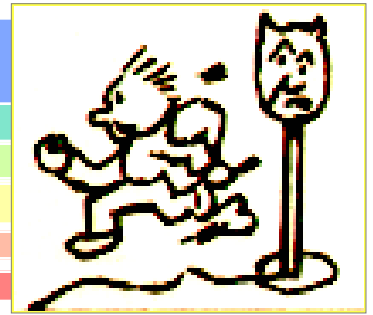




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## Nukes in Space - The Rainbow Bombs Edgebrook Field House

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July 8th 8:00 PM



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### Upcoming Events

#### Upcoming Hamfests

July 12th Fox River Radio League - Aurora Central Catholic HS Aurora IL

July 19th KARFEST Kanakee Area Radio Society - Will Co Fairgrounds - Peotone IL

Aug 2nd Bolingbrook ARS Bolingbrook High School at 365 Radier Way - Bolingbrook

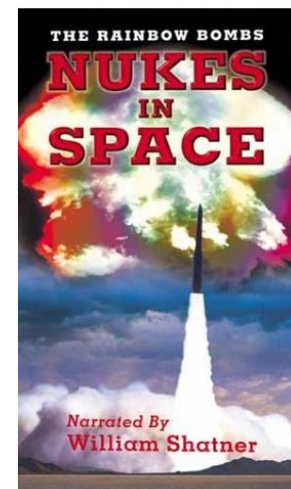
Aug 9th Hamfests 75th Anniversary Hamfest Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone IL

Detailed info on above hamfest can be found on the SRO web site several weeks before event.

"Nukes in Space" provides an interesting overview of the development of the military space program of missiles and space-based nuclear weapons testing with spectacular, never-before-seen images. Starting with the V-1 and V-2, this film takes you through missile development of ICBM's with nuclear warheads, the Cuban Missile Crisis through anti-ballistic missile systems and what implications they hold for

the future of our nation's security. During the heart of the Cold War, the United States and the former Soviet Union launched and detonated a combined total of over 20 thermo nuclear weapons in the upper atmosphere and near space region of earth in an effort to test the effects of launching an offense as well as countering an offense. Even during the Cuban Missile Crisis! Almost unknown to the public, much of the information on these tests has been kept secret for over 35 years until recently, when newly declassified test footage and secret government documents obtained from both countries reveals everything from the ICBM to outer space testing to ABM.

From filmmaker Peter Kuran, creator of the award-winning film "Trinity and Beyond". Narrated by William Shatner. Music performed by the Moscow Symphony Orchestra. © 1999 VCEinc. Running Time: 52 minutes





# Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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## SRO Notes for May 13, 2009 and What's a Wheep Whop?

by Jim Hawes, AA9DT



**MAY MEETING.** The illustrious, mysterious and incomparably ingenious Mike Leibovitz opens our meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. Tonight is the auction. (I buy Cal's Wheep Whop for \$3.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** To date, no rich widows have presented us with billion-dollar checks. Yet Mike Brost WA9FTS surveys our account balance daily. Sometimes hourly. With the anticipated inflow, we'll have sufficient funds to celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas in August.

Meanwhile, the Widow Location Committee is in hot pursuit of our infallibly generous benefactor. In fact, so sure are we of success that we are borrowing against the expected influx. What the heck? The federal government borrows on speculation. Why can't we? That way, we won't lose a moment on our ongoing efforts in yeach, that's it, infrastructure. Mike, ya go infrastructure in ya pocket? Mike says he: "I got mine. You got yours?" So moved. Let's put that out for an official, SRO Notes poll...

SRO member Senor Wences speaks for the group: "Aw right? So right. Deefeecult for you. Easy for me. Shud the door." Translation from Spanglish: Moved and seconded.

**NEW BUSINESS.** I must now ration my cats' Web time. As you might expect, the three cats like to abuse the mouse. Sometimes I find it buried under the paper, clawed into submission, a hostage in my printer's output queue. Predators that they are, the cats insist on playing Quake all day. When I finally take over the keyboard, I have to wipe splatter of cat spuit off

the monitor. And lately, the problem has escalated. Last week, these fine feline friends discovered Amazon.com. I should have known that something was wrong. My "customer profile" seems to have changed radically. Amazon recommends the Pink Panther, What's New Pussycat and Puss in Boots. And consider the charge baills that keep rolling in...

+ Gracie redecorated our living room. From [www.thecatandthekittenstore.com](http://www.thecatandthekittenstore.com), she procured a new set of furniture. The typ that four-footed creatures with whiskers and claws prefer. She sent our previous stuff to the dump. What Gracie installed looks like something like carpeted trees. Well, we can't afford to replace it. Now we've adopted a new "Wild Skokie" domestic tableau. Grrr.

+ Wilbur sent our for chicken breast sandwiches from Jimmy John's Online. That explains why the doorbell keeps ringing. And those mysterious packages that turned up in the trash: Now I realize that they once carried beef from Omaha Steaks.

+ At [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com), Ralph charged a new sleepy time mat. (He used MousterCard.) The ohter day. I caught him surfing over to [www.bubbaslove.com](http://www.bubbaslove.com). He was investing in catnip futures.

**CASH FOR CLUNKERS.** I promised to keep you up-to-date on Cash for Clunkers. First off, President Obama has now signed the Cash for Clunkers bill. Cash for Clunkers provides a \$4,500 coupon in exchange for you gas-guzzling car or truck. You can use the coupon as a down payment on a new vehicle. But the new vehicle must offer better fuel efficiency than the guzzler. Sounds great, at least until you know the details.

Detail #1: The government isn't buying the guzzler. We taxpayers are buying them. One billion dollars worth. Detail #2: There's a problem with the allowable fuel efficiency. This isn't a very green bill. The new car must only get 10 mile-per-gallon better milage than the trade-in. For light trucks, make that 5 mpg. For large light trucks, 2 mpg. Sell your 16 mpg Hummer and buuy an 18 mpg Explorer. That's progress?

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## Meeting Attendance



**May 13th  
at the Edgebrook Field  
House**

<b>Mike WA9EVF</b>	<b>Cathy KA9ZWZ</b>
<b>Jean KB9FXL</b>	<b>Fay N9FA</b>
<b>Jim AA9DT</b>	<b>Peter N9VKY</b>
<b>Mike WA9FTS</b>	<b>Paul N9LXF</b>
<b>Cal WA9KLF</b>	<b>Gary KA9OBZ</b>



## Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Start 1/1/09	\$1001.49
Receipts	\$1379.93
Membership Dues	\$430.00
CFAR Contributions	\$945.23
Auction	\$4.70
Disbursements	\$690.63
Annual Report	\$10.00
Bank Charge	\$12.00
Postage	\$8.40
End 6/30/09	\$2363.02

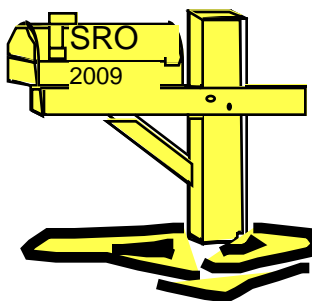
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Detail #3: Another problem is the fine print. If the car is worth more than the voucher, the trade-in makes no sense. Detail #4: The coupon actually pushes up the price of a new car. Using the coupon, the buyer forfeits the dealer trade-in. Detail #5: If you're driving a clunker to save money in a recession, you can't afford a new car.



For the months of June-Oct

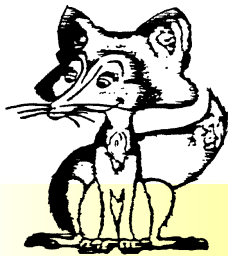
<b>KC9BLH</b>	<b>Curtis Newton</b>	<b>May 22nd</b>
<b>N9CBE</b>	<b>Lynne Bosnyak</b>	<b>July 12th</b>
<b>AA9DT</b>	<b>Jim Hawes</b>	<b>June 15th</b>
<b>K9GDI</b>	<b>Leo Hunter</b>	<b>May 13th</b>
<b>WB9YAE</b>	<b>Harvey Burr</b>	<b>Jun 20th</b>
<b>K9YSE</b>	<b>Dan Galarde</b>	<b>May 10th</b>



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# Foxhunt Report



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CFAR 2M Foxhunt  
May 2nd  
by Tom N9CBA

A warm spring evening was the setting for the May 2009 CFAR foxhunt. The Fox, Charlie KB9DIM, along with his daughter Alexis N9VRA, chose a hiding spot in Hoffman Estates alongside the tollway.

Using a Yaesu FT-2800M radio feeding 8.5 Watts (measured using a Bird Model 43 Watt meter S/N 98885 into a Bird model 8085 50 Watt dummy load S/N 27401), to 25 feet of RG-214/U coax, connected to a vertically polarized M2 2M4 Yagi antenna mounted 8 feet up in a tree, pointed toward the starting point. The Starting point was 13.8 miles to the Southeast of the hiding spot.

The hunters were released shortly after 8:00pm CDT, with all hunters reporting having a heading. 35 minutes into the hunt, the first hunter was spotted driving into the parking lot of the school that was located near the Fox. Shortly thereafter, flashlights were seen as the hunter made his way toward the Fox. Another hunter was heard searching the area near a small creek that was located just west of the Fox. First and Second place came in, within a few minutes of each other.

1st Tom N9CBA  
2nd Don W9RA  
DNF Mike WA9FTS & Paul N9LXF

We went to a nearby Max & Erma's restaurant, where we were joined by Bob WA8USR.

CFAR hunts are every 1st Sat starting at the shopping center at Rt 83 and St. Charles Rd in front of the Sears store. The hunt starts at about 8 PM.

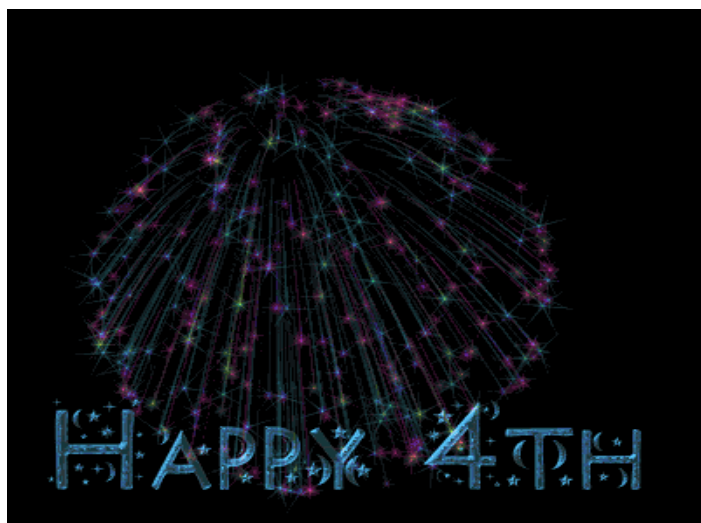
CFAR 2M Foxhunt  
June 6th  
by Mike WA9FTS

Tom N9CBA found a spot in Wheaton south of Roosevelt Rd and east of Naperville Rd in a parking lot - it was a drive-up hunt. Tom used a 1/4 wave vertical on the roof of his SUV and running 25W. Tony AA9CC arrived there first for the win with Charlie KB9DIM securing 2nd. Tjird to find Tom was the team of Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF with Don W9RA ending the hunt. We met at the Seven Dwarfs Restaurant and Larry KA9KDC joining us. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan 8:38
2. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis N9VRA 8:47
3. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
4. Don W9RA

## SROARBF News

SROARBF, the CFAR/TOOFAR account established in 1965, has been absorbed into SRO. The Bank of America bought LaSalle Bank and had no "Economy Checking Account". They put us into a "Business Checking Account" which required a \$3000 minimum or a \$12/mo fee would apply. It was agreed by the Board to move the money to the main SRO account. CFAR/TOOFAR maintenance will be paid with the money assigned to CFAR.



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Wednesday at 8 PM **unless other-wise indicated in Mike Shy.**

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Membership - K9JQ  
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Education - WA9EVF  
Mike Shy - WA9FTS  
Picnic - WA9FTS  
Dinner/Play - Open for 2009  
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

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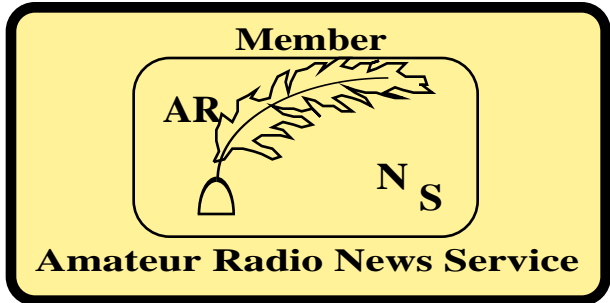
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