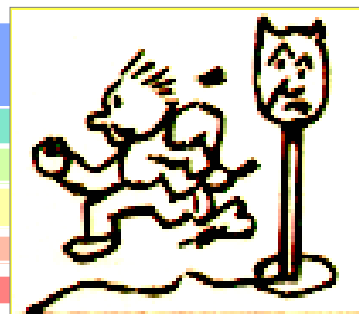




Mike Shy

Official Publication of
Society Radio Operators



Volume 71 Number 1-2

January-February 2011

Upcoming Events

For hamfests, this is a quiet time of the year.

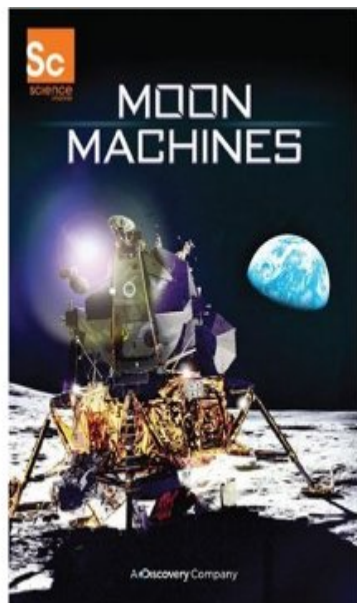
There is nothing close in the month of February but things pick up in March.

Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
Hamfest - Sunday March 6th
at the Challand Middle School
in Sterling IL- Open at 7:30AM

Details and directions can be
found on the club web site -
Hamfests



Valentine's
Day
Feb 14th



A Trip To The Moon And Back

The Computer Code That Made It Possible

Edgebrook Field House
6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
Feb 9th 8:00 PM

Navigation: We tell the story of how a group of computer scientists grappled with the challenge of navigation of a round trip to the Moon back in the days when computer code and software hadn't been invented and computing power was a fraction of what it is today.



Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

Mike Shy

SRO Regular Meeting - Oct 13th at the Edgebrook Field House



SRO Notes for December 8, 2010: Digging Out on Groundhog Day

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

NEW MEMBERS. This evening, SRO, family and friends gather at Edgebrook Field House for our annual party. We welcome Joe DiMartino N9HIN and Don Wondolkowski W9DMW. The group inducted these two new members at tonight's meeting.

WHILE I SHOULD BE WRITING MINUTES today, I'm out in the back forty with Gargantua. She's the family's snowblower, a hulking, steel and fiberglass leviathan. She weighs approximately a third of a ton. I start the project by digging out her den. Today it looks like an igloo. Then I must hitch her up to her Frankenstein cable so she'll turn over. I check the gas. Nitro? Hmmm. Not much more than a pint, and today I can't go fast. Will the fuel last? Fortunately last night, the screaming wind blew a heap of snow off the roof. Otherwise, Jean would send me up there to rescue the antenna farm. Today, between the house and the garage, we have der Schweiz. I own neither skis nor snowshoes. For me, this is an impenetrable snow kingdom of drifts, icebergs and glaciers. In the midst of it all, our rooftop

Where's my hat? Oh. I'm wearing it, but it iced over. I pass around the house and reach the front driveway. At last! Still, here's the deal about snowblowers. They don't take kindly to snow that's higher than their intake funnels. That describes what I see now: Last night, two feet of snow careened avalanche erected a mighty, instant Matterhorn.

I CAN SEE that the mountain is a snowblower killer. I decide to skirt around it and take the pass through the foothills to the north. I hope to avoid invisible perils: The buried concrete steps and the neighbors' submerged raspberry bushes. I inch along. When I hear that wild chicken screech, I know that the discharge auger is jamming. After one step, I halt again. Fine. I'm breathing like a sprinter. Let's check that heart with the original stress test from Mother Nature! off the roof and landed squarely on the driveway. I shovel off this top layer. I START CLEARING THE DRIVEWAY, one foot at a time. If I go faster, the blow pipe jams. I have to stop and ream it out with the end of a broom. Besides, even in low gear, the wheels spin, but don't grab. I put my back and legs into it. (I have the bruises to prove that.) Shoving Gargantua is harder than pushing a car. Sometimes she won't move until I dig her out. Then I wonder why I'm not just using the shovel. The wind keeps changing directions. Inevitably the snow blows right back in my face. When I can see, I have to clear that area again.

Finally I finish the driveway. I remember that I must still do the apron before my garage. I double back and soon get stuck right across

Continued on Page 4

Mike Shy

Meeting Attendance



Dec 8th at the Edgebrook Field House

Mike WA9EVF	Don W9RA
Jean KB9FXL	Pete WV9P
Jim AA9DT	Cal WA9KLF
Mike WA9FTS	Mary Lou Quinn
Jim K9JQ	Rita Quinn
Steve K9VO	Hanya Q Smerch
Lynne N9CBE	Marc Jens AP9P
Don W9DMW	and Connie Jens
Denise	Fay N9FA
Wondolkowski	Wally W9BEA
Tina KC9CMO	Paul N9LXF
Bob KB9SAR	Jim Barnard

Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS



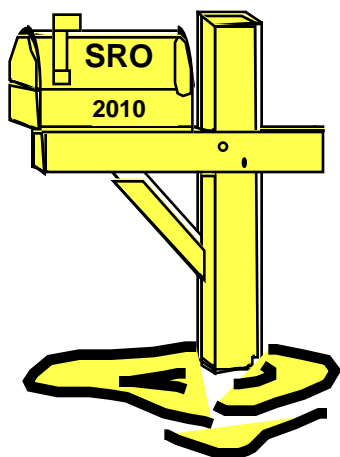
Balance as of 1/1/2010	\$1775.44
Income	\$847.95
Auction	\$12.95
CFAR Contributions	\$300.00
Hamfest Inc	\$15.00
Membership Dues	\$520.00
Expenses	\$400.64
Annual Report	\$10.00
Meeting Refreshments	\$26.54
SRO Insurance	\$160.00
CFAR Insurance	\$160.00
Misc Exp	\$44.10
Total Income/Expenses	\$447.31
Balance as of 12/8/2010	\$2222.75

Birthdays



For the months of
February & March

WA9AEK	Ken Stritzel	Mar 10th
W9BEA	Wally Klinger	Mar 28th
WA9EMV	Sy Laurie	Mar 9th
WA9EVF	Mike Leibovitz	Mar 14th
WD9GIX	Wally Panzer	Feb 2nd
W9RA	Don Moriarty	Feb 15th
KB9SXA	Jim Baier	Mar 18th

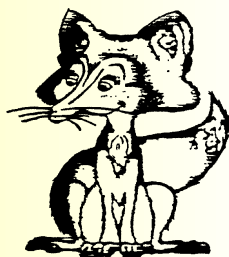


**IF YOU MOVE
LET THE
EDITOR KNOW
YOUR NEW
MAILING &
EMAIL
ADDRESS - IT IS
YOUR WAY OF
KEEPING MIKE
SHY IN YOUR
MAILBOX EACH
MONTH**

Mike Shy

Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS



CFAR 2M Foxhunt
December 3, 2010
by Mike WA9FTS

Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis N9VRA were the fox for the last CFAR hunt of the year. I did not get info from Charlie but from Tom N9CBA. Tony AA9CC tied Tom for the overall hunt lead with a win. Don W9RA finished 2nd with Tom N9CBA in third. With some help, Paul N9LXF ended the hunt. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
2. Don W9RA
3. Tom N9CBA
4. Paul N9LXF

CFAR 2M Foxhunt
January 1, 2011
by Tony AA9CC

CFAR Hunt, drive up. Mike hid here 18 years ago during a daytime fun hunt, but Tom did not remember. No one drove in, though. Charlie called in from a break in skiing at Lake Geneva. All had signal at start. Mike gave up after the second transmission and went home. Don won the hunt by walking in from the south. John found us 15 minutes later, he said it was a pity to use this spot for only 2 hunters. Access was from Warrenville rd to the north. Signal was 5 watts to 5/8 mag mount on roof. Dinner was at Omega Restaurant on Ogden in Downers Grove.

1 W9RA 9:00 2 N9CBA 9:15
DNF WA9FTS

CFAR foxhunt is scheduled every first Saturday of the month. Hunters gather at the shopping center at Rt 83 and St Charles Rd in front of the Sears Essentials store. All are welcome to participate in finding the fox..

SRO Notes - Continued from Page 2

from my own back door. I wade through snow that's level with the porch. Dig—dig—dig. Then I shove Gargantua with all my might. Skidding, she begins to stagger forward.

I WEND MY WAY BACK TO THE GARAGE, where I cleared the first path four hours earlier. The blower disgorges leaves, snow and gravel. Now the alley snow is higher than what's left on my garage apron. I decide to shut down. Jean and I spend 20 minutes cleaning Gargantua.

THEN WE NOTICE that our gas can is empty. More snow is inevitable. Jean starts calling gas stations. At last, she finds a place

on Dempster that still has gas. But I can't get in Jean's car. The snow on the passenger side of the carport is up to the windows. I can't open the car door. Jean pulls the car out. Despite AWD, the car runs up on a snow sandbar and stops. None of the wheels touch the ground. Eventually Jean skids back into the driveway. It's no use. Then on comes a plow, and it grinds down the sandbar. At the Mobil station, the first pump is frozen. The attendant turns on another pump for us. We fill up. Back home, three plows grate down our side of the street. They seal off our driveway with hard-packed snow. I start shoveling and work for another 15 minutes. Then soaked, cold and tired, I stagger inside for a bowl of chili.

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

Edgebrook Field House second
Wednesday 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 2008
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

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 2018

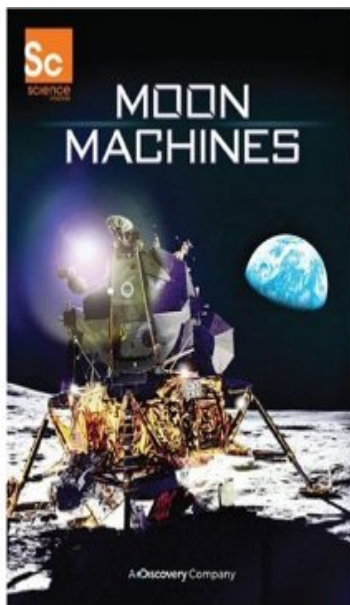
**Mike Shy is published 6 times a year by the Society Radio Operators.
Deadline is 2 weeks before the meeting.
Contributions are welcome & should be sent to the Editor.**

Mike Shy

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



First Class Mail



1st
Class
Stamp

**A Trip To The Moon And
Back
The Computer Code That
Made It Possible**

**Edgebrook Field House
6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
Feb 9th 8:00 PM**

Member



Amateur Radio News Service

