



# Mike Shy

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## Fall Auction Edgebrook Field House



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### Upcoming Events

CFMC Fall Auction on Nov 19th at the Edgebrook Field House. A short business meeting will start at 7:30 PM and the auction will follow. Same rules apply as with the SRO auction. What you didn't sell at the SRO auction, bring to the CFMC auction.



**It is almost the end of '08 and we have an exciting Fall Auction at the next SRO meeting. A short business meeting will start at 7:30 PM and the auction will follow. Bring some good stuff and a friend and you may even sell something. With the economy tht way it is, you may find a bargain instead of paying alot in a big box store. As in the past, the SRO cut on all sales in 10% up to \$5.00. Spread the word and I hope to see many of you there.**



# Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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**SRO Notes for September 12, 2008:**  
**Low-impedance humor matching a high-impedance world**  
By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

**SEPTEMBER MEETING.** President Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF opens the meeting at about 8 pm. In the last thrilling episode of SRO Notes, I mentioned Mike's work with Albert Einstein. The two SRO members collaborated on the Theory of Relative Connectivity. Tonight Mike presents a lively demonstration of the theory in action.

Mike's presentation proves this example: Suppose that the world needs a BNC connector. Then you must always have either an F connector or an SO-238 UHF connector. Or if the world needs a 25-pin serial DB-25 plug, you have a 9-pin DB-9 plug. Close, but no cosmic cigar.

Excellent points, one and all. Yet the demonstration goes over like a lead balun. (That's a bad pun, and not a typo.) The problem: As satire, this is too true! Mike's every statement scores a point. And each point lands on guffaws of pure frustration. Somewhere in the universe, the energy from our exasperation probably shorts out a power grid. Elsewhere, our laughter probably powers a quasar. No wonder Einstein gave up the ghost. Thank you for carrying on, Mike. By the way, this is the first live SRO presentation since your show on networking. In fact, your latest show is approximately the opposite pole of your other presentation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** At our board meeting, Mike Leibovitz reminds members of this point: Unlike Washington, our club administration avoids deficit spending. Don't look for an SRO bailout package, though. Maybe were lucky that we don't have an SRO congress. Brother Mike Brost WA9FTS brings these tidings of good cheer. Despite international economic woes, SRO still has money. We remain on track and we can afford our annual Hanukkah and Christmas party in December. That is, if by then, Brown's is still in the chicken business.

**BACKUP PARTY PLANS.** Should Brown's succumb, we can come together. Here's a suggestion: President Mike, you're the grand dragon of refreshments. Let's talk about ham radio dinners that we club members can prepare ourselves. Could we heat up sauerkraut over your final? Could we roast hot dogs in line with your transmitter feed line? Sure we could. Step right up! How'd you like yours?

Rare? Medium? Well done? Okay. Hmmm. Let's check the SWR meter and see if your order's ready.

**COFFEE.** Of course we should percolate a pot of coffee. To brew that joe, how long must a QSO be? If the QSO involves a station in Java, would the flavor improve?

By the way, I suggest coffee because it requires grounds. Ground beef offers a similar advantage. We all know that Mike's shack has a superb ground system. Here, there's no need to cook in earthenware. An exemplary amateur, Mike dutifully observes all FCC regulations. And Mike's station follows and all laws of physics. You could even call Mike's shack a \\Maxwell House.// Nyuk, nyuk.

**PROBLEMS WITH RADIO COOKERY.** Amateurs should know that there are problems with radio cookery. Of course, we observe the Kosher restriction against serving pork. But pork has another disadvantage. It causes the transmitter to squeal. During cooking, we must also take care of modulation type. For instance, you can grill chicken with AM or FM, but not CW. Otherwise, we might cause key chirp. And then we're out of cluck. Scrambled eggs are okay, though. We just zero beat them. And should all else fail, we can always tuna fish. For those who studied Ohm's Law, reactance and phasors, we have the ideal dessert: Eli's Ice Cream.

**AUCTION.** Our November meeting is the auction. Bring your inheritance. We accept all forms of currency (as long as the country is still solvent). In the current economic environment, precious metals are particularly welcome.

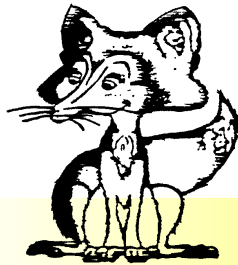


Happy Thanksgiving

## SRO Web Site

The club's website, [www.w9sro.org](http://www.w9sro.org) has been up for four months. Check it for latest updates. Mike Shys from the past will be posted when I have more time to work on it. Any ideas for the web site will be welcome.

# Foxhunt Report



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## CFAR Foxhunt Sep 6th, 2008 by Tom N9CBA

The fox, Tom N9CBA hid at the southeast corner of the Rt 50 (Cicero) bridge over the Cal Sag canal. That is just south of Alsip. The antenna was a vertical 3-element yagi up about 20 feet from the bridge walkway. The antenna was somewhat camouflaged from the north by the bridge and south by an adjacent street light pole. The transmitter was set for 25 watts. The fox was just slightly down the steep slope at the edge of the bridge, below the antenna. Everybody reported hearing the signal from 20.6 miles away.

The optimum route was to get on to the southbound Tri-state tollway to the Cicero exit. That was the winning Move of Tony and Joanie. The performances were all very good, even for those who chose less optimal routes.

Munch was at the nearby Uno Chicago Grill.

1. Tony AA9CC and Joanie 8:51
2. Mike WA9FTS and Paul 9:03
3. KB9DIM Charlie and Alexis 9:04
4. W9RA Don

Fox location:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=41.654976,-](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=41.654976,-87.738254&ie=UTF8&t=h&z=16&iwloc=addr)

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CFAR First Saturday Foxhunt October 4th, 2008

by Tony AA9CC & Joanie

Some of the guys at work play in the Dime a Dozen Band and I had every

intention of having munchies at the Cornerstone Piano Bar so our foxhunting group could meet and talk with some of the nuclear physicists there, however a revolt assumed amongst us due to the extreme volume of the rock music playing and thus munchies were had down the road at Buena Beef. Charlie got a cell phone call and quit at the last minutes of the hunt to monitor channel 48

transmitter problems. Tom congratulated us on a "very good spot" after bush whacking a direct

approach from our cars parked between the buses behind the school, missing the easy path. Several slightly unnerving animal noises were heard waiting in the dark for the hunters to arrive. The hunt was off

late at 8:20. Peaking the antenna on Charlie's signal at the start point helped some of the problem making the repeater and start point simultaneously, but it seems part of Tom's equipment was also at fault.

I found the spot on Google maps right behind the piano bar. Mike, WA9FTS is still on strike. We assumed Don, W9RA is still reeling from last week's hunt and the rest of the old time regulars have just faded away. Hiding Spot: 41.740494,-87.970791

Results:

1 Tom N9CBA 9:15

DNF Charlie and Lex KB9DIM 9:20

## 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

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# Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Start 1/1/08	\$975.21
Receipts	\$488.20
Membership Dues	\$470.00
Hamfest Inc	\$7.00
Auction Inc	\$11.20
Disbursements	\$170.02
Annual Report	\$5.00
Insurance	\$160.00
Mike Shy - Postage	\$5.02
End 11/12/08	\$1293.39



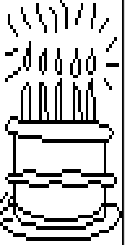
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## SRO Holiday Party

**Dec 10th at the Edgebrook Field House - Meet at 6:30 PM. As usual, Browns will cater the food and we will have the famous Holiday Punch. SRO members, CFAR contributors and family are invited. Put it on you calendar so you won't forget.**



# Birthdays



### For the months of Nov-Dec

<b>K9BAM</b>	<b>Wm McAllister</b>	<b>Nov 19th</b>
<b>K9IQF</b>	<b>Jon Tammen</b>	<b>Dec 6th</b>
<b>KA9ZWZ</b>	<b>Cathy Leibovitz</b>	<b>Nov 7th</b>
<b>KB9FXL</b>	<b>Jean Pressel</b>	<b>Dec 23rd</b>
<b>N9LUI</b>	<b>Mike Berkowitz</b>	<b>Dec 12th</b>
<b>W9EVT</b>	<b>George Ulm</b>	<b>Dec 4th</b>
<b>W9LG</b>	<b>Stan Garstka</b>	<b>Nov 17th</b>
<b>WA9BST</b>	<b>Dave Lieb</b>	<b>Dec 8th</b>
<b>WA9FPT</b>	<b>Jim McLaughlin</b>	<b>Dec 25th</b>

## Meeting Attendance



**Sept 10th at the Edgebrook Field House**

<b>Mike WA9EVF</b>	<b>Cathy KA9ZWZ</b>
<b>Jim AA9DT</b>	<b>Ken KA9TRG</b>
<b>Jean KB9FXL</b>	<b>Paul N9LXF</b>
<b>Mike WA9FTS</b>	<b>Pete N9VKY</b>

**SRO Officers**

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Jon Tammen - K9IQF

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**Regular Meeting Place**

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  
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NW Maintenance  
WA9FPT  
Northeast Maintenance  
K9IQF & TBD  
Lisle Maintenance  
WA9AEK

W9EJ Exp Date      May 2018

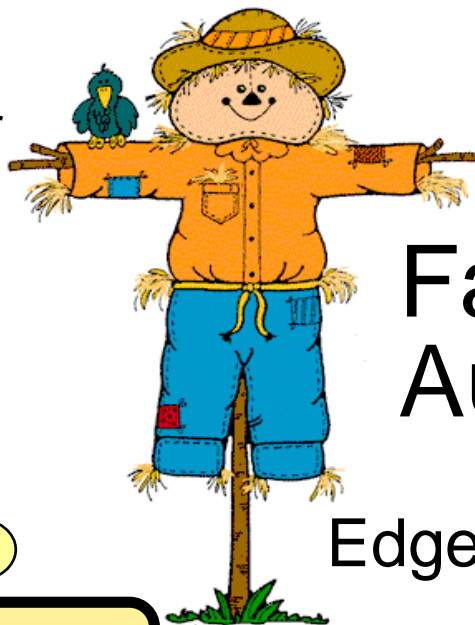
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