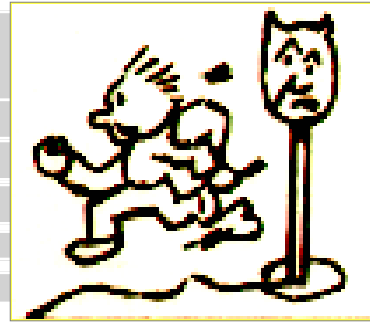




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Upcoming Events

SRO Spring Auction - March
9th at the Edgebrook Field
House 7:30 PM

CFMC Spring Auction - April
20th at the Edgebrook Field
House 7:30 PM

**SRO Dues and
CFAR
Contributions
are NOW Due!
Send them in
and make sure
you are
included in the
Roster**

**SRO
Constitution
Revised Version
Inside**



An Alternative To Hamfests

**February 9th at the
Edgebrook Field House
8:00 PM**

It's easy once you get your feet wet. What do you need and how to get started will be discussed. How can you get attention to your goodies and - most important - get bids on what you are selling. If you are looking for things to buy what is the best strategy? I am still a newcomer to eBay and find it to be alot of fun selling. Some of the club members have experience in buying so we probably can get some discussions of what they have done. The important thing is that almost anything you have is wanted by someone out there. So if it is old or new - it can go for a good price. What's important is the condition if your selling and is important if you are buying. I hope to see future eBayers there at the meeting. - Mike WA9FTS



Meeting Minutes

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Modified Medicated Mismodulations, Remediated Ramifications & SRO Meeting Notes for January 12, 2005

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

JANUARY MEETING. I, your charming, amiable, presiding non-president, call our January meeting to order at 8:15. Tonight's order of business is our constitution change. The change reduces the board from five to three. That's all the directors we have at our disposal. Fortunately, the motion carries, and the club can carry on.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mike Brost WA9FTS mentions that the club's taken in \$150 so far this year. Thereafter the group undertakes the topic of capital conservation. First, we examine 2005 party options. Fay N9FA suggests that all diners should pay for their meals. (Or, pay for someone else's.) To reduce waste, Fay suggests that members make reservations. The group also discusses converting the party into a potluck. Anyone for bananas and popcorn casserole with ketchup glaze? That's my specialty. Another way to save money would be to stop printing Mike Shy. Instead, we could publish an eMikeShy version on the Web. Email offers another option. As someone observes, both the Metro and Mac ham clubs send newsletters via email.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM. Tonight, our renowned producers Gil Kowols W9BUB and Mike Brost WA9FTS present "Out of Thin Air." The video digs down among the roots of electromagnetic communications. Here's my tribute. I pulled it, well, not exactly out of the air. ♪

JAMES CLERK MAXWELL. Someone named a battery this guy. The battery outfit avoided a lawsuit by skipping a letter. Now, batteries actually derive from le Clanche's work. Le Clanche would have posed for the label photo, but he had terrible skin. The problem was dry cells.

HEINRICH HERTZ. You might think that this guy was in the car rental business. No, that was his nephew. Actually Heinrich raced bikes. On the Hamburg to Berlin run, he destroyed seven Schwinn's. Despite the terrible luck, Hertz amazed everyone by coming in second. After the race, everybody kept asking him, "How many cycles per second?" Ah. The joke was so bad, that Hertz dropped three letters from the middle of his name. I was going to say that he went incognito, but that was the name of his gearshift.

REGINALD VON FESSENDEN invented buttons. You fessenden you unfessenden. Where would radio be without radio buttons?

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ERNST F. W. ALEXANDERSON originated the Alexanderson Alternator. That's a jacket that's right for every occasion. For those black tie affairs, it's terribly stuffy. For after dinner wear, reverse the lining and you have a jaunty sport coat. (True story: Ernst also innovated mechanical television equipment for GE. In 1928, his equipment telecast probably the first teleplay.)

LEE DE FOREST was the father of the vacuum tuba. This spectacular instrument was so massive that it moved a fabulous volume of air. Unfortunately the necessary vacuum caused severe difficulties. The vacuum tuba operated out of phase with the rest of the brass section. While the vacuum tuba played, it completely eradicated audio from the other instruments.

HOWARD EDWIN ARMSTRONG concocted Frequency Modulation. Before Armstrong, modulation was very infrequent, and that can be painful. Compasses only had north and south. Plus you could only go up and down. People got awfully tired of climbing stairs all day. After Armstrong, why, you could go sideways. Crossing streets, while still dangerous, became quite common. And let's not forget modular furniture. It was very big. It was everywhere.

DAVID SARNOFF, the General, they called him. He could never be specific about anything. And that's why RCA made such a wide assortment of products.

Electronic Mike Shy?

Last year we spent almost \$260.00 on printing and mailing Mike Shy. We had 18 paying members of SRO and 17 contributors to CFAR. There were 9 SRO only and 8 CFAR only from the above groups. A total of 26 contributed as an SRO member and (or) CFAR contributor. This comes to \$10.00 for each SRO/CFAR contributor. The holiday party adds another \$10.00 and SRO's share (\$162) of insurance is another \$9 for each SRO member. To keep dues the same, costs must be controlled. One way is to send Mike Shy electronically to as many SRO/CFAR members that have internet capabilities. This is about 75% of the members. We could save almost \$200 here alone. The holiday party costs are another area of discussion. Another solution is to recruit new or old members to get involved again. There is some hope here as dues so far have exceeded all of last year. If there was more participation in the two auctions, this would help. Lets make this a topic to discuss at the February meeting. I am sure there are good ideas that the membership could contribute.

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Constitutional Change

The SRO Consitution was revised by a unanimous vote of those present at the January meeting. For all SRO members the new revised Constitution inside this issue.

Treasurer's Report



by Mike WA9FTS

Financial Report for 2005

Starting Balance - Jan 1, 2005 \$787.15

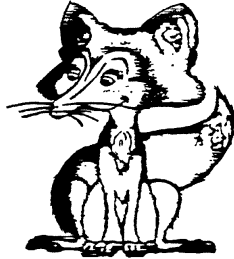
Income	\$595.00
Membership Dues	\$385.00
CFAR Contributions	\$210.00

Expenses	\$28.58
Mike Shy Postage	\$7.40
Mike Shy Printing	\$15.19
Meeting Refreshments	\$5.99
Service Charge *	\$75.00

Balance as of January 31, 2005 \$1353.57

* Should be deleted on Jan statement-not received

Foxhunt Report



January 2005

by Tom N9CBA

The first hunt of 2005 had rain. Never the less, Tom N9CBA hid outside just east of the Mallard Lake Forest Preserve and on the east side of Thorn Street. The starting point was 12 miles away, and the hunters should have had a 278 degree bearing. The release was at 8:03.

Each of the hunters found the unoccupied car about .1 miles away. Each took a unique route.

Charlie and then Tony found the car first. They drove around for about a transmission and returned to the parked car. Tony got out on foot, and made the win on the run. Charlie was close behind. Charlie had taken 290 and 53 to Army, while Tony took Grand to Lake most of the way.

Greg Grand to 290 and 53 to Army, but took a side trip due to a bad bearing as he got off of the expressway. Having left the Dave and Busters area, he got pretty efficient. waited for a transmission, and drove to the fox directly.

Mike and Paul took North avenue to Kuhn Road--only a slight overshoot.. Mike got the most exercise on foot.

We munched at Ruby Tuesdays at Gary Avenue and Schick Road.

1. Tony AA9CC 8:37
2. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis 8:38
3. Greg N9SA 8:49
4. Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF 8:59

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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Birthdays



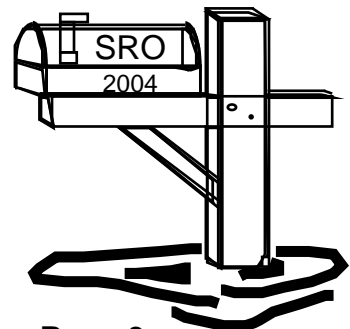
WA9AEK	Ken Stritzel	March 10th
W9BEA	Wally Klinger	March 28th
WA9EMV	SWy Laurie	March 9th
WA9EVF	Mike Leibovitz	March 14th
W9RA	Don Moriarty	Feb 15th
KB9SXA	Jim Baier	March 18th

Meeting Attendance

January 12th, 2005
Edgebrook Field House

Mike WA9FTS	Jim KB9SXA	C Fay N9FA
Gil W9BUB	Paul N9LXF	Jean KB9FXL
Jim AA9DT	Don W9HDD	Steve K9VO

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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 - W9BUB
Field Day - Open
Education - WA9EVF
Mike Shy - WA9FTS
Picnic - WA9FTS
Dinner/Play - Open for 2004
Christmas/Chanukkah Party - WA9EVF

SRO Repeaters

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

Repeater Personnel

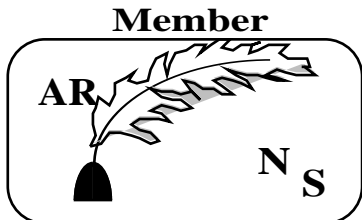
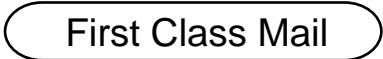
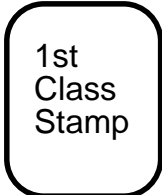
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