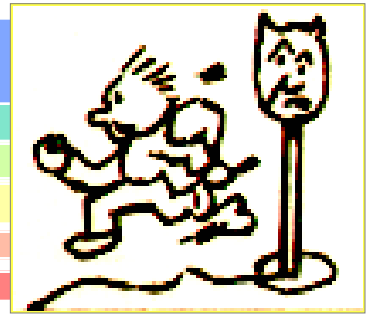




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## Upcoming Events

Chicago FM Club - Regular  
Meetings at the Edgebrook Field  
House  
April 19th - 7:30 PM - Spring  
Auction  
May 17th & June 21st - 8 PM - See  
web site for program

Hamfests  
DeKalb Hamfest - May 7th  
Sandwich Fairgrounds  
[www.kish-club.org](http://www.kish-club.org)  
Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest  
June 3-4th - Bureau Co Fairgrounds  
[www.qsl.net/w9mks/](http://www.qsl.net/w9mks/)  
6 Meter Hamfest - June 11th  
DuPage Co Fairgrounds  
[www.qsl.net/K9ONA](http://www.qsl.net/K9ONA)  
FRRL Hamfest - July 9th  
Aurora Central Catholic HS  
[www.frri.org/hamfest](http://www.frri.org/hamfest)

## Just A Reminder

The roster is attached.  
It includes all paid up  
SRO members and  
CFAR contributors.

## SRO Members & CFAR Contributions

If you change your e-mail adr, send it to the editor so we can send Mike Shy to you electronically. If you change your address, let the editor know also. Use sent form, e-mail me ([mbrost@cin.net](mailto:mbrost@cin.net) or [mikeb2006@comcast.net](mailto:mikeb2006@comcast.net)) or call me at 708.457.0966

# Have A Great Spring & Summer Next Meeting July 12th at the Field House

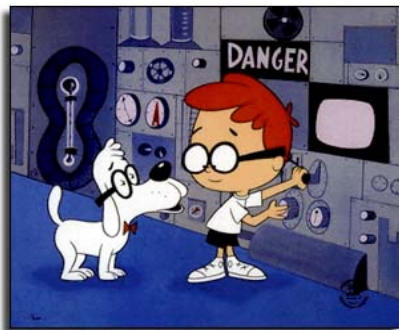
Winter is finally saying goodbye and spring is here. It is time to clean up from the winter - although we had a mild one. Landscape waste to get ready and bulbs to plant - grass to fertilize and the lawn mower to get ready. The snow shovels should be put away and the snow thrower emptied of gas and put in the corner of the garage. Easter and Passover are around the corner - time to visit with family and friends. That is were SRO comes in. We need to make contact with the ones we know and not forget our extended family - the members of SRO. We won't have a regular meeting until July - so - make sure you put it on your calendar. We will have a program to go along with the business meeting. An e-mail will be sent to let you know what it will be. In October we will have the fall auction an- as usual - there should be lots of goodie. I hope to see many of you at the next SRO meetings and hope you all have a great spring and summer.



# Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

## Mike Shy



### SRO Notes & Dust Off My Keyboard for March 8, 2006

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

**MARCH MEETING.** With magnanimous aplomb...

With pomp and circumstantial evidence... With hilarity and hospitality, we open our meeting at 8:04 p.m. (8:34 Hawes Standard Time).

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Brother Mike Brost WA9FTS is balancing \$1,252.46 on his nose tonight. Or maybe that's what we have in the bank. Mike didn't bring the bank, so I couldn't check.

**CFMC DEMO DAY.** Dennis Krawczak KC9ENZ joins us tonight. He announces that on June 3, CFMC will hold a ham radio demonstration day. The idea is to interest young people in ham radio. The event takes place at McGuane Park Field House. The field house is in Bridgeport, at 2901 South Poplar. That's near South Halsted and 29th Street. The event begins at 10AM.

**EQUAL TIME FOR NORTH SIDERS!** CFMC holds its north side ham radio awareness day on September 9. The venue is Eisenhower Public Library Garden and Classroom, 4652 North Olcott, Harwood Heights. (Harlem and Lawrence are nearby.) At the same location, CFMC will host ham radio classes. The classes begin on the second Tuesday in October, and run for 10 weeks.

**CFMC FIELD DAY** opens on Saturday, June 24 at River Grove's River Front Park. The 24-hour operation continues through the next day. On Saturday afternoon, CFMC hosts an informal cookout for interested hams, families and friends. On the menu are filet mignon, pheasant under glass, pate du foie gras with Truffles Millefeuille and crepes suzettes. As this is an informal gathering, CFMC doesn't require tails. Yet you should wear a tux appropriate for dinner and antenna raising. Also, bring your wallet and buy a block of Radio Expo tickets. In the gazebo area, hams will set up field transmitters, a generator, antennas, radar, IFF, etc. Know the password, and stay clear of the Tesla coils, electrified fences and ion particle generators.

If you visit CFMC's Field Day bivouac, you might be able to participate. Particularly at night, the club often needs operators, loggers and equine otolaryngologists. To send,

you must be a licensed operator. Any class license will do. A fishing license might entitle you to work nets and catch DX. Any operator may use the Extra bands.

**AUTHENTICATION.** Bring the Echwabryl Kw91 biometric authenticator that we're issuing to you tonight. Some may receive a slightly different model. If you install the code patch, a Kw99 will also authenticate properly. Model Kw99 operates on a narrower band and has higher noise immunity. The hop pilot tone is also 25 kHz lower. The code patch assures backward compatibility with the older model Kw91.

Ideally, we'd adopt the Kw99 standard, but converting Kw91 units requires hardware modifications. Only Moorschaum or Moorschaum-certified field engineers can reliably perform modifications to the K-class oscillators. When the technology enters the public domain, the club will consider buying alignment tools. For the time being, know your model number and the status of your code patch. If you have any doubts about the status, check it by monitoring your hop pilot tone. Bring your authenticator to Field Day. At Option Hours, make sure that you authenticate. Always authenticate on the legacy bands.

**AUCTION.** At tonight's auction, the club clears \$4.15, breaking our previous record of \$4 even. The highlight of tonight's auction is Mike Leibovitz's sale of a piece of foam rubber. He bamboozled CFMC's Tom to buy the foam for a quarter. (The foam is a heritage piece. It came out of a junkbox that I bought at the CARC auction.) People must be in a quirky mood tonight. Oddball things are moving. The good stuff stays on the table. Jim Baier KB9SXA unloads a box for a box camera. (Not the camera itself.) That wraps up another auction. Our next meeting is in July. See you there!

# Birthdays



K9JQ	Jim Quinn	Apr 17th
KB9SXA	Jim Baier	Mar 18th
N9YOI	Cora Dorner	Apr 2nd
W9BEA	Wally Klinger	Mar 28th
WA9AEK	Ken Stritzel	Mar 10th
WA9EMV	Sy Laurie	Mar 9th
WA9EVF	Mike Leibovitz	Mar 14th
WA9INF	Marvin Robertson	Apr 2nd

# Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS



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# Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

## March CFAR Foxhunt

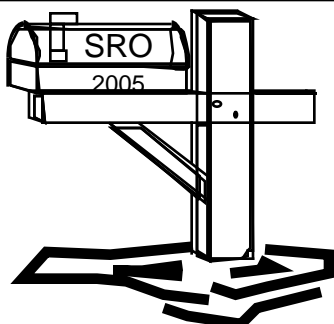
Greg N9SA hid in his car in Lombard. It was a street south of North Ave. and east of old 53. While Paul N9LXF and Mike WA9FTS were finding much better spots to hid, Tom N9CBA found Greg for the win. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis were 2nd and we ended the hunt for last. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA
2. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis
3. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF

## April CFAR Foxhunt

Tom provided a good signal to start the hunt. The hunters started up Mannheim and then I-204 north. Paul and I got off at Dempster and east to Greenwood - north to Church and west to Good Ave in Glenview. We finally made it to Dee Pk. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis were already there. For some reason I ran toward them across the park. If they were there they were already found Tom. The next transmission indicated back to where I was. So I ran back - and ran out of breath. I ran around the building and - got lost. Charlie found Tom behind bushes by the building a ran around. I finally came back to end the hunt. I later found out I ran out of air due to a donation of blood a couple of days earlier. No good deed goes unpunished.

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



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Balance as of Jan 1st, 2006	\$597.46
Receipts	\$739.15
Membership Dues	\$430.00
CFAR Contribution	\$305.00
Spring Auction	\$4.15
Disbursements	
Mike Shy	\$14.82
Postage	\$14.82
Printing	\$0.00
Annual Report	\$10.00
Holiday Party	(\$10.00)
Balance as of April 6th, 2006	\$1321.79
Prfit / Loss for 2006	\$732.13

## Meeting Attendance

March 8th



Mike WA9EVF  
 Jean KB9FXL  
 Jim AA9DT  
 Mike WA9FTS  
 Jim KB9SXA  
 Steve N9VO  
 Cal WA9KLF

Ken KA9TRG  
 Tom KB9AJM  
 Paul N9LXF  
 Dennis KC9ENZ  
 Ivan N9NXJ  
 Steve WB9ZNL  
 Joe WA9KOD



# Society Radio Operators

**SRO Dues and CFAR Contributions for 2006**

Again as in previous years it is time for SRO dues and (or) CFAR contributions for the upcoming year. We have held expenses to a minimum and are able to hold SRO dues to **\$20.00** but need to increase CFAR contributions to **\$20.00**. However for SRO members and CFAR contributors, we are asking for a total of **\$35.00**. We are also going to send Mike Shy via e-mail in January if you have that capability. Please let us know if the e-mail address is correct in the last roster. Look in the December issue for more information on this topic. It is our goal to make each dollar go as far as we can to provide social and technical events the membership looks forward to each year.

Below is information needed for the database. Please take the time to fill it out. Pay close attention to the area code of the phone number and to include your extended zip code. If you do not know it, look at your latest phone bill; it is used by the phone company because it speeds up the mail .

SRO \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CFAR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Roster - Yes  No

Class License \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL - Yes  No

Birthday (mo/da) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail or Internet Address \_\_\_\_\_

Print carefully

Electronic version of Mike Shy in color - as a pdf file Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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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 - K9IQF  
 Field Day - Open  
 Education - WA9EVF  
 Mike Shy - WA9FTS  
 Picnic - WA9FTS  
 Dinner/Play - Open for 2006  
 Christmas/Chanukkah Party - WA9EVF

### SRO Repeaters

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

### Repeater Personnel

Trustee - K9JQ  
 CFAR Chairman - K9IQF  
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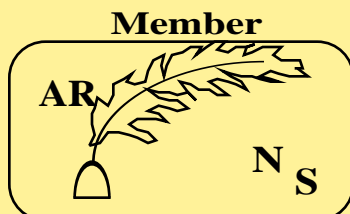
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