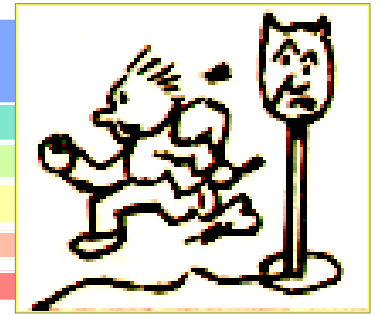




Mike Shy

Official Publication of
Society Radio Operators



Volume 67 Number 12

December 2007

Christmas/ Hannukah Party - Dec 12th at the Edgebrook Field House



**The Christmas /
Hannukah Party will
be back at the
Edgebrook Field
House but in the
smaller room.**



**Remodeling of the main room and kitchen
should have started.**

Date - Dec 12th at 6:30 PM.

**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.**

Upcoming Events

CFMC Regular Meeting on Dec 19th at the Norwood Park Field House, 5430 N Olcott. The meeting starts at 8 PM. Election of Board Members and Secretary and Treasurer for 2008 will be held.



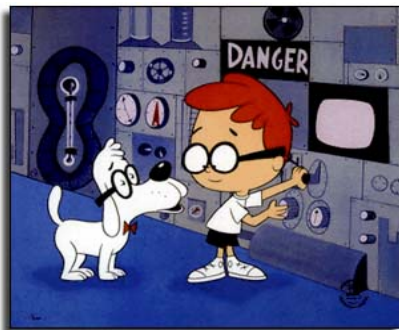
Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

Mike Shy

SRO Notes and a Penny for Your Thoughts (Hey, It's Auction Night)

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT



NOVEMBER MEETING.

The bell rings, the ball rattles around the room, and the meeting commences at 8:00 p.m. (We even have a countdown.)

CORRECTION TO SEPTEMBER NOTES. The September meeting began at 8:08 p.m., CDT, and not 8:38 p.m. CDT. My wrist cuckoo clock is on Hawes Standard Time, and it reads accurately but is a half hour ahead of Chicago time. Can I help that my watchmaker lives in Fort Wayne? He agreed to split the difference between his time zone and mine. To me, that sounded like a hot deal. Cuckoo? I know. And that's the name of my watch-amacallit.

TREASURER'S REPORT. According to Brother Mike Brost WA9FTS, this year, we've spent \$44.52 more than we've taken in. Dues for the year total \$445. That amount puts us about \$400 in the black. The holiday party will likely cost \$300. \$170 of our income will pay for CFAR repeater expenses. Tonight's refreshments and stamps total \$7.42. Our treasury total is \$1,245.30.

HANUKKAH & CHRISTMAS PARTY. Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF doffs his presidential fedora and dons his party chairman derby. He announces that he's making the Brown's order for the party. Mike doesn't need a written list. He just goes by the stains on the slacks that he wore last year. The Brown's guy slipped on a banana peel and slid the gravy boat in Mike's pocket. Mike says he's ordering either \\Must-go chili or Moscow-cioli.// Hmm. Sounds appetizing. I think that this stuff is a special order. Here are the cooking instructions: Set the pot on the final and tune up the plate. Oh, and with Moscow-cioli, you must also point the beam eastward. Right, Mike?

CFAR REPEATER PROJECTS. For our repeater crew, these are busy and productive times. Thanks, guys! At the unused 333 site, Mike Brost and Jim McLaughlin WA9FPT removed all the equipment from the cabinet. This spare equipment now occupies a portion of the John Tammen K9IQF Repeater Museum.

DOWNTOWN. Meanwhile, Mike Leibovitz, Don Moriarty W9RA, Wally Klingner W9BEA trekked to the Daley Center

transmitter. Wally and Don stripped the cabinet. The boys then rebuilt the cabinet from the ground up. (That would be chassis ground. Nyuk, nyuk.) Now, we have a computerized repeater and a Motorola voter.

MORE ON THE WAY! Our CFAR to-do list includes several more items. The repeater volunteers have two more receivers to fix. These receivers are at the Lisle site and the Little Company of Mary. John Tammen continues his work on the 220 repeater. We need two UHF links for the Lake Zurich and Hollywood Towers receive sites. Also, the downtown receiver needs calibration.

NEW SOUND OF CFAR. From work downtown, Mike Leibovitz can access CFAR from a elevator in the basement. I don't know what transmission conditions make the elevator a top receive site. Maybe ducting through the elevator shaft? How did you tune the shaft, Mike? I know: You press DOWN for 147.15 and UP for 220. Anyway, Mike reports that at Daley, we now have 100 watts of power. The old transmitter only put out 60 watts. We still use the same antenna. Mike continues that our audio levels are now balanced. The signal is very quiet. You won't hear any hum in the background anymore. The downside, according to Mike: If you mix paint or stir tea while listening, now you'll miss something. (Mike, maybe we should roll tape in the background.)

NOMINATIONS. President Mike backs into the hall and nominates everybody in the room. All non-officers abstain. Nice try, Mike. The group leaves us with the default decision: The usual suspects remain on our 2008 board of directors. Mike's response \\Railroaded again!//

UPCOMING MEETINGS. See you at the Citadel in January. By unanimous vote, other meetings will be in March, May, July, September, November and December. The meeting closes at 8:16.

Happy New Year

Silent Key Walter Phillips W9AVP

I was informed by Linda, the niece of Walter, that he passed away on July 13th. Walter was a long time member of SRO, and by his call, a ham for many years.

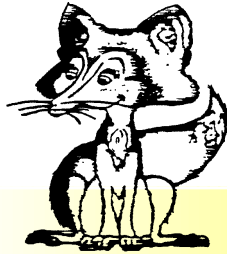
Foxhunt Report

by Greg N9SA

December 1st, 2007

Four Fox hunters were at the starting point on this rainy night with icy roads. After some repairs to N9CBA's windshield wiper we were ready to begin. WA9FTS was the master of the hounds and reported that all could hear the test signal on the repeater input. The hounds were released at about 8:09 PM. The first hound spotted by the fox was KB9DIM at about 8:40 entering the grounds of Concordia University. The fox, N9SA was parked on the street at the south end between two entrances to the campus. N9CBA scored 1st place while KB9DIM was still checking out much better spots in Concordia. WA9FTS called in DNF with equipment problems and would not be able to finish. We all met at Russels BBQ after the hunt.

- | | | | |
|----------|------|-------------------|------|
| 1. N9CBA | 8:56 | 2. KB9DIM | 9:01 |
| 3. W9RA | 9:11 | DNF WA9FTS, N9LXF | |



Mike Shy



Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Report for 2007 - Start 1/1/07	\$1289.82
Receipts	\$140.80
Membership Dues	\$135.00
Auctions	\$5.80
Disbursements	\$197.59
Meeting Refreshments	\$24.39
Annual Report	\$5.00
Insurance	\$160.00
Mike Shy Postage	\$8.20
End 11/8/07	\$1233.03

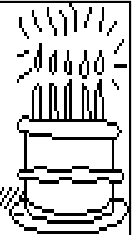
CFAR Foxhunt Information

1st Saturday of each month - start at 8PM
Sears Parking lot in Elmhurst on Rt 83 north of St. Charles Rd
Fox transmits during the hunt on 147.75 MHz

Meeting Attendance November 8th at the Salvation Army

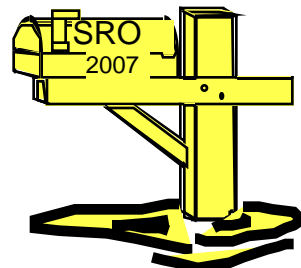
Mike WA9EVF	Steve K9VO
Mike WA9FTS	Lynne N9CBE
Jim AA9DT	Lee W9MOL
Don W9RA	Paul N9LXF
Fay N9FA	Jim Barnard
	Ron Janus

Birthdays



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 Schreoder	Jan 13th
WA9BST	Dave Lieb	Dec 8th
WA9FPT	Jim McLaughlin	Dec 25th



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

SRO Officers

President
Mike Leibovitz - WA9EVF
Vice President
Jean Pressel - KB9FXL
Secretary
Jim Hawes - AA9DT
Treasurer
Mike Brost - WA9FTS

SRO Directors

Jim Quinn - K9JQ
Don Moriarty - W9RA
Jon Tammen - K9IQF

Mike Shy Staff

Editor/Circ. Mgr.
Mike Brost - WA9FTS
E-Mail:
mikeb2006@comcast.net
708.457.0966 Voice

Regular Meeting Place

For the rest of the year SRO will meet at the Salvation Army Norridge Citadel, 8354 W Foster, Norridge IL 60706 in July, September and November second THURSDAY at 8 PM unless other-wise 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 2008
Christmas / Hanukkah Party - WA9EVF

SRO Repeaters

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

Repeater Personnel

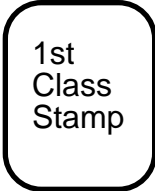
Trustee - K9JQ
CFAR Chairman - K9IQF
CFAR Treasurer - WA9FTS
Site Maintenance
K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA
Control Operators
K9IQF, TBD
NW Maintenance
WA9FPT
Northeast Maintenance
K9IQF & TBD
Lisle Maintenance
WA9AEK

W9EJ Exp Date May 2008

**Mike Shy is published monthly by the Society Radio Operators.
Deadline is 2 weeks before the meeting.
Contributions are welcome & should be sent to the Editor.**

Mike Shy

Mike Brost - WA9FTS, Editor
5127 N. Monterey Dr.
Norridge IL 60706-3245



First Class Mail

Christmas / Hannukah Party

Dec 12th Wednesday 6:30 PM
Edgebrook Field House

