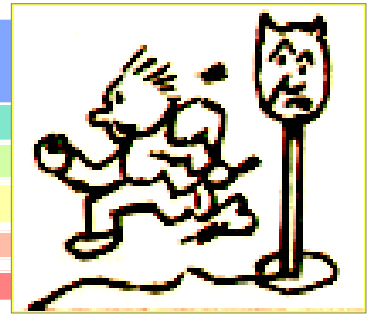




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## Upcoming Events

CFMC March meeting -  
**March 21st**  
Edgebrook Field House  
8 PM

CFMC April Meeting -  
**April 18th**  
Edgebrook Field House  
7:30 PM  
Spring Auction

**March 30-31, 2007**  
AES SuperFest 2007  
Amateur Electronic  
Supply (AES)  
For more info, see Page 5

**April 29, 2007**  
The Dekalb Hamfest  
Kishwaukee Amateur  
Radio Club  
<http://www.kish-club.org>  
For more info, see Page 5

## SRO Spring Auction March 4th at the Field House

Here is a chance to experience an exciting SRO Fall Auction. The business meeting starting at 7:30 PM will be very short and the auction will 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.

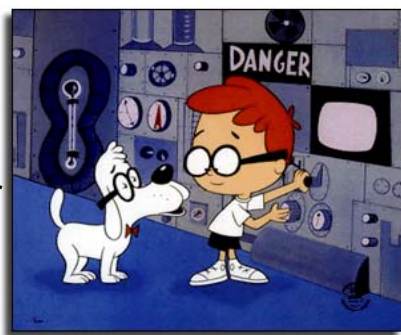




# Meeting Minutes

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by Jim AA9DT



**SRO Notes From Another World, for January 10, 2007**  
By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

**JANUARY MEETING.** Grand, Exalted Commander-in-Chief Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF opens tonight's meeting at 8:13 p.m. As Mike steps into the spotlight, a salute of saxophones and swords pirouettes about the voluminous hall. Crystal chandeliers tinkle and sprinkle droplets of light upon stucco walls. Prisms dance among whorls of textured terra cotta. Mike begins the invocation with the official greeting, as written in the Great Big Book of SRO Bylaws: \\We're so happy to be here.//

The assembled hosts answer responsively, from page 843 of the illuminated verse: \\Happier no less are we that visit these chambers, and sit hence respectively.// (Yeah. It makes no sense. We translated it from Esperanto into Pig Latin via Klingon.) Such synthesized sincerity, bookish banter, and resounding regalia continue until the meeting concludes at 8:24 pm. Oh—wait! That wasn't the meeting. Those were my notes on the daydream I had as Mike was talking.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Mike Brost WA9FTS reports that we've received \$70 for CFAR dues. SRO membership dues total \$60. At this point last year, we had \$597.46 in the bank. Tonight, our balance is \$1,334.82. Board meeting update: Our treasury now contains \$1,464.82. Upcoming debits include \$160 for insurance and \$200 to 300 for CFAR collections.

**WELCOME, EARTHLINGS.** For several years, SRO membership has shrunk. Hey, ham radio has its hazards. With your personal safety in mind, we've sent our official club gumshoes to find out why. Yet despite painstaking research, double-brim hats, trench coats and magnifying glasses, the search continues. Hey, what's the secret, fellas? It can't be the December party chicken, can it? Well, anyway, this year, surprise! We're growing. Hurray! There at the party, I began wondering what my odds were. Meanwhile, here's a list of your new compadres...

- + Thomas Stobble KB9AJM + Brian Rieduk W9BMK
- + James Small WA9EMY + Dennis Krawczak KC9ENZ
- + Stanley Garstka W9LG + Steve Bosnyak K9VO

Mike Leibovitz comes up with the quote of the night: \\Now the rumored merger with CFMC seems closer than ever.// Either that, Mike, or the pod people have struck. Don't fall asleep!

**TONIGHT, WE PRESENT** \\Tesla, Man of Lightning.// Now, wouldn't this be a perfect episode for GE Theater? Tell me you remember that show: Ronald Reagan emerging from lightning, and then a commercial? I can hear you say: \\Golly, Mr. Peabody, that must have been before Belden coax, Motorola Razrs and Starbuck's coffee.// Never mind.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES.** The January 31 meeting opens at 7:42 p.m. Our March auction is coming up! Bring junk. Leave your wife at home. Oh, sorry, Jean KB9FXL. Wanna bid against me? I'll let you win! Next fall, Radio Expo 2007 moves to Boone County Fairgrounds at Routes 20 and 76, in Belvidere, IL. See you there on September 29 and 30.

**LEIBOVITZ FAMILY NEWS.** Mike Leibovitz received a letter of apology for the gravy bath during our December party. The Brown's deliveryman thought the dinner was on Mike. In other Leibovitz news, Mike tells us that Cathy Leibovitz KA9ZWZ now has a new knee. Actually, this isn't a third knee. It's a factory replacement for one of the other two. Cathy is doing well and receiving rehab. Since she's allergic to nickel and chromium, Mr. Goodwrench couldn't give her a new bumper. I mean, she has a knee of the new oxinium material. Oxinium is a very hard ceramic that occurs when zirconium oxidizes. No kidding. This is fascinating science. See...

- + <http://www.strongasanox.com/default.html>
- + <http://www.regionalorthopaedic.com/kneenews.htm>
- + <http://www.designnews.com/article/CA85491.html>



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# Meeting Attendance

January 10th  
at the Field House



Mike WA9EVF  
Jean KB9FXL  
Mike WA9FTS  
Jim AA9DT

Jim KB9SXA  
Steve K9VO  
Paul N9LXF

# Birthdays



March, April & May

K9JQ	Jim Quinn	Apr 17th
K9YSE	Dan Galarde	May 10th
KB9SXA	Jim Baier	Mar 18th
KC9BLH	Curtis Newton	May 22nd
W9AVP	Walter Phillips	May 1st
W9BEA	Wally Klinger	Mar 28th
WA9AEK	Ken Stritzel	Mar 10th
WA9EMV	Sy Laurie	Mar 9th
WA9EVF	Mike Liebovitz	Mar 14th
WA9INF	Marvin Robertson	Apr 2nd



# Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Report for 2007 - Start 1/1/07	\$1264.82
Receipts	\$220.00
Membership Dues *	\$135.00
CFAR Contributions *	\$85.00
Disbursements	\$16.97
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Postage	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00
Meeting refreshments	\$16.97
End 3/14/07	\$1467.85



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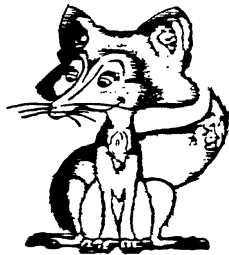
# Age of Stealth May 9th



# Foxhunt Report

January 6th 2007  
CFAR Foxhunt Report

Mike Shy



February 3rd CFAR Foxhunt

by Tony AA9CC

I planned to hide outside, but after a short walk I found most places were still soggy from the prior days rain, and cold, the ground frosting. So I drove home and put the foxhunting antenna on the car. All in all, the hunt went well, except for a faulty coax connection that I fixed between the first and second transmission and an intermittent audio problem. The radio, an Alico dr135 has had problems since new, dropping on PL, intermod sensitivity and a spur on 985. This problem is noise mixed with the audio, seemingly occurring at random. Soon this will join the heap of dismembered and partially working radio history in the basement. 100% poled and they were off at 8:10 pm. A third phase moon was just rising above the horizon in the clear sky. The spot was a hidden Metra commuter lot on the south east corner of County farm and Lake Street, tricky to get to. Tom walked across the rail road bridge and scored first place, winning by gut instinct. Mike would have won, but drove off with 80 dB in line! Don took 2 readings to get there and then 3 on 440. Chuck and Greg spent too much time in the wrong lot. Charlie had problems.

Tony Levand

Stats: Start 8:10

N9CBA	8:42	N9SA	8:53
K9KZO	9:02	W9RA	9:05
N9LXF, WA9FTS	9:07	KB9DIM, Alexis	9:17

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

by Tom N9CBA

It was a below-zero night for February CFAR hunt, and the Fox, Tom N9CBA, decided to stay in the car for a drive-up hunt. The location was at a parking lot in Bloomingdale where Circle ends south of Lake Street.

Tony and Charlie took I-290 to I-355 south, but they did not exit as early as they would have liked. Mike and Paul took Grand to Lake, and only overshot a bit by turning south on Bloomingdale road. However they got south of the fox, and the drive-in access was from the north. So they went thru the maze of roads to make it around.

Tony also came up from the south. Seeing the strong signal, he decided to walk about 200 feet north on the sidewalk to the parking lot for a chilly first place. Soon thereafter Mike and Paul drove in.

Charlie checked out a few more areas before driving in.

Greg and Don were both in the area pretty quickly, but they were both not finding the way to drive in. Once Greg drove into the parking lot, apparently just before the foxes cloaking circuit started working. So Greg proceeded to check out some other areas, and finding good hiding spots in the process.

Greg drove back and drove up for the score, and Don independently drove in shortly thereafter.

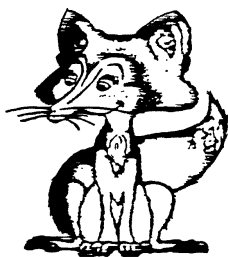
Release 8:05  
8:37 1. Tony AA9CC  
8:40 2. Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF  
8:47 3. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis  
9:19 4. Greg N9SA  
9:20 4. Don W9RA

Munch was at the nearby Portillo's/Barnelli's on Lake.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=41.950861,-88.070757&ie=UTF8&z=15&ll=41.950861,-88.070757&spn=0.023459,0.05712&t=h&om=1>

# Foxhunt Report

March 3rd CFAR Hunt  
by Tony AA9CC



I lost some time driving back across Elgin, remembering I had forgotten the count down timer watch. I had the fox hunt antenna on the car, two 3 element yagi beams spaced broadside .56 at ten feet, 11 dBd gain. I found a restaurant, Papa Bears, where we had munchies once years ago, ten maybe. I circled through north Aurora several times, and time was running out, so I headed for high ground by some newly constructed factory warehouse buildings. From there I saw a parking lot with no obvious way to get to. I drove around and found a long driveway and parked at a loading dock, between metal sided buildings. It was 8:00. I heard chatter on the input and peaked the beam on Charlie's signal, north by north east. I seemed a little strange, I thought the start was farther east. All four hunters had a direction on the 50 watt signal and where off without a hitch. The weather was much improved over last week's snow storm, partly overcast 23 degrees, west wind at 15. The moon was full, but behind clouds, no evidence of the earlier eclipse. Time went by and I made a comment to Mike that he had 5 transmissions to find me before Tom does, and they would have to walk in, then 3 transmissions. Then, well, I saw Mike and Paul in the other lot. They drove back and forth twice between two transmissions and then appeared from around the building running at the car, laughing. They won the hunt. Twenty minutes later Charlie called in, said he was in Elgin on Rt 25 with two sleeping kids in the back and asked for munchies. Don also radioed in throwing in the towel from West Chicago. Tom drove up around 9:30 and the hunt was over. It seems the signal I peaked the beam on was scatter from a holding pattern, and the 3 hunters went further west than south and Don got lost in multipath. The winning route was 294 to 88 to 59 to Butterfield to 25, a slight overshoot and back. On the way home Charlie and I talked simplex mobile from Elgin to Hillside. Results:

Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF	9:05
Tom N9CBA	9:30
Charlie KB9DIM , Alexis & friend	DNF
Don W9RA	DNF

## Upcoming Hamfests

**March 30-31, 2007**

AES SuperFest 2007

Amateur Electronic Supply  
(AES)

<http://www.aesham.com>

**Contact:** Ray Grenier,  
K9KHW

5710 West Goodhope Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Phone: 414-375-1162

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**April 29, 2007**

The Dekalb Hamfest Kishwaukee  
Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.kish-club.org>

**Talk-In:** 146.73 minus (PL 100);

Simplex 146.52

**Contact:** Bob Yurs, W9ICU

1107 Commercial Street

Sycamore, IL 60178

Phone: 815-895-3219

Fax: 815-895-7584

Email: [w9icu@arrl.net](mailto:w9icu@arrl.net)

Sandwich, IL

Sandwich Fairgrounds

[Suydam & Gletty Roads](http://www.kish-club.org)

### SRO Officers

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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 2006  
 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  
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 K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA  
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W9EJ Exp Date      May 2008

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 March 14th at the  
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