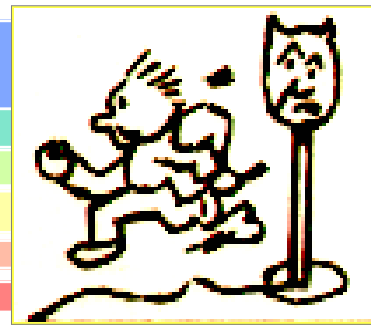




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SRO Holiday Party

December 14th - from 6:30 PM

Food served at 7 PM

Edgebrook Field House



Upcoming Events

40th Annual Midwinter Swapfest -
Waukesha Saturday - Jan 7th at
the Waukesha Co Expo Center
1000 Northview Rd (CO Truck
FT) Waukesha WI - For more
info: Phil W9NAW 401-425-3649
or www.wararc.org

WCRA Midwinter Hamfest on
Sunday Jan 23rd at the Kane Co
Fairgrounds - 525 S Randall Rd
St. Charles IL - For more info:
630-604-0157 or info@w9ccu.org

Celebrate Christmas and Channukah at the SRO Holiday Party. As in the past we will have catering by Brown's Catering. We will have pasta with mostaccioli marinara, chicken and beef with cole slaw, baked beans, Polish sausage and sauerkraut. We will also have coffee, soft drinks and Holiday Punch. The room will be decorated as in the past.

SRO members and guests are all welcome. We hope to see you there. Put Dec 14th on your calendar.

Election for 2012

The Nominating Committee has a slate of Officers and Board Members. If anyone wishes to run, submit your name and call. The election will take place at a very short business meeting.



Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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SRO Notes for October 12, 2011: Constitution Passes!
By Jim Hawes AA9DT

TONIGHT'S MEETING

begins with George Washington Leibovitz' call to order: Oyez, oyez, oyez! The meeting of the SRO Continental Congress will now come to order! His white wig freshly powdered, Benjamin Franklin Brost sits to President George's right.

AT THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING, the board proposed several changes to our SRO constitution. The most important change is the merging of the SRO and CFAR groups. This change will reduce the costs and labor of bookkeeping, among other advantages. Also CFAR contributors will become voting members of SRO.

REVIEW PROCESS. Mike Brost WA9FTS sent a copy of the proposed constitution to each member. (Depending on your preferences, the document arrived by email or U.S. mail.) Between the last meeting and this one, club members could review the new constitution. Members could also compare the new document to the constitution in force. The constitution in force (old constitution) appeared on the club's Web site www.w9sro.org.

CONSTITUTION PASSES. Tonight, the group votes on the constitution revisions. The measure passes unanimously, and we officially ratify our new constitution. Mike has since posted the new document to our Web site.

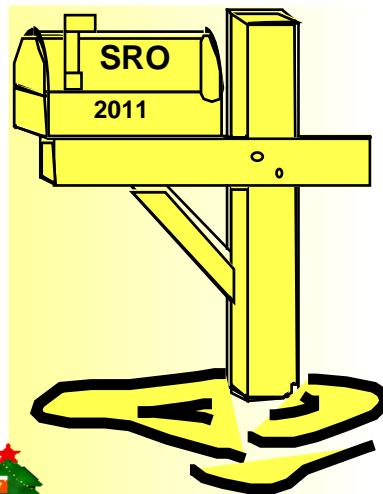
NEW MEMBERS. Joining our club this month are Tom Geletka N9CBA and Ken Havlick KA9TRG. Welcome, gents! I hope to meet you both at the Hanukkah and Christmas party. Just for you, Chief Water Buffalo Mike

Leibovitz WA9EVF has increased this year's food order.

SPEAKING OF THE PARTY: Non-members who attend the party may join the club. We encourage them to do so. Just think: A one-year membership makes an awfully nice party favor! We board members met on November 30. At that meeting, Mike Brost WA9FTS announced the door prize for the holiday party: We're sending two people as representatives of Occupy Kane County. Bring a heavy coat and a Coleman stove for warmth. But seriously: Two lucky members will win tickets to the Mid-Winter Hamfest. This hamfest, whose sponsor is WCRA (Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs), takes place annually in St. Charles. The hamfest site is the Kane County Fairgrounds. (Sorry, but these aren't the all-expenses paid hamfest tours. I refer to our deluxe package where Mike picks you up and carts home your white elephants. Ahem. I mean your quality ham radio purchases.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Before we open the December party, the club will hold a short business meeting. Grand Poobah Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF will present the slate of officers from the nominating committee. The club will then hold its annual elocution. Or is that electrician?

UPCOMING PROGRAMS. For the February meeting, we have a superb video presentation about the Rocky Mountains. The board is considering a CPR course sometime in 2012.

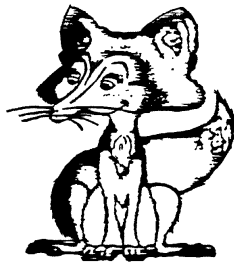


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Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS



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CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Oct 1st, 2011

by Tom N9CBA

Tom N9CBA and John WD9EXW hid in south of Taft Avenue just north of the fence the golf course. The location was west of Main street. The antenna was a mostly-vertical mag-mount atop the chain link fence.

Munch was at Alfie's Inn, Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL

1. Tony AA9CC and Joanie
2. Don W9RA
3. Paul N9LXF

CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Nov 5th, 2011

by Tony AA9CC

Last week at munchies Matt mentioned that he would like a challenging hunt. Mike said he would like a hunt like when I hid by my house and he was the only one to find me. I found this spot about 15 years ago. It's outside the ACL boundary but unlike other likely spots, has not succumb to sprawl. The farm house once on the hill is gone and no longer a barrier to entry. We left home around 6:30 and found when arriving at the no-U-turn sign about 12 squad cars parked at the entrance. I drove on, Joanie located a Target to purchase a stopwatch, which time didn't permit. We drove back north on 56 and nonchalantly pulled up into the drive, right past the strobing

squads and tow truck. It seems they didn't even notice. We spent about 10 or 15 minutes hiking through the brush to find the road, bridge and hide spot. The road down along 56, next to the squads and then turn east into the woods. Again they didn't take notice. I drove up on the berm along the creek, but turned around at an impasse, parked in the farmers field and setup the 35 foot mast and 2x2 antenna array against a tree with just a minute to spare. The repeater signal was full scale and I could hear John's call on the input. I peaked the antenna on his signal. 4 of the usual hunters at the start, Mike did not get a bearing on the first try but the second test transmission was 100%, not bad for 5 watts. The hunt was on at 8:05. A train horn in the distance caused a pack of coyotes to howl, which seemed not so far away. An hour went by and we heard rustling and stick crack on the other side of the creek, Hunters? We heard a big splash as if someone through a bolder into the water, and imagined Tom of Mike with heart attack rolling down the 20 foot embankment, off the cliff and into the water, but there was to yell. It must have been a deer, flushed out by the hunters. 15 minutes later we saw flashlights in the woods on the far side. Third transmission later John ran by us on the berm to the car, then back again and then found us on the next transmission. Tom walked up also. They had taken 88 to Orchard to Geneva, some side roads and then waited on 56 for a transmission, Janet spotted the drive. Very efficient hunting, being in the right spot at the right time. The rest of the hunters threw in the towel around 9:45. Don was on foot on a bike trail west of 56, as

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was Matt and Patty. Matt has walked a long way on the trail south near the bridge. Mike was east at the end of a lane into a farmers field. Munches were at IHOP, one mile east of us. Jacob has 4 teeth now and has started to crawl.

Result:

1 9:15 N9CBA & WD9EXW Tom and John, Janet driving

DNF:

WA9FTS, N9LXF Mike hunting with Paul driving

KC9SEM Matt driving with Patty operating the DF gear.

W9RA Don hunting and driving without gear.

Fox: AA9CC and KC9QQY Tony and Joanie

CFAR 2M Foxhunt
Dec 2nd, 2011
by Tom N9CBA

The December 2011 CFAR hunt got a slightly early start with the list of hunters being exchanged and test transmissions etc starting at 7:55. The initial hunt transmission started at 7:59. The foxes, Tom N9CBA and John WD9EXW, used a 1/4 wave vertical mag-mount antenna atop a large fence pole. The fencing was part of a baseball diamond in the north part of Pioneer Park in Niles. The park is at the southeast corner

of Harlem and Touhy. The coax ran into the dugout. The dugout made a nice hiding place on a night with light rain. Janet served as lookout for the foxes.

The first hunt team spotted was Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF. They were heading north on Harlem, and turned east on Touhy about 2 minutes before the next transmission. It turns out they turned into the lot of the tall apartments east of the starting point, but they continued deep into the apartment area.

Tony AA9CC and Joanie KC9QQY parked in the apartment parking lot very close to the foxes. Tony got out on foot and ran south. On the next transmission, he ran back north, but passed west of the foxes by about 100 ft. It appears that he was getting a good reflection off of the parabolic-looking backstop.

Don W9RA had pulled into the park parking lot during a transmission. He stepped out and got a north reading. He headed that way. He spotted the antenna and scored. He and Tony had taken I294, but Don got off at Touhy. Don did drive north to Oakton to get a faster road, but he came back south on Milwaukee Avenue. Tony had continued up I294 to Dempster.

Mike, Paul, Matt and Patty got on the north side of Touhy for a while, and made it to the south side to score. Munch was at the Omega restaurant on Golf Road-- about 4 miles northwest of the starting point.

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Meeting Attendance



Oct 12th at the Edgebrook Field House

Mike WA9EVF	Jim K9JQ	Steve K9VO
Jean KB9FXL	Cathy KA9ZWZ	Lynne
Jim AA9DT	Pete WV9P	N9CBE
Mike WA9FTS	Gary KB9OBZ	Rik KC9WIR

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- #1 Don W9RA @ 8:42
- #2 Tony AA9CC and Joanie KC9QQY @ 8:44
- #3 Matt KC9SEM, Patty, and Jacob @ 8:57
- #4 Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF

SRO Constitution Update

The Constitution will be updated on the web page soon. SRO and CFAR are now as one. SRO will continue to support CFAR and TOOFAR. Past CFAR contributors will see nothing changed. Ideas are welcome on ideas for the repeaters.

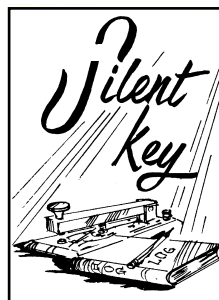


Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS



Balance as of 1/1/11	\$1969.43
CFAR Contributions	\$280.00
Membership Dues	\$580.00
Misc Income	\$300.00
Auction	\$10.34
Total Income	\$1170.34
Annual Report	\$10.00
Postage	\$11.00
Refreshments	\$35.38
Supplies	\$11.29
SRO/CFAR Insurance	\$320.00
Total Expenses	\$387.67
Balance as of 12/14/11	\$2752.10



Lee Knirko W9MOL

I received an email from Lee's daughter, Carolyn that Lee passed away on Nov 6th. Lee was a long time SRO member and CFAR contributor and will be missed.

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Edgebrook Field House second
Wednesday 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 2008
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

Repeater Personnel

Trustee - K9JQ
CFAR Chairman - K9IQF
CFAR Treasurer - WA9FTS
Site Maintenance
K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA
Control Operators
K9IQF, TBD
NW Maintenance
WA9FPT
Northeast Maintenance
K9IQF & TBD
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**SRO Holiday
Party**



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