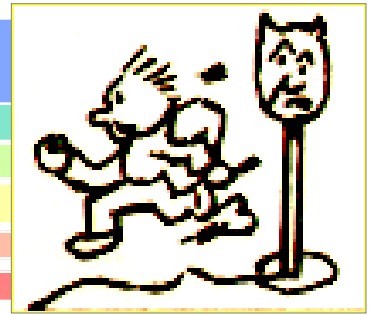




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Upcoming Events

Chicago FM Club Regular Meeting
December 20th at the Edgebrook
Field House

Election of officers for 2007-2008

Wheaton Mid-Winter Hamfest

Sunday January 28th, 2007

DuPage Expo Center

4050 E Main St. - St. Charles IL

across from the Pheasant Run

MegaCenter.

8 AM to 1 PM Free Parking

Hourly Prizes VE testing on-site

Adv tickets \$7 - \$9 at the gate

Talk-in 145.390-

For more info - info@w9ccu.org

SRO Dues CFAR Contributions for 2007

Look for a form and envelope in
the mail sent to all SRO members
and CFAR contributors. Please fill
it out and send back. We are in
good financial condition and, with
your help we will stay that way.

Holiday Party December 13th Field House 6:30 PM



Well, here we are again. It is time
to celebrate the holiday season
with the SRO family. SRO
members, CFAR contributors and
guests are welcome.

Our famous punch will be served
promptly at 6:30 PM and the great
food from Brown's Chicken
between 6:45 and 7 PM.

The menu will include chicken,
beef, mostaccioli, polish sausage,
cole slaw, macaroni, beans, ham,
carrot and chocolate cakes.



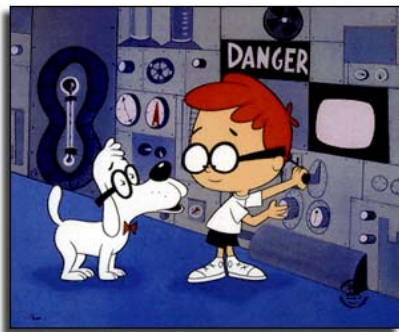
Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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SRO Notes Wrenched from the Dog's Mouth for October 11, 2006

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT



OCTOBER MEETING.

This time, I have some notes to write from. Unfortunately, the dog ate them. Since we don't have a dog, maybe I misplaced him, too.

Anyway, tonight, the club presents its twice-annual ham radio auction. This show is the closest that ham radio comes to the "Greatest Show on Earth." As Messrs. Ringling, Barnum and Bailey turn in their graves, I offer my fond apologies. Let's see... When did our business meeting open? Let me check that with my Internet browser. Where's that dog? Hey, doggie! Bark once for 8 pm and twice for 8:15! Not even a yip-yip. 8 pm will have to suffice.

The celebrated Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF is our master of ceremonies, impresario and all around presiding officer. Yes, he fills at least three roles. Hey, we've run smack out of your ham-type, club-style officers. Volunteer, you guys. I mean, guy. Who's left out there? Do I hear a yip-yip? No volunteers, but tonight, we're definitely putting on the dog.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mike Brost WA9FTS insists that we have money, and he has seen it. That means that the show goes on. Somebody bang a drum! We can pay the rent for the tent—er fee for the field house. I don't know about paying the piper, but our insurance is up to date.

FALL AUCTION. Never say that ham auctions aren't worthwhile! The XYL Jean Pressel KB9FXL wants me to mention this: She bought a Nextel cell phone from Cal Leibovitz WA9KLF. The outlay was \$5. Jean charged up the phone, wrote an ad, and resold her SRO purchase on eBay for \$10. If you don't count the labor, she made a nice profit. The feedback from her buyer is very positive. Our next club auction will be in March. Empty out the closet, fill up the trunk and earn a few bucks. Friendly auctioneer Mike Leibovitz will make you laugh until you snort. By the way, that snort counts as a bid. Mike will sell you a cardboard box full of essentials you didn't know you needed. You'll go home with an armful of foam rubber, fifty feet of BX cable and a great story to tell. The coffee is hot, the cookies are sweet, and the deals are the best in the county.

NO CHARGE FOR DECEMBER DINNER. On Wednesday,

November 29, 2006, we officers gather at BQS Realty for a board meeting. Thanks for the hospitality, Jim Quinn K9JQ. The meeting features a rare sighting of Don Moriarty W9RA. Motorola must have given Don the night off.

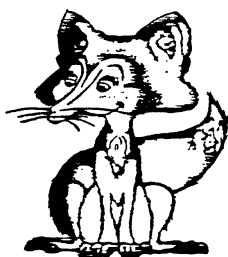
Mike Brost WA9FTS counts our total income and expenses at positive \$406.48. Our bank balance is \$1,003.94. With the email distribution to most members, Mike Shy postage has dropped to \$14.82. According to Mike Leibovitz, the upcoming December dinner party will cost \$270 plus the bill for cake. (The round number is about \$300.) At the end of the year, our remaining balance will be some \$700. As a result, the club won't charge you the usual \$5 fee for Hanukkah and Christmas dinner. Come early and go around twice. Otherwise, the Quinn family will be ahead of you in line! They are a ravenous bunch.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! SRO has picked up three new members: Welcome, Dennis KC9EMZ, a friend from CFMC. Stan W9LG connected to SRO through Mike Brost, Carol, and Carol's friend Bonnie. (Now, that's networking, Mike!) Rita Quinn KC9BIY ("Blond is yellow") represents another generation of the Quinn ham radio clan. She is now a famous member of both SRO and CFAR. (Anyone who pays dues is a famous member.)

2007 MEETINGS. For the upcoming year, President Mike Leibovitz suggests holding club meetings nearly every other month. Board members vote in favor of the proposition. Next year, meetings occur in January, March, May, July, October and December. The first meeting will be January 10. Slip on the mukluks and listen to tall tales about Nikola Tesla, master of lightning.



Foxhunt Report



October 7th 2006 CFAR Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Greg N9SA started the hunters off to the SW. Several of the hunters took Grand to the 294 frontage road south to North Ave - then west. Paul and I overshot between transmissions and were seen by Don W9RA who was heading south on Rt 83. We got bad readings and slowly made our way east to Villa Ave. For the first time we used a "Go" feature on our GPS and quickly found Greg at the end of Sidney Ct just west of Villa and north of North Ave. Too late - we ended the hunt. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis beat out Tom N9CBA for the win. Don W9RA, without a rotating bean and having to get out for readings finished third. Mike KC9JWR was on his first hunt, and despite the finish, enjoyed the experience. We met at Portillo's at 83 and St. Charles Rd. Results:

1. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis
2. Tom N9CBA
3. Don W9RA
4. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF, Mike KC9JWR

November 4th 2006 CFAR Foxhunt Report.

by Charlie KB9DIM

It was a beautiful evening for a foxhunt, although rain was forecast, it did not appear. The fox KB9DIM and Alexis left home early to set out to the hiding spot, however, once there, they had second thoughts about using it, so they set out to find another spot. With time running out, they drove past an access road that led to a ComEd substation in the town of St. Charles. With less than ten minutes before the hunt was scheduled to begin, they decided to use this as the hiding spot, as lame as it was. Rushing to set up equipment, they found a

small field adjacent to the substation, with a small stand of trees and undergrowth, quickly setting up the antenna and setting in. As it turned out, the leafless trees afforded very good camouflage for the antenna and tripod support that it was mounted on.

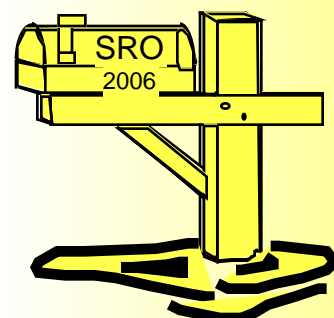
The Antenna was an 2m 4 element yagi beam (rated 7.5 dBd) vertically polarized mounted 10 feet high fed with 50 feet of RG-8 coax. The radio was a Kenwood TM-261 running on it 92s full power setting (rated at 50 watts), supplied by a 30 Ah gel cell battery, the radio was nominally producing 40 to 45 watts. The hiding spot was 20.3 miles due west from the starting point, on a beam heading of 270 degrees. The first call to the master of the hounds happened at 8:07PM, all hunters reported hearing the test transmission. The hunt was started at 8:09PM.

1st	N9SA	9:20PM
2nd	N9CBA	9:31PM
3rd	WA9FTS	9:35PM
4TH	W9RA	DNF

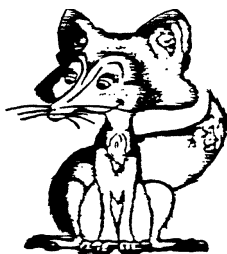
Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF were the first team to be seen/heard by the fox, however they seemed to be having problems with their ground gear. After Tom N9CBA had scored, he loaned his ground gear to Mike who then had no trouble finding the fox. After further examination, Mike's antenna was found to have a problem with the Hairpin Match on the driven element, which was probably the cause of his trouble. All involved met at the Chili's restaurant on North Avenue, just west of Dupage County Airport.

Dec 2006 Hunt results on Page 4.

IF YOU MOVE LET THE EDITOR KNOW YOUR NEW ADDRESS - IT IS YOUR WAY OF KEEPING MIKE SHY IN YOUR MAILBOX EACH MONTH



Foxhunt Report



December 2nd 2006 CFAR Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Greg N9SA started the hunters off with a good strong signal. It was to the SW of the starting pt. Charlie KB9DIM took 290 out NW and then south. Paul and I took the 294 frontage road south to North Ave and then west. We turned south on Bloomingdale Rd - right past Greg and got lost between Wheaton and Glen Ellyn. Later we spotted Charlie going down a road with new homes being built. This was 1 block west of Greg. We did not see where Charlie went and drove west - wrong way. In the mean time Tony AA9CC

drove in and under an entrance to a building with a roof and bent his antenna mast. He saw Greg and scored for the win as Charlie drove in for 2nd. We continued west to Schmale Rd and north to St Charles east to Bloomingdale and south to St. Charles. The close-in gear was not functioning. We later found out after the hunt from VK3YNG, builder of the unit, via email that we had it in the wrong mode. We had gone back to the starting radio with attenuator and things were working well. We found Greg for 3rd. Don W9RA was in the area for a while and came in shortly after to end the hunt. We met at Portillo's nearby for the munch. Results:

- 1 Tony AA9CC
2. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis
3. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
4. Don N9SA

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

Greg N9SA hid at the X





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Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Meeting Attendance

October 11th



Balance as of Jan 1st, 2006	\$597.46
Receipts	\$661.30
Membership Dues	\$625.00
Spring/Fall Auction	\$16.30
CFAR Contribution	\$20.00
Disbursements	\$174.82
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Postage	\$14.82
Annual Report	\$10.00
Holiday Party	-\$10.00
Insurance	\$160.00
Balance as of Dec 13th, 2006	\$1083.94
Prfit / Loss for 2006	\$486.48

Mike WA9EVF	Dennis KC9ENZ
Jean KB9FXL	Andy N9TGR
Jim AA9DT	Paul N9LXF
Mike WA9FTS	Jim KA9SXA
Cal WA9KLF	Jim Barnard
Cathy KA9SXA	Ron Janus
Steve K9VO	Don Helgeson



For the months of Dec & Jan

K9IQF	Jon Tammen	Dec 6th
KB9FXL	Jean Pressel	Dec 23rd
N9GF	August Fiebig Jr	Jan 22nd
N9LUI	Mike Berkowitz	Dec 12th
N9TAJ	Orville Wattles	Jan 4th
W9EVT	George Ulm	Dec 4th
W9JUV	Joe Schroeder	Jan 13th
WA9BST	Dave Lieb	Dec 8th
WA9FPT	Jim McLaughlin	Dec 25th

SRO Meetings 2007 Tentative Schedule

Jan 10th - Tesla - Life & Legacy Tower of Dreams
 Mar 14th - Spring Auction
 May 9th - National Hurricane Center
 July 11th - Open
 Oct 10th - Fall Auction
 Dec 12th - Holiday Party

SRO Board Meetings-BQS Realty

Jan 31st / May 30th / Aug 29th / Oct 31st

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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

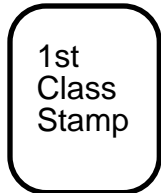
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