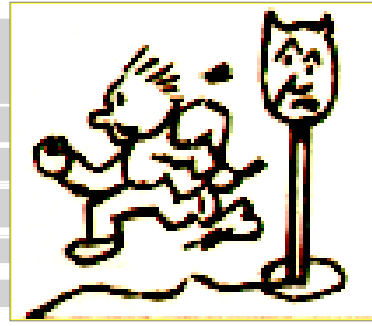




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Upcoming Events

**Hamfesters Radio Club Hamfest
Sunday August 14th** at the
Will County Fairgrounds in
Peotone IL
I-57 Exit 327 east
6 AM - 3 PM
Main exhibit hall open at 8 AM
VE Testing 8 AM - 10:30 AM

**BARS Hamfest Sunday August
21st** at the Inwood Recreation
Center 3000 W Jefferson St(Rt 52)
in Joliet IL
Free parking - Hours -Gates open to
public at 8 AM
Talk-in - 147.33+ & 224.54-
Overnight parking for vendors
Outdoor flea market is paved and
set-up is 6 AM Sunday
Easy access from I-55 and I-80
VE Testing - 9 AM to 12 noon
For info: www.k9bar.org

Have a Great Summer

SRO will not have any meetings during the months of July and August. However, the next meeting will be on September 14th back at the Edgebrook Field House. The program for the meeting has yet to be determined but we will have one. In October we will have the Fall Auction so look around to see what you have to bring along and - maybe - sell.



SRO / CFAR Questionnaire Inside

Please take the time to look at the SRO / CFAR Questionnaire and fill out the form as accurately as possible. This will help us determine the course of action to take with the club and the repeater going forward. Just remove it from the newsletter - fill it out and fold it and send it off in the mail. A return address and stamp is included to make it really easy to do. Results of the questionnaire will be in Mike Shy in the next few months. Please be a part of it.



Meeting Minutes

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SRO Meeting Notes for May 11, 2005

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

NEW! MIKE SHY ON THE WEB. Have a look at my Mike Shy web page. The page is just a demo, but it works quite well. Key in this URL on the top line of your browser, and then click GO... <http://www.hawestv.com/SROslideshow/SROslides.htm>.

MAY MEETING. Jean Pressel KB9FXL, Mike Brost WA9DTS and I sneak under a flap of the big tent. We're here to see preeminent Professor Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF's erudite authentications, affirmations and hyphenations on computer networking. Indeed, Brother Leibovitz, who arrived early, has assembled an entire network on the stage. Our May gathering tonight is nice, cozy and informal. Mr. Brost reported a Jim Baier KB9SXA sighting. Apparently, Jim became ill and left earlier. Jim, we hope that the bug wasn't fatal. The club's thinning down, and we definitely need your company.

TREASURER'S REPORT. According to Treasurer Mike WA9FTS, we've deposited \$724 this year. The funeral flower arrangement for silent key Gil Kowols W9BUB cost \$87.75. CFAR dues total \$315. We'll be paying meeting insurance next month. Mike, do we need insurance that we'll draw enough hams to have a meeting? Mike says that we've taken in \$591.71 more than we've spent. Our balance is \$1,454.86. Gil handled the ARBF account. Mike has been talking to Gil's wife Rose about assuming responsibility for the account.

Mike changes into his SRO Editor hat. He says that he also expects to inherit Gil's library of past Mike Shy issues. With Gil's passing, Jon Tammen K9IQF and Jim McLaughlin WA9FTP assume responsibility for repeater CFAR. The club needs a new trustee for the repeater license, though. Mike mentions that he plans to send Gil's Tribune obituary to the ARRL.

The meeting adjourns at 8:47 p.m.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM. At this point, the lights dim down for the Mike Leibovitz Show. Mike actually set up a network on a table for us. I regret that I can't summarize the presentation in the remaining space. Probably the most useful part concerns setting up a wireless home network. Mike reveals an insider secret: During modem setup, your service provider identifies you by your MAC number. This number appears on the bottom of your modem. The number is why you should order a replacement only from your service provider. A modem with any other number won't work. Security is one of Mike's main themes tonight. Mike explains how to secure network

communications with WEP (wireless security protocol). He cautions home network installers to discourage hackers by changing the default network name. The new name must be unique. Another good idea is to switch off the echo request. Mike then diagrams several network layouts. As he considers layouts, he highlights differences between routers, switches and hubs.

SRO Meeting Notes for June 8, 2005

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

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<http://www.hawestv.com/SROslideshow/SROslides.htm>. I coded the Mike Shy slide viewer with Notepad on a PC. The code is a combination of JavaScript and HTML. If you have Internet Explorer, You can also inspect the code that makes this site possible. Go to the top of the Explorer screen and click the VIEW dropdown menu. Scroll down to SOURCE, and click on that. A notepad window opens. This window displays my code. After you close the window, you return to the Mike Shy site. Other browsers allow you to view the code in different ways. While you're visiting my site, please enjoy some of the other pages.

TONIGHT'S MEETING. Mike Leibovitz convenes our congregation at 8:04 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Mike Brost WA9FTS opens his briefcase full of figures. For this past month, Mike Shy printing and mailing cost the club \$22.30. This year, we've spent 63.14 on Mike Shy printing. With postage, the Mike Shy tab comes to \$142.87. Mike has paid CFAR its annual installment of \$315 from the SRO-ARBF. Income this year totals \$509. Expenses to date stand at \$253.59. Our bank balance is \$1,117.56. Insurance for the year will set us back \$325. Half of that sum is our responsibility. CFAR pays the other half. Income for the year totals \$315 for CFAR, versus \$505 for SRO.

NEW BUSINESS. In a vote, the members cancel the July and August meetings. Then, as of tonight's meeting, we adopt Jon Tammen K9IQF as an SRO director. John will fill the seat that Gil Kowols W9BUB left vacant when he died. Gil, we miss you. You gave so much, and asked so little. Welcome, Jon!

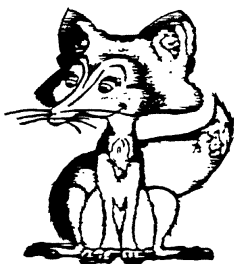
FUTURE OF SRO AND CFAR. Tonight's meeting topic involves our plans for both CFAR and SRO. Over the past few years, member attrition has slimmed down both of these long-allied organizations. Despite falling enrollment, we struggle to maintain essential services and activities. What's the best way to continue? How can we achieve more participation? What do the members want and need? Together, we ponder all these questions and more.

MERGER? The group discusses merging CFAR and SRO. We try to determine how many people would be affected. Here's our rough tally of membership:

Foxhunt Report

June 2005

by Mike WA9FTS
Info by Greg N9SA



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Treasurer's Report



by Mike WA9FTS

Starting Balance - Jan 1st, 2005	\$862.15
Income	\$509.00
Auction	\$4.00
Membership Dues	\$505.00
Expenses	\$253.59
Annual Report	\$5.00
Mike Shy Postage	\$63.14
Mike Shy Printing	\$79.73
Meeting Refreshments	\$17.97
Memorial - W9BUB	\$87.75
Balance as of July 22nd, 2005	\$1117.56

All three hunters reported hearing the fox and hounds were on their way at 8:06 PM. Greg, N9SA the fox was transmitting about 5 watts to a trunk mount 1/4 wave vertical whip from near Main street and the railroad tracks about 1/2 mile north of North Ave in Addison. Congratulations to Mike for the first place win.

1. WA9FTS 8:49
2. KB9DIM 8:51
3. N9CBA 9:03

Ed Note: Munchies were at Portillo's on North Ave and Addison Rd.

July 2005

The wx finally cooled off and we had a comfortable hunt. Tom N9CBA and Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis took off west. Charlie took the 294 frontage road to North Ave and west - good move. But Tom took 290 west to 53 and back to Main Street-Lombard. We (WA9FTS, N9LXF and Carol) were hiding behind a school next to a park with a small pond. Tom got out of his car on the other side of the pond and walked over for the win. Charlie spotted Tom's car and concluded the hunt was lost. He drove over to the other side and directly up to us to end the hunt. We met a Portillo's on North Ave east of the hiding spot. Don W9RA joined us.

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

Birthdays

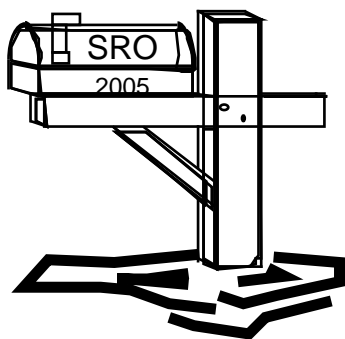


K9GDI	Leo Hunter	Aug 13th
N9FA	C Fay Jacobson	Sep 3rd
W9MOL	Lee Knirko	Aug 14th
WA9QPD	Joe Romanofski	Aug 26th
WB9YUS	George Smith	Aug 29th

Meeting Attendance

June 8th, 2005
Edgebrook Field House

WA9EVF Mike	K9IQF Jon
KB9FXL Jean	W9JUV Joe
AA9DT Jim	W9BEA Wally
WA9FTS Mike	N9FA Fay



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Meeting Minutes

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Fay Jacobson N9FA, and I. (Fay's husband Bob, now a silent key, had also joined the club.)

MEMBER PROPOSALS. Wally Klinger W9BEA brings up the NIDXA club's success. \\We don't have the DX focus,\\ replies Mike Leibovitz. A discussion of club focus ensues, but we don't reach any conclusion. For the remainder of the meeting, we examine other member proposals. Here are some of them...

- REQUEST DUES EARLIER IN YEAR: Wally & Jon.
- USE REPEATER MORE: Fay.
- BUILD A WEBSITE: Jean.
- BUILD A LIST SERVER: Various members.
- MAKE MEETINGS EARLIER: Mike Leibovitz.
- START CLASSES AGAIN: Wally.
- COMBINE WITH ANOTHER CLUB: Wally.

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MEMBERS

SRO only: 12
CFAR: 10
Both: 7 or 8
Total: 33 people

DUES. Jon brings up that the dues for the two clubs differ. The group discusses how members of each club might react to a combined price for both clubs. John mentions that CFAR's dues don't currently cover expenses. Mike Leibovitz adds that CFAR's \$315 only pays for site insurance. Site maintenance is a donation from Jon. The group seems to agree that merging the clubs while sustaining services requires increased dues. To raise funds for CFAR, Jon also suggests a junk electronics donation. Of course, a donation assumes ample volunteers, plus time to collect, sort and resell junk. We've experienced significant difficulty in recruiting volunteers for anything. Also, the topic of a junk storage location never comes up.

RECRUITMENT. Both clubs share a new member recruitment problem. On this topic, Jon mentions Echolink. A few years ago, Gil and Jon added the feature to the repeater. Echolink provided CFAR with the added capability of tuning in the world. Yet Echolink didn't attract new CFAR members. Mike Leibovitz mentions his efforts with license education programs and FCC testing. Despite these programs that Mike pursued for years, few members joined SRO. Yet some of Mike's classes included 10 or 15 people. The three members who joined after completing Mike's program all attended tonight: Vice President Jean Pressel KB9FXL, ex-Secretary

At Jon's suggestion, we decide to put these ideas into a membership questionnaire. The questionnaire appears elsewhere in this issue. Mike Leibovitz asks Jon to bring survey ideas to the June SRO Board meeting. There, we'll design the final survey and print it in the mid-July Mike Shy.

BOARD MEETING, JUNE 29. During the board meeting, we again pick up the questionnaire issue. We also spend considerable time on an examination of Mike Shy expenses. Printing, collating, folding and mailing Mike Shy costs hundreds of dollars per year. Most of the labor is a donation. Some board members feel that transferring to an electronic newsletter might save money. We concur that members without email or Internet access still require paper newsletters.

Mike Brost wants to convert Mike Shy to an Acrobat file. He could then email the Acrobat file to members. Members would need to use Acrobat Reader to open this file. Some members have the Reader and others might not. Fortunately, it's a free download. The software to convert Mike Shy is expensive at around \$300. I agree to look up some alternative programs. I also suggest sending the newsletter out as HTML. Anyone with Internet Explorer or another browser can read HTML. You can email HTML, or post it on the Web. Readers, please see the example that I mentioned at the beginning of these notes.

SRO Questionnaire



1) Would you be willing to receive Mike Shy in electronic e-mail form? Yes No
e-mail adr if not in roster or has changed _____

2) Should SRO and CFAR be combined (probably same total dues)? Yes No

3) Should SRO meeting time be changed? Yes No 7:00PM 7:30PM 8:00PM

4) Would you be willing to serve as a club officer? Yes No

5) Do you have any suggestions for club programs? Yes No

Describe _____

6) Would you be willing to put on a club program? Yes No

Describe _____

7) Would you be willing to help with the operation of the club repeater? Yes No

8) Should the weekly info net on CFAR be reinstated? Yes No

9) Do you belong to any other radio clubs? Yes No

Name them _____

10) What is your main interest in Amateur Radio? _____

11) Are you an ARRL member? Yes No

12) What type of special services activities would you be interested in?

Skywarn, RACES, parades, etc _____

13) Do you have any other suggestions or comments that would make the club more interesting?

Please fill out, fold, tape and mail. Your ideas are important and we would like to hear from as many members as possible.

The Officers and Board members of SRO and CFAR.

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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 - TBD
CFAR Chairman - TBD
CFAR Treasurer - WA9FTS
Site Maintenance
K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA
Control Operators
K9IQF, TBD
NW Maintenance
WA9FPT & WB9YUS
Northeast Maintenance
K9IQF & TBD
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