Community College. If you know of someone that fits the criteria of the scholarship please encourage them to apply. **All applicants must be active**, FCC-licensed amateur radio operators. All applicants must submit a completed online application. Please see the ARRL Website for more information. Last years candidate was Joseph P,Noga KC9WIC. Son of Joe Noga's son KC9TQF acting President of the SMCC.

SMCC will be Holding Virtual Meetings

Meanwhile, **we have been holding on-the-air meetings via our K9ONA repeater system for about half an hour. Our next meeting is Friday, October 8th at 7:30p.m.**, which is our regular meeting date and time. This provides us with an opportunity to still have an informal gathering as well as conducting necessary Club business, so we hope that our membership will be able to participate. Thanks!

ROUTE 66 ON THE AIR

Again this year the Six Meter Club of Chicago participated in the Route 66 on the air event. I wish to thank the following Members and Grumpy net control operators for their logs, KD9NVU Steve, KC9RP Hap, WA9IYZ Cindy W9JPR Jim N9TUQ Jim K9LAE Vern KC9KLA Bill, and myself WD9GJK Also to W9ARG Jeff and W9JGH

Jim for their log and contacts. The club All total was 1,456 contacts. The commemorative Card is available for an SASE and your QSL to Mike WD9GJK.

This is a fun event, and 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

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!
Six Meter Club of Chicago VHF Net Tuesday 9:00 PM on the Club repeaters

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 Easy-Pal software which can be downloaded free from the Internet. A Tigertronics Signal Link USB or similar interface connects your PC and transceiver.

CHECK IN WITH THE GRUMPIES MORNINGS ON THE SMCC REPEATER System

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 net coordinator.



**HAM STATION INSTALLED
AND OPERATING ON ISS**

An Amateur Radio system has been installed and is operational on the International Space Station, whose crew includes Chris Cassidy, KF5KDR. Included is a FM crossband repeater, uplink 145.990 (tone 67 Hz), downlink of 437.800 MHz.

The ARISS capabilities include both the voice repeater as well as digital packet radio (APRS), and a Kenwood VC-H1 Slow Scan TV system. This is the twentieth year of Amateur Radio operation on board the International Space Station.

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**FCC PROPOSES TO REINSTATE
AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING FEES**

The FCC has proposed \$35 fees for Amateur Radio applications – new licenses, renewal and upgrades, and vanity call sign requests. Change of address would not be charged,

For further information, check the ARRL web site, www.arrl.org.

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:

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 w/test leads padded case.....\$75 or best offer
Tektronix Oscilloscope Cart.....\$100

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK
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WANTED:

Icom IC-7000 Rig Must be good working condition

FOR SALE:

Hy-Gain 2 meter, 3 element beam. Brand new in sealed box Model VB-23FM sells for \$75 plus tax & shipping. asking \$50 or best offer
2 Meter Horizontally Polarized Omni-directional antenna Par electronics
Omniangle OA-144 Antenna.....\$50
Larsen NMO mount 10 Meter & 6 meter mobile antennas,\$15 each
D-104 Microphone and PTT stand, non amplified.....\$50
ARRL Amateur Ham Radio HANDBOOKS, 1974, 1976 & 1986 editions..... \$5 each
ARRL Antenna books 1974,1984 & 1988 editions.....\$5 each
Beam Antenna Handbook by William Orr....\$5

Pete, WB9W
773-425-6155
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

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 HO13 Pan adaptor.....\$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: Wanted:

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

773-571-2213

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

Paul Chase

(708)366-7864

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

**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 WB0VTM-L NODE 824404.

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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 Rag-chew 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 sub-audible (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.*