

# The Halo

## Six Meter Club of Chicago

May 2022

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**There will be an in person meeting this month at St John's Lutheran Church 47<sup>th</sup> and Brainard 7:30pm Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**See you there**

**Minutes of 4-8-2022**

**Old Business:**

Officers Present: K9LH, WA9FIH, KC9IDS, W9WSS, W9JGH

Members Present: N9TUQ, W9JPR, KD9NVU, K9BVQ, KA9ERS, KD9OGA, K9JK, N9WJP

Guest: KA9HPL, Rita K9BVQ XYL

WA9FIH open the meeting and thank the membership for 39 years of support as president and gave a brief history of the Six Meter Club of Chicago.

Jim passes the presidency over to K9LH and asks the membership to give Paul their support.

K9LH accepted the office and ask the membership to give Jim a round of applause for his service, Jim will serve as director and net control.

K9LH open the meeting with last month's minutes.

A motion was made by KD9OGA to accept the minutes as printed in the Halo, seconded by W9JRP, voted and carried.

K9LH gave a report on the Xmas party on 12-10-2022 at 11:00 AM, at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, they still had our deposit on file.

K9LH gave a report on 2023 hamfest; the contract is filled with Jim McGuire at the fair grounds and

the deposit is on file, dates June 10 evening setup, June 11 hamfest, tickets will be \$7.00 advance and \$10.00 at the gate.

K9LH a report on St, John meeting room rent, rent went up do to cleaning cost on the church's end, a motion was made by W9JGH and seconded by KA9ERS, to accept \$30.00 a month rent for the meeting room, voted and carried.

**New Business:**

We talk about field day and how we can operate is as a club, we all agree that 1 problem is location, further discussion will continue next meeting.

KD9OGA gave a suggestion about use Amazon Smile as a form of revenue, K9LH will look into it further and give update at the next meeting.

K9LH reminded the membership that all new members must make 3 meetings, fill out membership application, review by officers and voted by membership, and then pay dues, this is in the constitution and will be followed in that order.

There was no attendance drawing because a last minute in person meeting and officers that could not make the meeting, will made up next month and have 6 picks.

A motion to adjourn made by K9BVQ, Seconded by N9TUQ, voted and carried.

Recording Secretary K9LH

**SMCC Hamfest:**

**Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

## SMCC Nets

### Six meter Roundtable net 50.130

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 rag-chew – tell your friends about it too – everyone is welcome!

### Tuesday Night General Information Net

Weekly SMCC net on the Club repeaters at 9:00pm general information net

### Digital Slow Scan Net

Our Digital Slow Scan TV Net meets every Thursday evening for about an hour, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on SMCC repeaters. We use EasyPal software which can be downloaded free from the Internet. A Tigertronics Signal Link USB or similar interface to connect your PC and transceiver.

### CHECK IN WITH THE GRUMPIES MORNINGS ON THE SMCC REPEATER

If you are at home during the morning don't forget to check in with the Grumpy Net which meets on the repeater system between 8:45 am to about 10:00 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.

## HALOADS

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### For Sale: Wanted:

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 Omnidirectional antenna Par electronics Omniangle OA-144 Antenna \$50

Larsen NMO mount 10 Meter & 6 meter mobile antennas, \$15 each

ARRL Amateur Ham Radio HANDBOOKS, 1962, 1967, 1976 & 1978 editions \$5 each

Pete, WB9W

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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

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### 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 band spread 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

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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, and 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 sub-audible 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](http://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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/287932964607477/).  
[k9ona+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:k9ona+subscribe@groups.io)

## **HAMFEST:**

Our Six Meter Club of Chicago HAMFEST is held annually on the Second 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.***