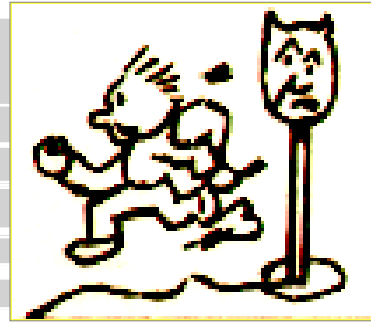




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## Upcoming Events

North Shore RC Hamfest - Apr 16  
Lake County Fairgrounds  
Rts 45 and 120 - Grayslake IL  
VE Sessions 9AM to Noon  
Free Parking - TI 147.345(102.5)  
and 146.52. Admission \$7 at door  
and under 12 free.

CFMC Spring Auction - April  
20th at the Edgebrook Field  
House 7:30 PM

Kishwaukee ARC Dekalb  
Hamfest -  
May 1 - Sandwich Fairgrounds  
just north of Rt 34 at intersection  
of Suydam & Gletty Rds. Free  
Tailgating. Overnite camping-  
elect \$15. TI 146.73. Tickets \$6.

**SRO / CFAR  
Roster for  
2005  
Is Inside  
Are you in it?**

## The Iron Road



**April 13th at the  
Edgebrook Field House  
8:00 PM**

The Completion of the  
Transcontinental Railroad

Jim AA9DT and Jean KB9FXL found an interesting Video at the Skokie library. I watched the first part. It's amazing to think of the simple tools that they had in the 1800's to build with. They will make a copy of the tape for the meeting.

**THE IRON ROAD** the Story of America's First Transcontinental Railroad. The completion of the first transcontinental railroad at Promontory, Utah,

on May 10, 1869, marked a turning point in the settlement of the American West and stands as one of the most extraordinary engineering feats the country has ever known. The Union Pacific built from the East, while the Central Pacific worked from the West. The Iron Road recounts the six years of harsh labor, searing heat, Indian attacks, and frontier lawlessness these railroad men endured to complete this visionary enterprise.

Author and historian David McCullough hosts this award winning documentary from the PBS series The American Experience. For more info: [www.cpr.org/museum](http://www.cpr.org/museum)



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## Meeting Minutes

Tom takes a flyer. WA9FTS flips him the bird. (Literally. Not figuratively.)

### SRO Meeting Notes, including Sales Pitches to Avoid at all Costs

for March 9, 2005

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

**MARCH MEETING.** The clarion call of 8:06 CST rings across cavernous Great Hall at Edgebrook Field House. Grand, Anointed, Primary Pooh-bah Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF invokes the meeting. He summons reports of new business, old business and monkey business.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** With a hearty cry of \\Hi ho, Silver,// treasurer Mike Brost gallops into the room. At last, the First Fiduciary Finagle & Guaranty Ripoff Bank actually returned our \$75! For 2005, Mike Brost WA9FTS has taken in \$350 in membership dues. Mike Shy has cost \$285. We've spent \$23.06 on additional holiday party expenses, plus \$86.03 in Mike Shy postage. Due to skinflintiness, plus the cash transfer from La Salle bank, we're ahead this year. Total inflows for the year come to \$465. Actually, we're up by \$607.28, but \$300 of that sum belongs to CFARing friends. Our account totals \$1,400. Mike must still buy meeting insurance.

**SPRING AUCTION.** Observing suitable protocol, we launch our auction with a reading of SRO Auction Rules. Or maybe I should say \\rule.// President Mike defines this rule: When sales reach the point where the club makes \$5, \\the rest is pure gravy.//

**BENDER BLENDER.** Jean KB9FXL spies an antique blender that she wants. To me, it looks—er—sblendid. Following a long and exceedingly silly tradition, we bid against each other. After awhile, I realize that either way, we're likely to pay. That's when I let Jean cast the winning bid.

**ONE HAND CLAPS.** A radio made by Stewart, but without Warner's participation, costs Tom Berry K9ZVE \$1. Stewart minus Warner? Now, I've heard of loose coupling, but this is amplitude divorced from modulation! Or all henries, but no farads. Tom, for both Stewart and Warner, you must bid \$2. (Tom returns to the club after both he and his wife survived serious illness. Tonight, both seem to be in fine fettle. After Helen dropped Tom off, I spoke briefly with her.)

**NO-TALENT TALON.** Our next item seems to be a tethered, flying fowl novelty. Jim Quinn K9JQ suggests selling it as an aid for hunt and peck typists. Attempting to merchandise the beast, our two auctioneers reenact the merchandise the beast, our two auctioneers reenact the monster flick "Rodan" The act lays an egg, but for \$2,

**PHONY.** WA9EVF spies a telephone on the sale table. A Machiavellian grin spreads across his face. And then, the pitch: \\What am I bid for this cordless phone? Well right now, it's cordless!//

**SOUND PURCHASE.** Somehow, the cordless phone doesn't ring any bells. Meanwhile, Mike Brost is trying to hawk a high-fidelity, stereo-whatsis. Liebovitz, several feet away and not paying the strictest attention, asks Brost: What about the eight gnomes? No! Eight Ohms! Insists Brost. Apple fryer? Asks Liebovitz. No! Amplifier! Insists Brost. Somehow, the apple fryer sells.

**VC-AREN'T.** Tom seems attracted to a non-working VCR from Paul Tuttle N9LXF. Avoiding trouble, Liebovitz asks Tom where his wife is. Tom: She's not here. That's why I'm bidding. (The coast is clear.) Liebovitz bills the junker as a video shredder. Deal! For a buck, Tom schleps it off.

**DOESN'T ADD UP.** Brost scoops a pair of mini calculators from the auction table. Almost simultaneously, Joe Schroeder W9JUV bids \$1.50 and Tom bids \$1. Tom hollers loudly from directly before Brost. A crowd that must total several thousand, or at least several, muffles Joe's bid. Liebovitz only hears Joe, but Brost only hears Tom. Brost threatens an audit. The auctioneers settle the dispute by selling each bidder a calculator for 75 cents.

**UNKNEEDED.** Liebovitz has nearly sold a bread maker, when he discovers that it's really Brost's HP printer. The printer, including USB interface and color ink, but without flour, sells for \$11.

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## Fore Sale

Icom IC 706 MKIIG (Remote Kit)

MFJ 4035 Regulated Power Supply

MFJ 969 Deluxe Versa Tuner II (160-6)

Better RF 706 Auto Tune

Heil ICM Microphone

Will separate, bring any reasonable offers

All equipment in new condition

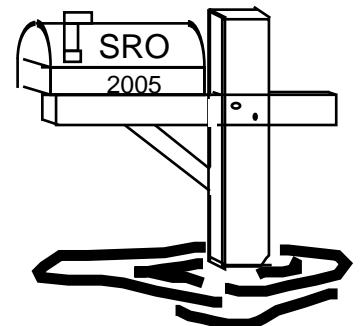
Non-smoking home QTH use only apprx 1 yr

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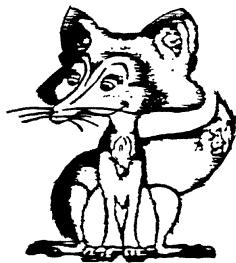
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IN YOUR MAILBOX  
EACH MONTH



# Foxhunt Report

March 2005  
by Mike WA9FTS



Mike Shy

# Treasurer's Report



by Mike WA9FTS

It was a perfect night or a foxhunt. So what happens - only one hunt teams shows up - N9LXF and Mike WA9FTS.

Charlie KB9DIM got us off a few minutes after 8PM . We took Mannheim north to 294 to 90 and west to Barrington Rd. We took Algonquian Rd east to Huntington Rd north and through a residential street to Bradwell east to Ela and north to Dundee. We jogged NW on 14 and east on Hillside back to Ela Rd north to Lake-Cook Rd. We turned north on Quinten Rd and then east on Long Brove Rd right past Charlie who was parked on the north side of the road. We stopped and turned around and parked about 500 ft east of Charlie and took off on foot. We were then told to approach slowly as he was being interrogated by the local Deer Park police. I came in and identified myself to Charlie and then to the police officer. He wished us a good evening and off we were to Chili's in Kildeer. We were joined by Don W9RA. Next month Paul N9LXF and Mike WA9FTS will hide and see who can find us first.

Starting Balance - Jan 1, 2005	\$862.15
Income	\$769.00
Auction	\$4.00
Membership Dues	\$465.00
CFAR Contributions	\$3000.00
Expenses	\$101.52
Annual Report	\$5.00
Mike Shy Postage	\$44.40
Mike Shy Printing	\$46.13
Meeting Refreshments	\$5.99
Balance as of Apr 6, 2005	\$1529.63

## April 2005

by Mike WA9FTS

Another warmer, perfect evening for a hunt and the hunters were ready. The hunters were released about 5 min after 8 PM. Several of the hunters took off west and on 290. They overshot somewhat and came back going west to Schaumburg. There was only one way in off Roselle Rd to Commerce and north to a parking lot where Paul N9LXF, Carol and I were in my van. Charlie KB9DIM, with Alexis asleep, showed up for the win - 36 min - a good showing. Tom N9CBA arrived 4-1/2 min later for second. Dave AA9XS need a bit of help. The one hour rule was applied which would end the hunt 1 hr after 1st place came in. We dropped a few hints and at 1 hr 19 min into the hunt, Dave arrived to end the hunt. We met a Portillo's on Golf just east of Plum Grove Rd. We were joined by Don W9RA who told us that he worked at Motorola several years ago at the parking lot we hid for the hunt.

The CFAR 2m foxhunt is held every 1st Saturday at the shopping center at the corner of Mannheim and Grand. The hunt starts shortly after 8:00 PM

April 2005

# Birthdays



W9AVP	Walter Phillips	May 1st
KC9BLH	Curtis Newton	May 22nd
WA9INF	Marvin Robertson	April 2nd
K9JQ	Jim Quinn	April 17th
N9NOQ	Aurelio Arrendondo	April 18th
N9NXJ	Ivan Joseph	May 30th
N9YOI	Cora Dorner	April 2nd
K9YSE	Dan Galarde	May 10th
KA9ZXA	Rachel Leibovitz	April 10 th

## Meeting Attendance

March 9th, 2005  
Edgebrook Field House

WA9EVF	W9BUB	KB9SXA
KB9FXL	K9JQ	W9JUV
WA9FTS	KC9EOB	N9LXF
AA9DT	WA9KLF	W5LTR

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**Regular Meeting Place**

SRO meets at the Edgebrook Field House at 6100 N. Central Ave. Chicago IL 60646 on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 PM **unless otherwise indicated in Mike Shy.**

**Standing Committees**

Membership - K9JQ  
Program - Open  
Meeting Refresh. - AA9DT  
Foxhunting - WA9FTS  
Repeater - W9BUB  
Field Day - Open  
Education - WA9EVF  
Mike Shy - WA9FTS  
Picnic - WA9FTS  
Dinner/Play - Open for 2005  
Christmas/Chanukkah Party - WA9EVF

**SRO Repeaters**

	In	Out
CFAR (107.2) PL	147.75	147.15
TOOFAR	223.26	224.86

**Repeater Personnel**

Trustee - W9BUB  
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CFAR Treasurer - WA9FTS  
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W9BUB & K9IQF  
Lisle Maintenance  
WA9AEK

W9EJ Exp Date      May 2008

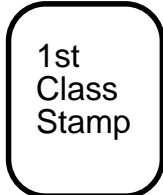
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## April 13th - 8:00 PM

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