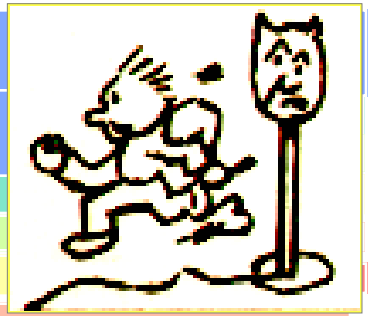




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Holiday Party

Edgebrook Field House



6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
Dec 9th 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events

CFMC Holiday Party
at the Norwood Park
Historical Society
House - Dec 12th
from 4:30 - 10 PM
See: www.chicagofmcclub.org
for more
details.

Mld-Winter Hamfest
Wheaton Community
Radio Amateurs
Jan 24th at the Kane
County Fairgrounds
525 S Randall Rd in
St. Charles IL
For info: 630-604-
0157 or
info@w9ccu.org

The Christmas / Hannukah Party is planned and in place. All we need is SRO members and CFAR contributors to join us and celebrate the holidays together. Brown's Catering will provide us with: Polish sausage & saurkraut, chicken & beef, cole slaw, baked beans, mistaccioli, cake, soda (reg & diet) and holiday punch. We hope to have live piano music as we had last year and Lynne and Carol will do the decorating. Join us for a wonderful evening



Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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SRO Notes for October 14, 2009: Electrical Banana, Quite Right Slick
By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

OCTOBER MEETING.
Tonight is auction night.

We gather around Enchilada Grande Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF. Everybody grasps the end of an antenna guy line or network cable. Then we nimbly dance the hora, weaving in and out. Despite our best efforts, Mike calls the meeting to order before we completely ensnare him. It's well, more or less 8 p.m.

Of course I've lost my notes on the meeting. What follows will be another exercise in pulling bananas from my hair. Here we go again. By the way, remember the Banana Man? I follow in his grand tradition. Dodging peels all the way, that is. If you have a computer handy, see...

<http://facweb.furman.edu/~rbryson/BananaMan/BananaKangaroo.html>

EXPERIMENTAL COLD FUSION. If you don't remember the Banana Man, maybe you remember cold fusion. That one goes something like this: You dip platinum and palladium electrodes into an ordinary beaker. Remove and eat the sliver of Gorgonzola that normally resides in the beaker. Connect an ammeter between the two electrodes. Pour in some heavy water. Just your everyday heavy water from the basement cupboard will do. Then heat up the beaker and start an electrolysis reaction. Somehow, down the line, more energy comes out than goes in. Viola! Cold fusion! Bob's your uncle! Dollar bills raining from the sky. Not.

Messrs. Fleischmann and Pons had a real party while stringing together \$100,000 worth of cold fusion parts. So it didn't work. You're a ham. You know from fusion. It's time to step right up and demand your fifteen minutes of fame! Now for a limited time, you can join the party. Mike Brost, our friend WA9FTS, will sell you everything you need at one, low, low price: Only \$25K! You even get a slug of heavy water from Mike's rain barrel. You provide your own Gorgonzola. Then just run a current through the electrodes and start up that electrolysis process like no other. And you thought Champagne makes tiny bubbles that get stuck up your nose!

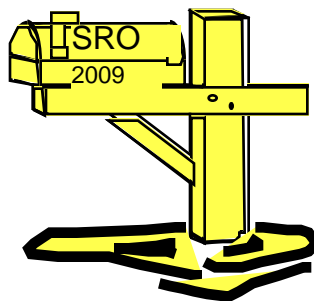
COLD WAR NOSTALGIA. If that's too rich for you, relive those good, old days of 1959. How about running homemade nuke experiments with scale models! There's less bang, but you save big! Remember when O-scale, Lionel trains came with Nike missile launchers? This was during the height of the Cold War. Sputnik, bomb shelters, Dr. Strangelove and all that. \Alas, Babylon! (So the saying goes. See Revelation 18.) Anyway, if you still have one of those Lionel beauties, dig it up and haul it out! And don't forget the \smoke// capsule for the steam engine stack. Unfortunately, Uncle Mike doesn't carry any O-scale nukes to fit your missiles. Should Mahmoud Ahmadinejad call, this is what Mike'll have to tell him.

Back in the 1950s, US kids realized that Lionel's missile warheads are somewhat hypothetical. Also, it takes two to Tango. Yet despite the Cold War, there was no USSR model train (that we knew of). Still, I just read that the Soviets produced O-gauge model trains for decades. Was there a missile gap? Who knows? See: <http://www.davestrains.com/ussrlist.html>

WITHOUT REAL WARHEADS, kids adapted. We could use conventional kid munitions: Cherry bombs, M-80s, and ladyfingers. Wisconsin and Indiana merchants would sell them as long the buyer signed a statement. (So I've read.) The statement says that you won't blow off your firecrackers in Wisconsin or Indiana. Merchants want you to take those explosives to Rod Blagojevich's doorstep.

Of course, for perfectly legal fun, applying AC overvoltage to electrolytic capacitors often make a satisfying ka—boom—ba! But you must then dispose of the smelly chemical waste.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE kid-hood activities was arc welding with toy train transformers. These transformers were pretty useful for many activities. Jean used to connect hers to a blasting cap. Then she'd blow up stumps on the farm. Great fun.



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Meeting Attendance



**Oct 14th
at the Edgebrook Field
House**

Mike WA9EVF	Fay N9FA
Jean KB9FXL	Paul N9LXF
Jim AA9DT	Vern KC9PQY
Mike WA9FTS	Mark AB9OP
Lynne N9CBE	Pete N9VKY
Steve K9VO	Norm NG9U
Kathy KA9ZWZ	Jim Barnard

CFMC Dec Regular Meeting

The last regular meeting of CFMC will be on Dec 16th at the Edgebrook Field House. The election of Board Members will take place. So if you are a CFMC member, get there and vote for your candidate. There are 8 going after 5 spots on the ticket.

SRO Dues CFAR Contributions for 2010

SRO dues notices and CFAR contributions for 2010 will be in themail by the middle of Dec. Please send them in as soon as you can.

Election for 2010

The election of Officers and Board Members will take place at the December meeting. If you want to run or want to nominate someone, this is the time to do it.

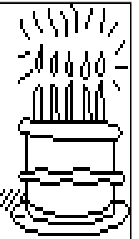


Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Start 1/1/09	\$1001.49
Receipts	\$1264.02
Membership Dues	\$465.00
CFAR Cntributions	\$740.23
Auction	\$10.79
Hamfest Inc	\$38.00
Disbursements	\$179.80
Annual Report	\$10.00
Insurance	\$160.00
Postage	\$9.60
End 10/14/09	\$2085.71

Birthdays



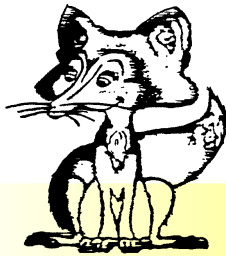
For the months of Dec - Feb

WA9BST	Dave Lieb	Dec 8th
W9EVT	George Ulm	Dec 4th
WA9FPT	Jim McLaughlin	Dec 25th
KB9FXL	Jean Pressel	Dec 23rd
N9GF	August Fiebig Jr	Jan 22nd
WD9GIX	Wallace Panzer	Feb 2nd
K9IQF	Jon Tammen	Dec 6th
W9JUV	Joe Schroeder	Jan 13th
N9LUI	Mike Berkowitz	Dec 12th
W9RA	Don Moriarty	Feb 15th
N9TAJ	Orville Wattles	Jan 4th



Foxhunt Report

CFAR 2M Foxhunt
Nov 7, 2009
by Tom N9CBA



Mike Shy



On the November 2009 CFAR Foxhunt, the fox, Tom N9CBA, hid outdoors in brush. The antenna was a 3-element Yagilaid across bare limbs about 6 ft up and mostly horizontal. The transmitter was on the 25watt setting. The location was near a high power tower south of North Avenue, west of Schmale, and east of Main Pl.

Tom's car was parked to the west of the starting point about 0.25 miles. Charlie parked there. Tony parked even farther west. They ran into each other and both traveled down the powerline right of way, toward the fox.

Tony took the west end of the vegetation that Tom was on the western

part of, and Charlie went into the farther west. That area turned out to be marshy and heavy with brush. So Tony scored very efficiently. Charley battled the swamp and brush.

Mike and Paul came in from the north. That was unfortunate, because it lead them through the swamp (that the fox was unaware of when setting up the antenna). The swamp does not show up in the maps.

The munch was at the Culver's, within shouting distance just east of the hiding spot.

1. Tony AA9CC and Joanie KC9QQY
2. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis N9VRA
3. Don W9RA
4. Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF

CFAR hunts are every 1st Sat starting at the shopping center at Rt 83 and St. Charles Rd in front of the Sears store. The hunt starts at about 8 PM.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

www.offthemark.com



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Regular Meeting Place

Edgebrook Field House second
Wednesday at 8 PM **unless other-wise indicated in Mike Shy.**

Standing Committees

Membership - K9JQ
Program - Open
Meeting Refresh. - AA9DT
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Repeater - K9IQF
Field Day - Open
Education - WA9EVF
Mike Shy - WA9FTS
Picnic - WA9FTS
Dinner/Play - Open for 2009
Christmas / Hanukkah Party -
WA9EVF

SRO Web Site

www.w9sro.org
Mike Brost - WA9FTS

SRO Repeaters

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

Repeater Personnel

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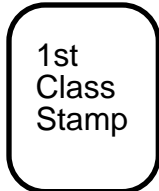
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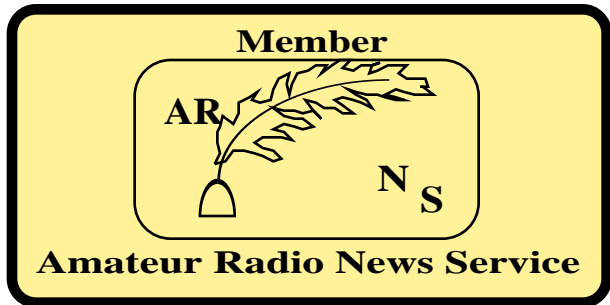
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