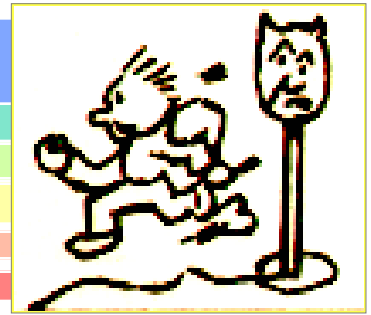




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Upcoming Events

Installation Of Officers and Board Members for 2006

West Allis RAC - Sat Jan 7th
at the Waukesha County Expo
Center, 1000 Northview Rd - I-
94 W to Exit 294 (Cty J) S to
Cty FT W to Expo center
VE sessions 9 to noon
Free parking. Admission \$5 at
the door.

January 11th - 8:00 PM
Edgebrook Field House

Wheaton Hamfest - Sunday
January 22nd, 2006
DuPage Expo Center
4050 E Main St
St. Charles IL 60174
Plenty of FREE parking
VE testing on-site
Talk-in on 145.390 -
For full details call:
630.604.0157
e-mail:
info@wheatonhamfest.org
or e-mail
tables@wheatonhamfest.org

We have established our schedule at
the Field House for 2006. Meetings will
be on the 2nd Wednesday of January,
April, July, October and December.

The Installation of Officers and Board
Members for 2006 will be conducted
during the business part of the meeting.
The induction will see no shift in any of
the positions.

This is a great opportunity to avoid
cabin fever, face the cold of the winter
and meet with old friends to start the
new year. We will have plenty of good
hot coffee and donuts for refreshments.

SRO Dues & CFAR Contributions

We need your correct e-mail address so we can send Mike Shy to you electronically. Use sent form, e-mail me (mbrost@cin.net or mikeb2006@comcast.net) or call me at 708.457.0966



Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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deliveryman. Watch out for Mike Brost WA9FTS. If he sees you at the party, he gently persuades you to pay your dues. He uses the patented, SRO collection method:

1. Loiter around the punch bowl.
2. Record the names of members who have been back twice.
3. Demand a check.
4. Distract them so that they add several zeros to the end of the figure.
5. Cash the check promptly, before anybody's the wiser.
6. Join the rest of us officers on the SRO Board Holiday Cruise.

Whatever I wrote on the Brown's Chicken Napkin for December 14, 2005
By Jim Hawes, AA9DT



DECEMBER MEETING. Tonight is the gala, grand kazoo of all parties. For December, the weather is reasonable. Augmented by several of our finest, once-a-year members, the turnout is excellent. (Those of you with doggy bags will still get plenty. But you'll be able to fit out the door.)

We sally forth and pile plates high with holiday fried chicken, mostacolli and roast beef. Have another roll. No, have two! Here's a gob of coleslaw. Pile on the beans! Does that sound like the preamble for a Bromo Seltzer commercial? Yep. We're taping one tonight. No, just kidding.

Oh, and don't forget Mike's Famous Mystery Punch. This is our all-purpose, reversible, slides-down-easily punch for all occasions or no occasion. Renowned in 50 states, FMP is banned in Washington State, North Dakota and Maine. But hey, we're miles from there. Celebrate any way you want. The punch still works! You may have seen our fabulous punch on teevee. (Probably after drinking FMP.) Our punch slices, dices and purees your digestive process. All through the wonders of chemical interaction. And that's only part of the mystery in Famous Mystery Punch.

Folks, even if you can't drink our punch, you still enjoy our holiday punch bonus! For a limited time, this exclusive, SRO-only bonus is absolutely free! And what, you ask, is Mike's Famous Mystery Punch bonus? Glad you asked. Just let friendly Jim Hawes tell you. Here's the lowdown: This is the punch with a million uses. Now we've added yet one more: Yes! Start your car with Mike's Famous Mystery Punch. (But take care to keep FMP off the swanky, Earl Scheib paint job.) You've heard of nitro-burning funny cars? Well, your car won't laugh at you this time. No, sir. Pour in the punch. Then pour on the power. Works every time. Even snow blowers, weed whackers and lawn mowers start like new!

Disclaimer from fast-talking announcer: Don't drink and drive. Operating machinery on SRO punch isn't strictly illegal, but might violate laws of nature. Specifically, SRO punch tends to dissolve paper, plastic and rubber parts. For example, seals. Your compression and mileage might also differ from the optimum. When drinking the punch, you might notice the same effects.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Until tonight, we had money. Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF just handed it over to the Brown's

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UNUSUAL ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. Tonight's conversations with Ivan Joseph N9NXJ and Jim Baier KB9SXA touch on electronic components. Our talks remind me of a recent experience. The other day, flipping through Mouser's catalog, I located the highest-gain Darlington. This device can develop a current gain of 300 thousand. For an input current of one milliamp, the device attempts to output 300 amps. Of course it can't. You'd have ashes instead of a transistor. Imagine just testing this device with a nine-volt battery. The typical beta test circuit runs 1 milliamp through the collector and test meter. The collector resistor is 4.7K. Every Radio Shack stocks the battery and resistor. The meter comes out of your junkbox. But the traditional circuit also calls for a resistor from base to battery plus (Vcc). You won't find this resistor. It measures 1.4 billion ohms. Here's an excellent reason for four-resistor biasing!

SRO Dues and CFAR Contributions for 2006

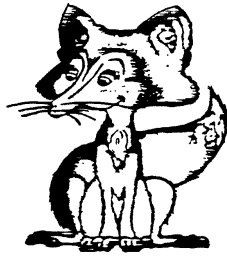
Add to the newsletter is the yearly form for money for SRO & CFAR. This year we are asking for \$20 for both SRO & CFAR but a \$5.00 discount for those who contribute to both SRO & CFAR. Attendance at SRO meetings is down and the Board on Nov 30 decided to have only 5 meetings in the year - Jan 11, Apr 12, Jul 12, Oct 11 and Dec 13 (Holiday party). An auction or two will be included in the above dates. We need people to attend and offer ideas for programs.

Another change was to send Mike Shy electronically (PDF) to as many members and contributors as possible. This is what we have done for the first time to most of the members. The mechanisms were tested on officers and board members. Mike Shy can be sent out much more quickly and in living color. Those who need to have it sent via mail will get it that way - also in color. With postage going up and cost of printing, we can save a sizable amount of money. Look at the Treasurer's Report under disbursements. Mike Shy expenses are at the top of the list. These changes are needed to control expenses while having meetings and a timely newsletter along with the CFAR/TOOFAR repeaters on the air.

We now need to have the rest of you that have not sent in your 2006 SRO dues / CFAR contributions to do so in a timely manner. I hope to see many of you at the January meeting.

Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS



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The January CFAR foxhunt will be held too late to be included in this issue. Look for it in the April issue.

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

Meeting Attendance



December - Holiday Party
December 14th, 2005

Steve N9VO	Jim KA9SXA
Fred KA9IQX	Harvey WB9YAE
Ken KA9TRG	Wally W9BEA
Mike WA9EVF	Fay N9FA
Cal KA9KLF	Jim AA9DT
Mike WA9FTS	Jim
Carol Sparacio	Jean KB9FXL
The Quinn Gang	Ivan N9NXJ & XYL



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

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Treasurer's Report

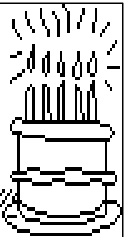
by Mike WA9FTS



Annual Report for 2005

Balance as of Jan 1st, 2005	\$862.15
Receipts	\$529.00
Membership Dues	\$525.00
Auction	\$4.00
Disbursements	\$793.69
Mike Shy	\$290.33
Postage	\$149.72
Printing	\$140.61
Annual Party	\$199.03
Insurance	\$162.50
Refreshments	\$24.08
Misc Expenses	\$112.75
Annual Report	\$5.00
Balance as of Dec 31st, 2005	\$597.46
Prfit / Loss for 2006	\$264.69

Birthdays



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
K9IQF	Jon Tammen	Dec 6th
W9JUV	Joe Schroeder	Jan 13th
N9LUI	Mike Berkowitz	Dec 12th
N9TAJ	Orville Wattles	Jan 4th

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Society Radio Operators

Again as in previous years it is time for SRO dues and (or) CFAR contributions for the upcoming year. We have held expenses to a minimum and are able to hold SRO dues to **\$20.00** but need to increase CFAR contributions to **\$20.00**. However for SRO members and CFAR contributors, we are asking for a total of **\$35.00**. We are also going to send Mike Shy via e-mail in January if you have that capability. Please let us know if the e-mail address is correct in the last roster. Look in the December issue for more information on this topic. It is our goal to make each dollar go as far as we can to provide social and technical events the membership looks forward to each year.

Below is information needed for the database. Please take the time to fill it out. Pay close attention to the area code of the phone number and to include your extended zip code. If you do not know it, look at your latest phone bill; it is used by the phone company because it speeds up the mail .

SRO \$ _____ CFAR \$ _____

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Roster - Yes No

Class License _____ Expiration Date _____ ARRL - Yes No

Birthday (mo/da) _____

E-Mail or Internet Address _____
Print carefully

Electronic version of Mike Shy in color - as a pdf file Yes _____ No _____

Please make check payable to "SRO" or "Society Radio Operators" and mail to:

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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 - K9IQF
Field Day - Open
Education - WA9EVF
Mike Shy - WA9FTS
Picnic - WA9FTS
Dinner/Play - Open for 2005
Christmas/Chanukkah 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

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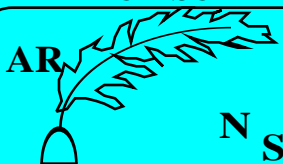
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Installation of Officers & Board for 2006

Jan 11th - Field House 8:00 PM

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