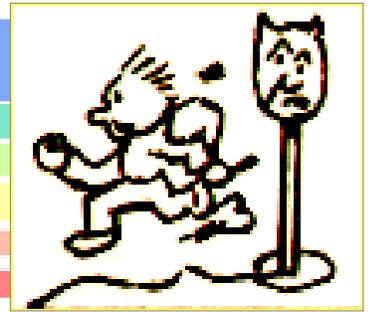




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## Upcoming Events

# Fall Auction

CFMC Fall Auction - Nov 15th at the Salvation Army in Norridge. Same rules apply as in the SRO auction. There will be a short business meeting at 7:30 with the auction to follow.

**Thursday Nov 8th 7:30 PM  
Salvation Army in Norridge  
at 8354 W Foster at  
Cumberland**

**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 is 10% up to a maximum of \$5.00. We hope see many of you there.**



# Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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## SRO Notes, but No Standing in the Citadel on September 13, 2007

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

### SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Tonight, we're back at the Salvation Army Citadel. As we pass the auditorium, a brass band greets us. (Mike Brost, how did you arrange that serenade?) Our group gathers down the hall from our previous meeting spot. Our commander-in-chief is absent tonight, so I officiate. A glance at my wrist cuckoo clock tells me that we've started at 8:08. (On the way in, I adjusted the weights and salted the cuckoo's tail. This is as accurate as the birdie gets.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** At first, Mike Brost WA9FTS thought that SRO had spent \$44.52 more than we'd received. As SRO bylaws state, this situation calls for creative bookkeeping. That's when Mike remembered the \$325 that the club took in last December. He retrieved the money from his sock and revised the records. Now, we're taken in \$280.48 more than we're spent. Please keep finding those surplus funds, Mike! And you members, if you have a spare \$5, \$10 or \$20, send it along. Mike will take awfully good care of it.

**FIELD HOUSE IS STILL THERE.** Mike has also spoken with Eloise, our official Edgebrook Field House connection. She confirms that yes, the Field House is still there. They haven't yet rotated it by 90 degrees. ("They" refers to our friends, the county workmen.) In fact, they haven't yet flipped it over, moved it to Skokie or added a floor. They haven't yet changed all the windows to doors. They haven't yet excavated the sub-basement for the miniature golf course. They haven't yet appended the dog racing track, the casino or the streetcar stop. They haven't swapped the restrooms again. And true story: They haven't even started any Field House projects. But they're thinking about it. Maybe they can work us in before the 2016 elections.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS.** Ken Havlick KA9TRG and Mike are planning next year's CFMC meetings here at the Citadel. These revised plans seem to be prudent policy. Neither club has a firm schedule from the Field House. On our behalf, Mike has met with Barbara here at the Salvation Army. Wednesdays are unavailable. We can meet here on Thursdays, though. The rooms are very nice, and the cost is free. No December dates are open, though. So goes the Hanukkah and Christmas party. Mike recommends an off-site party with CFMC. We decide that the joint planning



seems too difficult.

**NEW PARTY PLANS.** Next, we discuss alternate party locations. Fay Jacobson N9FA suggests the Old Country Buffet at 8780 west Dempster in Niles. This spot is on Dempster and Potter, just north of Lutheran General Hospital. The restaurant is in the shopping center on the north side of Dempster. (This is the shopping Center with the Portelli's Pizza joint.) Country Buffet has a long, self-serve sideboard with many choices. You can buy dinner there for about \$10. (I think that the whole sideboard would set you back maybe \$750. You want that with coffee?) The party would be Wednesday, December 12, following our original schedule. With the party settled, we're so overjoyed that we cancel the Halloween board meeting. Don Moriarty W9RA can't make the board meeting anyway. He'll be out soaping Nokia antennas for Motorola.

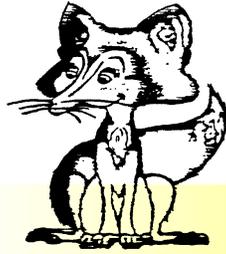
**EVEN NEWER PARTY PLANS.** On October 26, Mike Brost calls with this badly needed paragraph... Edgebrook Field House is again available for the party. Cook County misses our money! Anyway, we still can't use the main hall. (Cook County doesn't miss our money that much.) But the back room is available. This room seats 50, so you can go around twice. Plus the room has a very desirable location, right across from the men's room. You can swallow your chicken, swill down some punch, and then dash in there. Ladies, just skate across the lobby to your side of the plumbing core. At the upcoming November meeting, we'll reopen the party topic. Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF, I hope that you're up to date on party plans, near-plans and non-plans.

**NOVEMBER MEETING DAY CHANGE.** We'll look for you here at the Citadel on THURSDAY November 8 at 8 pm. This year, the November meeting will be our fall auction. Tonight's meeting ends at 8:24 p.m. CST.

## Christmas/ Channukah Party - Dec 12th at the Edgebrook Field House

The only thing different will be that is in the smaller classroom by the washrooms. Catering by Brown's and the favorite holiday punch will be there.

# Foxhunt Report



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October 6th, 2007  
CFAR Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS

The weather stayed perfect for another weekend and the 4 hunt teams were raring to go and find Tony AA9CC. He was using a 12 el Cushcraft Boomer at 12 ft and 50 wts. For the 2nd time we used the spot in the parking lot across from the Sears store in the shopping center located at the NE corner of Rt 83 and St. Charles Rd. The test transmission was good and strong and all 4 heard the fox. All travelled south on Rt 83. Tom N9CBA got off at Ogden and stayed around 294 - he had equipment problems and later tracked it down to a bad antenna cable along with a connector in the wrong place. Don W9RA went west off 75th St and south on Lemont Rd which was a good move. Charlie KB9DIM went past 55 and then back to 55 and south on Joliet Rd - another good move. Paul N9LXF and I took 83 to 55 and onto Joliet Rd. Tony had to be near his new home. We found Bluff Rd and overshot his house and come back into his driveway. A chirping sound on the hunt freq distracted us for a moment as we ran thru his back yard for the woods behind. We found a small lake and thought Tony was across the water. I found a gravel path and followed it around till I got to a fallen tree. Tony was hiding behind it. We got the win. Then Tony said the chirping was a xmtr for extra credit. We found it on the gutter of his garage and waited for the other hunters. Tom dropped out and Charlie and Don drove down Bluff Rd past Tony's house and then back again on Joliet Rd. About a half hour later, Charlie and Don both gave up. Tony was 15.5 miles and 198° from the start. We met - less Tom - at the Family Square for munchies. We then found out that the area was once the home to an amusement park and the lake was one of the few small bodies of water still around created by the last ice age. The

gravel path that Tony hid on was once the road bed of a small steam engine for the amusement park that traveled around the lake. Tony's neighbor also said the area is a treasure trove of Indian artifacts - arrowheads and even a tomahawk was found. Not many hiding spots picked by the fox has so much history attached to it as this one was. Next month Paul and I will try to make it a challenge. Results:

1. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF  
DNF Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis  
DNF Greg N9SA  
DNF Tom N9CBA -Equipment problem

November 3rd, 2007  
CFAR Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS

It was a cool evening reminding us it was fall and to turn back the clock before we went to bed. Five hunt teams waited for the release several minutes past 8PM. Paul N9LXF and I were waiting on the bike trail Oakton Ave. overpass at Caldwell in Niles. Several of the hunters took Rt 83 north and others took 290 to 294 to Touhy. Don W9RA got off at River Rd and took side streets most of the way to Howard. He got on the bike path and, just short of us, walked off north to Oakton and saw us during a transmission to end the hunt. Before that Greg N9SA ran up the overpass to beat Charlie KB9DIM by about 20 sec for the win. The first hunter we saw, Tom N9CBA, walked up slowly and short of breath, finished 3rd. A little while later Tony AA9CC walked up for 4th. We met at Barnaby's a block down Caldwell after the hunt. Results:

1. Greg N9SA
2. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis
3. Tom N9CBA
4. Tony AA9CC
5. Don W9RA

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## CFAR Foxhunt Information

1st Saturday of each month - start at 8PM  
Sears Parking lot in Elmhurst on Rt 83 north of  
St. Charles Rd  
Fox transmits during the hunt on 147.75 MHz



# Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Report for 2007 - Start 1/1/07 | \$1289.82 |
| Receipts                       | \$137.45  |
| Membership Dues                | \$135.00  |
| Auctions                       | \$2.45    |
| Disbursements                  | \$181.97  |
| Meeting Refreshments           | \$16.97   |
| Annual Report                  | \$5.00    |
| Insurance                      | \$160.00  |
| End 11/8/07                    | \$1245.30 |

## Meeting Attendance

September 13th  
at the Salvation Army



Jean KB9FXL  
Jim AA9DT  
Mike WA9FTS

Don W9RA  
Fay N9FA  
Jim KB9SXA  
Lee W9MOL



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## December Meeting

The Christmas / Hannukah Party will be back at the Edgebrook Field House but in the smaller classroom. Remodeling of the main room and kitchen should have started.

Date - Dec 12th at 6:30 PM.  
SRO members, CFAR contributors and guests are welcome.

Our famous punch will be served promptly at 6:30 PM and the great food from Brown's Chicken between 6:45 and 7 PM.

# Birthdays



For the months of Nov & Dec

|                    |        |          |
|--------------------|--------|----------|
| William McAllister | K9BAM  | Nov 15th |
| Jon Tammen         | K9IQF  | Dec 6th  |
| Cathy Liebovitz    | KA9ZWZ | Nov 7th  |
| Jean Pressel       | KB9FXL | Dec 23rd |
| Mike Berkowitz     | N9LUI  | Dec 12th |
| George Ulm         | W9EVT  | Dec 4th  |
| Stan Garstka       | W9LG   | Nov 17th |
| Dave Lieb          | WA9BST | Dec 8th  |
| Jim McLaughlin     | WA9FPT | Dec 25th |

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Vice President  
Jean Pressel - KB9FXL  
Secretary  
Jim Hawes - AA9DT  
Treasurer  
Mike Brost - WA9FTS

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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 2008  
Christmas / Hanukkah 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  
Site Maintenance  
K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA  
Control Operators  
K9IQF, TBD  
NW Maintenance  
WA9FPT  
Northeast Maintenance  
K9IQF & TBD  
Lisle Maintenance  
WA9AEK

W9EJ Exp Date May 2008

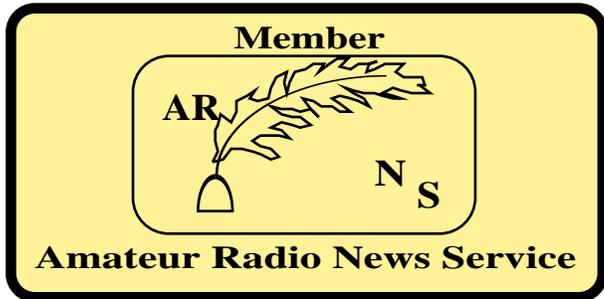
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