

Six Meter Club of Chicago

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July 2016

COMING EVENTS

- July
- 8 Six Meter Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, SW Corner 47th & Brainard. La Grange
 - 9 South Milwaukee ARC Hamfest American Legion Hall Oak Creek WI
 - 10 FRRL Hamfest Aurora Central Catholic H.S. 1255 N Edgelawn, Aurora Talkin W9CEQ 147.210 Rptr (103.5 Hz)
 - 17 KARSfest, Will County Fairgrounds, Wilmington-Peotone Road west of Rte 50 (Cicero Avenue)
 - 30-31 Antique Radio Club of IL Radiofest, Medinah Shriners Convention Center, 551 N. Swift Road, Addison

SMCC ARRL FIELD DAY OPERATION COMPLETED

Thanks to everyone who had a part in making Field Day another successful experience this year, whether you were able to come out and participate, or make contact with K9ONA from your home station!

A very special thanks to the Schultz family for providing the motor home and RV which housed the HF phone and CW stations, to our chef Gary, KC9IDS, who made sure that we were all well fed, and to Lee, KB9OYP who provided the solar power apparatus and also worked with Hinsdale Central to secure the site.

As usual, the VHF station was located high above the athletic field in the press box. Our stations worked out over long distances, but even though 146.52 was designated as a "legal" frequency for FD for the first

time this year, activity was rather low, and we didn't encounter any E-skip on six meters either. In fact, the higher HF bands were pretty quiet too, with most activity on 20 and 40 Meters. Vern, K9LAE did most of the CW operating, and the HF SSB station's principal operators were KC9KLA and KC9IDS.

We managed to make more than 400 contacts total, sent our FD message to the Illinois SM KA9QPN, and used all wire antennas this year except for the 144/440 FM vertical. Despite the somewhat dire weather forecast for Sunday, the short burst of rain in the morning didn't really affect operation, and it cleared up nicely for tear down.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT HAMFEST!

The weather was great, and so were the crowds at the DuPage Fairgrounds for our June 19 Hamfest. We haven't arrived at a final count as this was written, but it was obvious that our attendance far exceeded last year, with many out of state license plates noted.

Our VE crew reported that all four candidates were successful in either earning their first license or upgrading. The flea market was jammed with a lot of interesting equipment and parts, including many nice vintage pieces from members of the Antique Radio Club of Illinois and the Midwest Classic Radio Net.

We were happy for our many prize winners, including our First Place (\$300) winner, Pierre Dobrovolny of Hawthorn Woods IL; Second (\$200) Richard Hrubec, W9NHX from Crest Hill IL; and Third (\$100), Patrick Cudzilo from Hammond IN. The Bird 43 Wattmeter went to Pete Jachimiec, WB9W from Chicago.

A big "Thank You!" to everyone who had a part in making our 59th Hamfest so successful. We can all be very proud of this major Midwest show, and appreciate the support from everyone, including our ARRL officials, AMSAT, and the NWS and Skywarn representatives. Now we can look forward to our 60th Hamfest on Fathers' Day 2017!

**Minutes of the June 10, 2016
Six Meter Club of Chicago Meeting**

Officers present: WA9FIH, KC9TQF, AK9Y, WD9GJK, KC9IDS, K9WSS, W9UEY.

Jim, WA9FIH called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published in the *HALO*. It was noted that Jim, N9TUQ's name was accidentally omitted from the list of those who assisted at the Run For The Roses.

Our Treasurer, Bob, AK9Y presented the Club's financial report, and reminded our Volunteer Examiners that we will be conducting VE testing at our Hamfest on Sunday, June 19.

Joe, KC9TQF stated that our June program will be about HF mobile operation, presented by Kevin, N9NAQ. Anyone with ideas for program topics or guest speakers please contact Joe.

Mike, WD9GJK reported on Hamfest progress. Many nice prizes have been donated and we have a good variety of indoor vendors.

Gary, KC9IDS reported 25 members and one guest present.

WA9FIH reported that the Park District of LaGrange Park sent their thanks for everyone who helped with the Run For The Roses on May 14. They appreciate our help every year. He also discussed the Hamfest, and met with the Fairgrounds manager to go over details including the PA system. The Fair Authority has been making many improvements to the site. We are also planning to operate Field Day on June 25 and 26 at Hinsdale Central High School as usual, and thanks to Cindy WA9IYZ, Vern K9LAE and their family we will have the RVs to operate from again this year. Jim also stated that at the last Board Meeting the members voted to make a \$50 donation in support of the Fair Association's scholarship program

Ryan, W9UEY gave a report on the status of our repeater system. EchoLink had been down due to a software problem but is working well again. Our 220 repeater is off the air and will be checked out (Ed. Note: Vern, K9LAE found a defective small variable capacitor and replaced all similar components. He will run the repeater at his QTH for a while before reinstalling it at the site to make sure it is OK.)

WA9FIH held the attendance drawing:

1 st	Lee, W9NSP	Present
2 nd	Will, K9WSS	Present
3 rd	Dawn, KA9ERS	Present

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Following coffee break, KC9TQF introduced our program presenter, Kevin, N9NAQ.

-- Joe Noga, KC9TQF
Recording Secretary/V.P.

**NEXT SMCC BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22**

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 22 at the LaGrange Park Village Hall, 447 North Catherine Ave.

**DIGITAL SLOW SCAN TV
NET THURSDAY EVENINGS**

Don't forget that we have a Digital Slow Scan TV Net every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., on our two meter repeater, using EasyPal software which can be downloaded free from the Internet.

**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!

**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 SITE FOR ARCI RADIOFEST

AT MEDINAH SHRINERS IN ADDISON

The Antique Radio Club of Illinois' Radiofest will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31 at a new location, the Medinah Shriners Convention Center, 551 N. Swift Road in Addison. Radiofest actually begins with a Friday evening auction on July 29; the outdoor flea market opens Saturday morning at 7 a.m. and continues on Sunday morning.

Saturday afternoon a special display featuring RCA radios and artifacts will take place indoors, along with several forums including one on vintage Amateur Radio, and a contest display. A vintage ham station will be on the air at the site, using ARCI's new "vanity" call, WA9RCI. Listen for them on our K9ONA repeater as well as on various HF bands.

There is no charge for visitors to Radiofest, and a large parking lot next to the flea market space will be available for visitors. Due to the limited number of selling spaces available, however, selling at Radiofest is restricted to ARCI members only. For additional information, and to view or download a Radiofest flyer, visit the ARCI web site, www.antique-radios.org.

UPCOMING 2016 HAMFEST SCHEDULE

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

July	9	South Milwaukee ARC Oak Creek WI
	10	FRRL, Aurora
	17	KARSfest, Peotone
	30-31	ARCI Radiofest, Addison
August	7	Hamfesters, Peotone
September	17	Peoria Area ARC Superfest
	24	Ozaukee RC, Cedarburg WI
	24	CFMC Radio EXPO, Belvidere IL
October	2	ARCI, Carol Stream
December	11	ARCI, Carol Stream

FCC DENIES PETITION FOR

LIFETIME AMATEUR LICENSE

The FCC has denied the petition of Mark Krotz, N7MK, of Mesa, AZ who had petitioned for lifetime Amateur Radio licenses. He had filed his Petition for Rule Making (RM 11760) last November, and the FCC invited public comments in February.

Krotz requested the FCC to revise Part 97.25 of its rules to indicate that Amateur Radio licenses are granted for the holder's lifetime, instead of for the current ten year term.

Hundreds of radio amateurs commented on the petition, but the FCC was not swayed by those favoring the idea. Krotz's primary argument is that extending the term of amateur licenses to lifetime of the holder would reduce the FCC's administrative and personnel costs, but the vast majority of license renewals are submitted on line and processed automatically by the Universal Licensing System (ULS) with minimal staff involvement.

The FCC said it had further reduced its overhead by no longer routinely mailing out paper licenses. If license terms were extended to the holder's lifetime, the FCC stated that they would likely receive more cancellations on account of the licensee's death, which are labor intensive, since staff must carefully verify the deceased's identity and incenses in order to guard against erroneous cancellations, according to its June 21 order, signed by Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Deputy Mobility Division Chief Scot Stone.

Krotz had argued that the General Radiotelephone Operator License – GROL – already is issued on a lifetime basis, but the FCC said that is not a comparable situation, because an Amateur Radio license is both an operators and station license, and there is no precedent for issuing a lifetime station license.

In 2014, the FCC granted lifetime credit for examination Elements 3 and 4, but applicants seeking relicensing under that provision must still pass Element 2. The FCC pointed out in its order that this was done to address the concerns of commenters that a licensee who had not renewed also may not have maintained or expanded his or her knowledge or skills.

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HALOADS...

For Sale:

Dentron Clipperton-L Amplifier, Excellent Cond.
Local pick up only.....asking \$550

Dentron MT-3000A Antenna Tuner, good condition
Local Pick up only.....asking \$250

Drake MS-4 Speaker, Very good condition.....\$75

Heathkit SB-610 Monitor Scope, great condition....\$70

Rich Breckinridge, WA9BXB
3827 Kemman Avenue
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For Sale:

ICOM 271A Multimode Two Meter 10 W
with hand mic.....\$250

ICOM 471A Multimode UHF w/mic 10 W.....\$250

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

For Sale:

Heathkit IM-28 VTVM, very good condition, copy
of schematic, with probe\$40 or best offer

1000 ft spool of CAT 5 Yellow Jacket computer
cable.....\$75 or best offer

Yaesu FT-101B 10-160 M (no WARC bands), original
op manual, copy of service manual, matching Yaesu
Landliner spkr/phone patch, Shure 444 desk mic,
Dentron AT-1K antenna tuner.....\$350 or best offer

Mike Huedepohl, WD9GJK
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For Sale:

Astatic 877HL Desk Microphone.....\$50

National HRO-60 Receiver with matching speaker,
Nine coil sets for shortwave bands including band-
spread on ham bands and cabinet to hold unused
coil drawers. Radio has been recapped and is in
excellent condition. Also includes a plug-in
SSB product detector from a QST article which
occupies space intended for a NBFM adapter (no
mods to the radio). Original manual included...\$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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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.

CASIO CT-700 Tone Bank Electronic Keyboard,
Excellent condition.....\$50

Motorola C54RCB MICOR UHF repeater on 440 ham
band, including unified chassis with rcvr, transmitter,
card cage, and power amplifier. Does not include 13.6
VDC power supply, cabinet, or ID/controller. Very
clean, excellent working condition when removed from
service. Club property surplus to our needs.....\$90

Tektronix 535A Classic Oscilloscope with several
plug-ins and matching cart, exc. cond.....\$100/offer

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