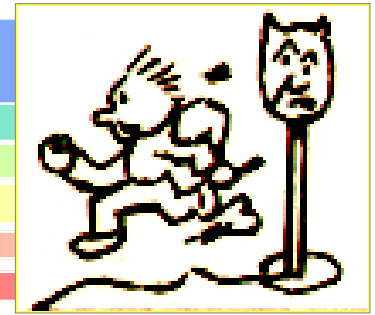




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Upcoming Events

CFMC July Meeting at the Salvation Army Norridge Citadel - No program is scheduled but pictures of Field Day may be included - 8 PM

KARFEST Hamfest - Sun July 15th at the Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone IL. Easy to reach - I57 exit 327 east.
Talk-in 146.94 (107.2)
ARRL VE Testing-QSL Card checking
Opens at 6AM

Storm Warriors

July 11th 8 PM
Salvation Army
Norridge Citadel
8354 W Foster
at Cumberland Av



What is the story of the Storm Warriors?

In the 1870's the U.S. Government established the United States Life Saving Service as an official organization to help mariners in distress. Stations were established along the shores of the Atlantic and Pacific, as well as the Great Lakes.

Five of the first on Lake Superior were placed on what was already called "The Shipwreck Coast".

While most Lifesaving Stations were placed near harbor entrances, the five stations of the Shipwreck Coast were remote and lonely outposts, 50 to 60 miles from any civilization, and even today, the coast remains a remote and lonely shore.

Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast

This sixty mile stretch of land runs approximately from Sault Ste. Marie Canada/USA in the east, to Munising, Michigan, USA on the west.

Storms and dense fogs drove ships to its low, deceptive shoreline. It's shifting sand bars and shoals caught ships like flies in a web.

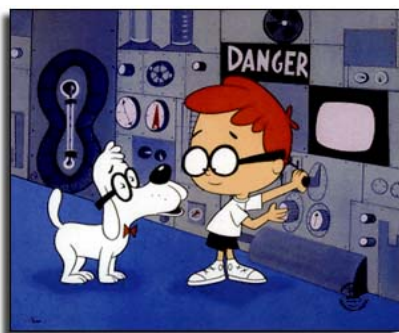
Between the 1850's and the 1930's this coast has claimed over 100 ships in it's 60 miles, but even as late as 1975, it took down the 700 foot long Edmund Fitzgerald.



Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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SRO Notes and Tangled Intangible Tangents, for May 9, 2007

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

MAY MEETING. Hail to the chief! We have no hail tonight, but at least we have a chief. (Please bring ice cubes to the next meeting.) Chief Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF opens our meeting at 8:38 Hawes Standard Time. For members in the Central Time Zone, that's 8:08 CDT. Excuse the time difference. I can't help it. Many years ago, I accidentally set my watch ahead. Now I'm used to being a half hour east of Chicago. I guess that puts me somewhere in Indiana. In that case, tonight I'm filing a remote report.

BOARD MEETING. According to my sundial, the board meeting comes up later this month. (P.S.: Oops. I note down the meeting tonight, but two weeks later, I forget all about it! A nod to SRO member Yogi Berra: That's déjà vu all over again.)

TREASURER'S REPORT. We've been saving our shekels. According to Treasurer Mike Brost WA9FTS, we have \$1,462.85 down in Jack Benny's vault. (Mike counts every coin twice.) As of June, we'll be insurance poor. That's when Mike pays the man and grabs a piece of the rock. (Don't trip on it, Mike. We can't afford the rate increase.)

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE. After significant deliberation, we agree that a July meeting would make little sense in August. In 2007, we resolve to hold the July meeting in July. For this reason, we elect to move the August meeting to September. Yet due to construction at the Edgebrook Field House, our July meeting location changes. (No kidding on that last point.) Join us at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11. We'll be at the Salvation Army building, 8354 W Foster in Norridge. This location is on the northeast corner of Foster and Cumberland. Thanks to Brother Brost for arranging our new summer home. Elsewhere in this issue, see Mike's treasure map. The map will guide you to our meeting.

FALL MEETING DAY CHANGE. After July, we'll meet twice more at Norridge Salvation Army HQ. Due to a schedule conflict, our fall meetings occur on Thursdays...
+ September Meeting: THURSDAY, Sept 13 at 8 pm
+ November Meeting: THURSDAY, November 8 at 8 pm

AUCTION CHANGE. In other meeting news, don't bring those white elephants to the October meeting. Instead, save the pachyderms and squeak the car into the garage for an extra month. This year, the November meeting will be our fall auction.

RINGS. At this point in my notes, Mike Leibovitz exclaims \\Rings of Saturn!// Mike also proclaims that this stellar comment \\should be fodder for the minutes.// I'm not sure why. ("Cosmic," as we used to say in 1970.) Mike, what animal eats rings of Saturn? Or maybe this phrase is a reference to Mike's trading in the Suburban for a used Saturn. Apparently the Saturn is a creampuff, except that it needs a new set of piston rings. Sorry. I'm just trying to make out the scribbles. Hey, come over here, Mike. Can you read these notes? As I continue to fiddle with my notes, Mike Brost changes the subject to women: \\Women,// Mike says, \\do a lot of good. They bring about the next generation.// Now, I should ask why are women bringing up the next generation in a Saturn. But I won't.

FIELD DAY arrives on June 23 and 24. CFMC invites SRO to join it for the occasion. Our callsign trustee approves the use of the venerable callsign W9EJ. Field Day details appear at the CFMC site <http://www.chicagofmclub.org/>. Also see... <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>

OUR MEETING ADJOURNS at 8:52 HST (or back in Chicago, 8:22 CST).

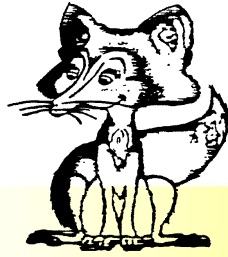
CFMC ANNUAL PICNIC. Dennis Krawczak KC9ENZ invites us to the CFMC annual picnic. The picnic will be July 21 at Deer Forest. This forest preserve is at Dundee and route 63.

Radiofest 2007 Planning Update

Radiofest 2007 will be held August 2-3-4, 2007 at our **NEW LOCATION**, the Willowbrook Holiday Inn on Rt 83. Radiofest has returned to its position as one of the preeminent radio shows in the country. Increased attendance, top notch speakers and great facilities have dramatically improved the quality of our annual event. Got tubes, radio knobs, multisection electrolytic capacitors, radio books or radios? Rent a table. Otherwise, the flea market, seminars and dinner are lots of fun.



Foxhunt Report



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May 5th, 2007
CFAR Foxhunt Report

by Charlie KB9DIM

Cinco de Mayo was a beautiful evening for a Foxhunt. The Fox, KB9DIM, chose a hiding spot not too far from Clow International Airport, in a park located in Naperville along Royce Road, about 18 miles Southwest from the starting point. Using a Kenwood TM-261 putting out 40 Watts, feeding an M2 4 element beam, vertically polarized, with a center of radiation 15 feet AGL, through 50 feet of RG-8 coax.

The Hounds were released at 8:07pm CDT, after a majority reported having a bearing. The fox heard Tom, N9CBA's car about 45 minutes into the hunt, shortly after the next transmission, Tom drove into the parking lot, and got out on foot. After exploring the old silo nearby, he made his way to the Fox's hiding spot for the win. Greg, N9SA, was next into the area, about thirty minutes later, and after searching the fields around the Fox, he made his way in for second place. Don, W9RA, and Paul, N9LXF came into the area to the South of the Fox, but was prevented from approaching by a large creek. Because it was nearing 10:00pm, they decided they had made it close enough to the Fox, and it was time for dinner. We all met at a nearby Chili's for food, and conversation.

Fox KB9DIM
1st N9CBA
2nd N9SA
DNF W9RA & N9LXF

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

June 2nd, 2007
CFAR Foxhunt Report
by Tom N9CBA

June 2007 CFAR Foxhunt by Tom N9CBA
The fox, Tom N9CBA hid away from the car in Eldridge Park in Elmhurst. The spot was on the east side of a gentle sledding hill about half of the hills ultimate height. The temperature was in the upper 70s. The radio was on its 25 watt setting. The antenna was a 3-element tape measure beam about 2 feet above the ground sitting horizontal on some taller dried woody stalks. It pointed toward some near and far reflective surfaces. That would put the starting point in the back lobe, but the major starting point signals would have been reflected from the nearby fence and the high rise a half mile away. Nobody had significant troubles tracking the signals. Everybody overshoot a similar amount to the south, and then followed backnorth. Each dealt with obstacles in varying ways.

First on the scene was Charlie, KB9DIM. He had parked in the parking spaces on S Spring Road, and walked in for first. Despite slightly overshooting by taking the Tri-state tollway to 22nd street, he was very efficient. Second to arrive was Don K9VGJ, but he was not one of the hunters. He had suggested the spot, but came in a few minutes after first. The real second place was Tony AA9CC. He saw Charlie and Don on the sled slope and joined them to wait for a transmission. He had no trouble scoring on the next transmission despite using body fade for his portable gear.

Don W9RA arrived a bit later. His new VK3YNG box's tones pre-announced his approach, allowing the fox to lie tight to the ground. However the vector lead Don right to Tom for third.

Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9NYX walked into the park from Spring Street a little later. They walked up the hill, and returned a little later to close on the fox.

Nobody saw the fox's car.

Munch was at Portillos at Route 83 and St. Charles Road.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=41.867885,-87.951415&ie=UTF8&ll=41.867885,-87.951415&spn=0.001656,0.003036&t=h&z=19&iwloc=addr&om=1>

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



Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Report for 2007 - Start 1/1/07	\$1289.82
Receipts	\$222.45
Membership Dues	\$135.00
CFAR Contributions	\$85.00
Auctions	\$2.45
Disbursements	\$21.97
Meeting Refreshments	\$16.97
Annual Report	\$5.00
End 7/11/07	\$1490.30



Field Day 2007 Results

Field Day brought out lots of hams and the weather was great. There was plenty of food and drink for all. The actual score will be published next month. Thanks to all who came out and helped.

Meeting Attendance

May 9th
at the Field House



Mike WA9EVF
Jean KB9FXL
Mike WA9FTS

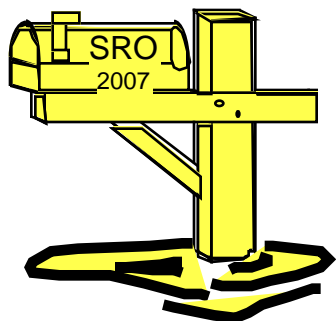
Jim AA9DT
Jim KB9SXA
Cathy Leibovitz

Birthdays



For the months of July thru Sept

Lynne Bosnyak	N9CBE	July 12th
James Creek	N9FO	Aug 18th
C Fay Jacobson	N9FA	Sep 3rd
Lee Knirko	W9MOL	Aug 14th
Dennis Krawczak	KC9ENZ	Sep 10th
Joe Romanofski	WA9QPD	Aug 11th



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Regular Meeting Place

For the rest of the year SRO will meet at the Salvation Army Norridge Citadel, 8354 W Foster, Norridge IL 60706 in July, September and November second THURSDAY at 8 PM unless other-wise 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 2006
 Christmas/Chanukkah Party - WA9EVF

SRO Repeaters

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

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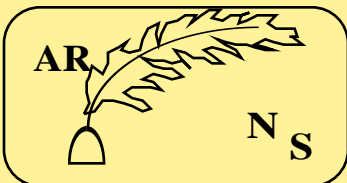
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