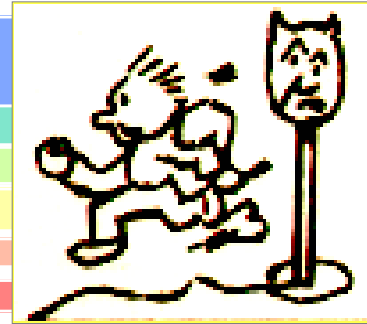




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Holiday Party

Edgebrook Field House

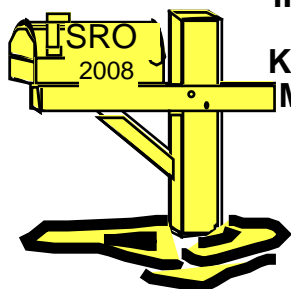


6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
Dec 10th 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

CFMC Regular Meeting
Dec 17th at the Edgebrook
Field House. Election of
officers for 2009-1010.
Meeting starts at 8 PM.

Wheaton ARC Mid-Winter
Hamfest - Jan 25th at the
Kane County Fairgrounds
525 S Randall Rd in St.
Charles IL - 8 AM to 1 PM -
VE testing - Hourly prizes -
Forums - Free Parking -
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MONTH

The Christmas / Cahnukah Party

will be back in the main room
at the Edgebrook Field House.
Remodeling is complete on
the ground floor but work is
being done on the offices
upstairs.

Catering will be from Brown's
with the same menu as last
year. Our famous holiday
punch will be served from
6:30 PM and dinner will be
from 6:45 PM. All SRO
members and CFAR
contributors and their family
are cordially invited to attend.



Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

Mike Shy



SRO Notes, an Acorn, and a Couple of C-9 Bulbs, for Sept 12, 2008
By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

NOVEMBER MEETING.

Prexy Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF opens the meeting at 7:59 pm. We're on track for the December party. If Mike can reenact the famous gravy accident of two years ago, Brown's pays for our 2009 party, too. (That is, if we're not all in a soup line by then.) By the way, after the inauguration, don't forget to ask Uncle Sam for your bailout! Please apply to the federal government. Our SRO administration can't bail you out. We can't even bail hay.

TREASURER'S REPORT. We began the year with less than \$1,000 in our account. During the year, Treasurer Mike Brost twisted arms and brought in an income of \$488.20. Of course, this method of earning money presents an opportunity cost. Plaster casts cost us \$170.02. Mike plans to make back the 180, though. On every cast, he sells advertising space. So far, Mike's taken in \$318.18 more than we've spent. Be careful about that guy. He might take you in, too. When he approaches you at the party, look out for that dues envelope. Tell him that the wife will pay, and then duck out. At the door, beware of Mike Leibovitz and the gravy boat.

BOARD NOMINATIONS. No surprise: No one volunteers for our board of directionators. The entire slate returns for another gala year. Our meeting ends tonight at 8:14.

THE AUCTION presents many fascinating products, plus a few that we can't identify. Typical unsold items include these: A cold nuclear reactor. (This comes with a supply of palladium and platinum wire.) Apollo 9 booster replacement parts. The remainder of a six-year subscription to Toilet Paper of the Month Club. Now for the sold items: My XYL Jean KB9FXL and I bid an electric eraser up to \$3.75. Finally I let her buy it for me. Mike WA9EVF hypes a wind chime as a "genuine quake detector." Several Christmas bows sell for 25 cents each. Then there are leftover items: Does anyone want to bid on some John McCain and Sarah Palin campaign buttons? How about Michael DuKakis & Lloyd Bentsen, 1988? Or Adlai Stevenson & John Sparkman, 1952?

GRINCHES WITH BUCK TEETH. Jean KB9FXL and I need a ham radio solution to our latest household

problem: A couple weeks ago, we set up our outdoor Christmas lights. The four sets nicely illuminate our front bushes and trees. Last night, I connected up the lights, but only two strings came on. Hmm. A bad fuse, maybe? Nope. Interference from another project of ours: Every morning, Jean sets out goodies for the birds and squirrels. These wild buddies entertain our cats all day. Last night, I discovered that the squirrels also like to snap Christmas bulbs and chew on wire insulation. In fact, those chisel-toothed ingrates nibbled clear through the tree light string. In two places. One bulb, minus wiring on both sides, lay by itself on the ground.

THANKSGIVING ON THE SPACE STATION. Even astronauts aboard the International Space Station celebrate Thanksgiving. I understand that the 2008 menu included these items: Smoked turkey. Candied yams. Cornbread stuffing. Tea with sugar. Green beans and mushrooms. Cranapple dessert. The calorie total is a respectable 700. By the way, total calories for a typical Thanksgiving meal are 3,000. When all the food comes in plastic food pouches, maybe you don't want as much. NASA allowed reporters to sample the space food. Mike Schneider reported the dinner for AP and the Chicago Tribune. He said that the only truly delicious item was the dessert. The other items tasted only slightly better than their plastic food pouches.

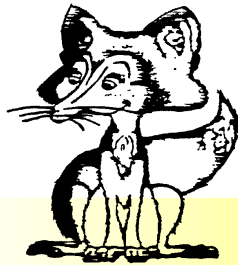
THANKSGIVING IN IRAQ. In other culinary news, the Tribune reports that US military food is now actually too good. Soldiers mostly live on huge bases with excellent foodservice. The Tribune article lists delights such as these: Ribs. Fried chicken. Steak. Lobster. Crab, Turkey stir-fry. Cheeseburgers. Egg rolls. And more. The long dessert menu includes three types of chocolate cake. You can top any type of pie with whipped cream. Fortunately the bases have first-class gyms. Every soldier is on a physical training program. Soldiers work out vigorously, lifting weights and running on treadmills. After a failed weigh-in, a soldier goes on a diet or the army drums him out.

SRO Web Site

The club's website, www.w9sro.org has been up for four months. Check it for latest updates. Mike Shys from the past will be posted when I have more time to work on it. Any ideas for the web site will be welcome.



Foxhunt Report



Mike Shy

The Nov 2008 CFMC
Foxhunt Results
Nov 1st by Tom N9CBA

The November 2008 CFAR hunt had nice dry weather in the 50s. The Foxes, Tom N9CBA and Don K9VGJ, hid in spot that Don had scouted out. The area was between a retaining wall and the I-88 fence in Oakbrook, adjacent to Costco.

The first antenna tried was very stealthy, but it did not hit the repeater adequately. The antenna that was used was a 5/8 mag-mount sticking mostly horizontally to the top of a fence pole for that fence. The foxes located the antenna, and then followed the coax to the nearby hedge, that provided comfortable concealment.

The spot, being below the grade of the nearby parking lot, did not give the foxes a view of nearby hunters, but the teams did report checking out various spots north and south of I-88.

We munched at Giordano's in Oakbrook Terrace, just north of the hiding spot across 22nd street.

1. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis N9VRA 8:46

2. Tony AA9CC and Joanie 8:53

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Meeting Attendance



**Nov 12th
at the Edgebrook Field House**

Mike WA9EVF
Jean KB9FXL
Mike WA9FTS
Jim AA9DT
Don W9RA
Steve K9VO
Lynne N9CBE

Mike Cicchetti
Paul N9LXF
Carol Sparacio
Pete N9VKY
Joe WA9KOD
Cathy KA9ZWZ

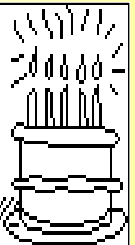


Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Start 1/1/08	\$975.21
Receipts	\$508.43
Membership Dues	\$470.00
Hamfest Inc	\$7.00
Auction Inc	\$31.43
Disbursements	\$170.02
Annual Report	\$5.00
Insurance	\$160.00
Mike Shy - Postage	\$5.02
End 12/10/08	\$1313.62

Birthdays



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

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

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Edgebrook Field House second
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Dinner/Play - Open for 2008
Christmas / Hanukkah Party -
WA9EVF

SRO Web Site

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SRO Repeaters

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

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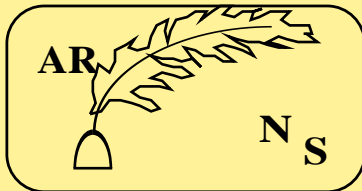


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