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Upcoming Events

Sterling-Rock Falls ARS
Hamfest
March 13th at the Challand
Middle School Gymn
1700 6th Ave, Sterling.
VE sessions, free parking, TI
146.85 (114.8), Tickets at door
\$4, Tables \$7. For info:
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CFMC Spring Auction - April 20th at the Edgebrook Field House 7:30 PM

SRO Dues and CFAR Contributions are NOW Due! The April issue will have the Roster. Deadline is March 27th.

SRO Spring Auction



March 9th at the Edgebrook Field House 7:30 PM

Here is another chance to experience an exciting SRO auction. The business meeting starting at 7:30 PM will be very short at the auction commence right away. Bring stuff that you have not used - someone probably will want it all for their very own. There should be a lot of good stuff to bid on and bargains to boot! Bring a friend and talk it up on the air. As in the past, the SRO cut of the action is 10% up to a maximum of \$5.00. I hope see many of you there.



Meeting Minutes

SRO Meeting Notes, Hyperbolic Heliographies and Transmogulated Tittle-Tattle for February 9, 2005

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

FEBUARY MEETING. Somewhat like the groundhog, new President Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF popped his head out of his hutch. Since the sun had already set, Mike couldn't see his shadow. Ah! Springtime! Mike responded by cranking up the Lovely Leibomobile and driving her to the SRO meeting. 8:44 chimed on the Hawes Standard Time clock (it chimes, but it's cuckoo). That would be 8:14 for Chicagoans. Mike brought down the gavel and opened the meeting anyway.

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT. Actually, the gavel bit is a literary reference. We sold the gavel at the last auction. Some guy thought it was a tube filament and hard drive checker. I don't know how he got that idea. We auctioneers pride ourselves on painstakingly accurate descriptions of all merchandise. Come to think of it, we're having an auction next time. Bring junk. Bring friends. Bring junk that we can palm off on your friends. This is serious business, folks. We need the dough for our party. Not the SRO party. The political party that will send Mike Leibovitz to congress in 2006! No, of course the SRO party.

FROM OUR TRAILER NEWS DESK. Speaking of politics, due to a California trip, Mike missed SRO's inaugural ball last month. Because of California mudslides, Mike wisely left his trailer here, safely parked at the WB9OUD Nugent plant. Naturally, when Mike returned, what else? Not one, but two trucks had whacked the trailer. This trailer and its forebears have undergone so many disasters! Mike's insurance company calls him once a month just to find out the check amount. The body shop has a parking place stenciled with Mike's ham call.

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Mike, I don't know about the trailer, but that BUMP ME sign seems to work. If you need to switch insurance agencies, and you might, try BONK INSURANCE. (For real. See the Park Ridge book. Ka-ching.) And if you need custom collision equipment, and you might, call STRANGE ENGINEERING. (No kidding. Check your Evanston directory. Ka-ching.)

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mike Brost WA9FTS reckons that our current balance at Amalgamated Felonious Erroneous Bank totals \$1,405.69. Mike holds \$35, either for deposit, or the Jack-in-the-Box drive-up window. Last month, AFE Bank paid 14 cents in interest, but deducted a \$7 service charge. In November, the service charge ran \$75. Mike complained, and our friendly banker agreed to credit the account. Not finding the credit, Mike complained again in January. That time, by coincidence, the bank's computer seemed to be down. Mike, maybe you should try a disguise, because the clerk can see you coming.

Anyway, Mike reports that we're ahead of last year in extracting dues from the unwilling, forgetful, and procrastinative. Those who haven't paid should remember what SRO stands for: SUBMIT REMITTANCE OFTEN. To save money, Mike began testing an electronic version of Mike Shy. Also, our Previous Member Conscription Program demonstrates signs of success. So far, we haven't been able to reach some deceased members. CAUTION: We refer non-paying silent key matters to the Spiritualist Collection Agency. We lay claim to all ghost accounts.

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION. Mike Brost dazzlingly disgorged details of how to make it rich on Ebay. Some would love to pay SRO a stipend beyond your dues, and we encourage you. Just apply Mike's principles, and sell something. Maybe something of yours, or something you might find around the neighborhood. Keep an open mind, and consider anything not tied down. Then bring the proceeds to me at the next meeting. (Nudge, nudge. Wink, wink.) To get you started, I have an outline of Mike's delightful dog and pony show. Here are some highlights: Always be honest in your advertising.

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Foxhunt Report

February 2005 by Tom N9CBA

I received results only from Tom N9CBA who participated in the hunt. I was up north at a Mardi Gras party in Fox Pt WI. So this is the results of the February hunt:

- 1. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis
- 2. Greg N9SA
- 3. Tom N9CBA
- 4. Dave AA9XS

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

WA9AEK W9BEA WA9EMV WA9EVF WA9INF K9JQ KB9SXA

N9YOI

Ken Stritzel
Wally Klinger
Sy Laurie
Mike Leibovitz
Marvin Robertson
Jim Quinn
Jim Baier
Cora Dorner

March 10th March 28th March 9th March 14th April 2nd April 17th March 18th April 2nd

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Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Starting Balance - Jan 1, 2005 \$862.15 Income \$630.00 Membership Dues \$405.00 **CFAR Contributions** \$225.00 **Expenses** \$60.72 Mike Shy Postage \$14.80 Mike Shy Printing \$34.93 Meeting Refreshments \$5.99

Balance as of Mar 2, 2005 \$1431.43

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When you can't, provide a compelling story such as, "it fell off a truck." An Ebay auction isn't final until the last second. Yet Ebay tends to frown on having a buddy "bid up" your merchandise. Keywords to avoid: Radioactive, gastrointestinal, toe jam and zucchini. Keep your photo file under 100K. The photo should be clear, related to the item, and generally couth. Obscene pictures sell, but don't seem to foster the right impression.



"I want my husband to pay more attention to me. Got any perfume that smells like a computer?"

Meeting Attendance

February 9th, 2005 Edgebrook Field House

Mike WA9EVF Jean KB9FXL Mike WA9FTS Jim AA9DT Gil W9BUB Jim KB9SXA Fay N9FA

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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 <u>unless otherwise indicated in Mlke Shy</u>.

Standing Committees

Membership - K9JQ
Program - Open
Meeting Refresh. - AA9DT
Foxhunting - WA9FTS
Repeater - W9BUB
Field Day - Open
Education - WA9EVF
Mike Shy - WA9FTS
Picnic - WA9FTS
Dinner/Play - Open for 2004
Christmas/Chanukkah Party WA9EVF

SRO Repeaters

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

Repeater Personnel

Trustee - W9BUB
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Site Maintenance
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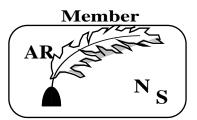
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