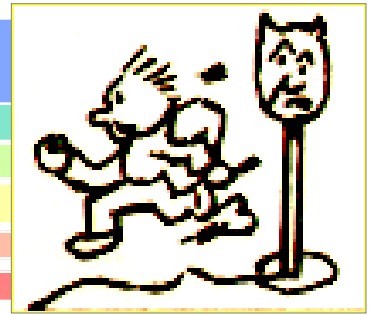




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## Upcoming Events

Chicago FM Club Regular Meeting  
October 18th at the Edgebrook  
Field House

Mr. Jim Mornar, N9TK, amateur  
radio operator and DX'er  
extraordinaire, will present a video  
program highlighting his experiences  
in traveling to distant and remote  
areas of the world to provide  
opportunities for Hams to make rare  
and distant DX contacts. Specifically,  
Jim will speak about his recent trip to  
Swains Island in the South Pacific.  
The call used was KH8SI and the  
event created much excitement within  
the DX community.

## SRO Dues CFAR Contributions for 2007

In December a form and envelope  
will be sent to all SRO members  
and CFAR contributors. Please fill  
it out and send back. We are in  
good financial condition and, with  
your help we will stay that way.

## Fall Auction October 11th Field House 7:30 PM



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

by Jim AA9DT

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**Not the SRO Notes for October 11, 2006**  
By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

**WHAT'S UP.** With our new, quarterly meeting schedule, we've run smack into an editorial snarl. As Mike Brost WA9FTS emails this edition, the October meeting is still in the future. Yet in his usual, persuasive manner, Mike hornsoggled me into writing October minutes anyway. And wouldn't you know, Peabody's time machine has thrown a belt.

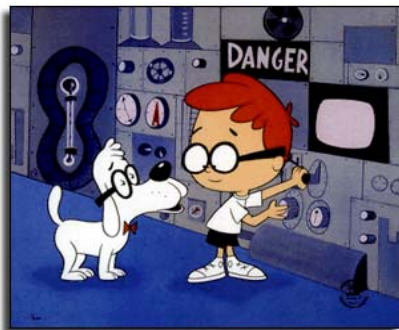
**WHAT I DID ON SUMMER BREAK.** I suppose that I can tell you about what's going on here at Hawes Engineering Publications. In May, I dropped off an article at the Antique Wireless Association. The subject of my article is Chicagoan Marcella Lally, the first TV star. Her popular musical program went on the air in 1929 or 1930. I wrote the article with Dr. Tom Sills. Tom teaches physics and astronomy at Wright College. He's working on an Einstein book. His related lecture series at Adler Planetarium was fabulous. Tom's astounding new insights on Einstein brought the audience to its feet. Several months ago, the Adler invited Tom back for an encore.

Anyway, the other day, my editor Marc Ellis called. He told me that he's sending our article on to the television editor, Richard Brewster. I know Richard slightly. Most of the time, he and his wife live on a ship off the coast of Africa. His mission is a humanitarian one. I don't know how often he returns home to the US. I wonder if I'll ever publish this story. I finished editing it several years ago. Around 1999, I tried to obtain a pre-publication copyright. In 2002, terrorists infested the Washington post office with anthrax. The building closed, and my copyright correspondence became tangled up there. Eventually I settled the copyright by phone calls and fax.

In July, my contract house found me a part-time job at an area bank. There, I've composed an installation manual and troubleshooting guide for a new scanner product. On off-days, I add to my book manuscript and my mechanical television Web site. My latest material concentrates on one brand of mechanical color TV device, the Col-R-Tel unit.

+ This page tells how it works...  
[www.hawestv.com/mtv\\_color/colrtel\\_block.htm](http://www.hawestv.com/mtv_color/colrtel_block.htm).

+ A slide show about a homemade Col-R-Tel converter appears at... [www.hawestv.com/mtv\\_slides/benhamA.htm](http://www.hawestv.com/mtv_slides/benhamA.htm).



+ I'm also attempting to convert the Col-R-Tel circuit to transistors. You can see my schematics at...  
[www.hawestv.com/mtv\\_schematic/colrtel1/ctel01burstq.htm](http://www.hawestv.com/mtv_schematic/colrtel1/ctel01burstq.htm).

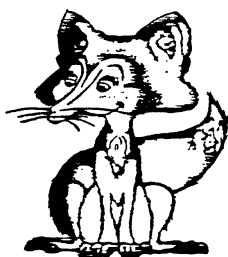
+ The color moon cameras also included a Col-R-Tel-like mechanical color converter. See...  
[http://www.hawestv.com/mtv\\_FAQ/colrteBasicFAQ.htm#CTcam](http://www.hawestv.com/mtv_FAQ/colrteBasicFAQ.htm#CTcam).

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Pinching pennies seems to be helping the club. Mike Brost and Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF think that we can have a December party. Hurray! Bromo Seltzer!

**JANUARY PREVIEW.** At the last board meeting, we also planned a January meeting. I'll bring my tape about Nikola Tesla. Just to get you thinking about trudging out in the snow: Tesla's worth saddling the reindeer. He invented and set up our 60 Hz power system. He designed and oversaw construction of the Niagra falls generating plant. Later, he experimented with high-frequency radio transmission. Guglielmo Marconi used many of Tesla's ideas. Tesla's remote-controlled boat was an early guided torpedo. Later experiments involved weather modification by electromagnetic fields. One of Tesla's \\missing patents// is a Star Wars-like particle weapon. Nobody is exactly sure why Tesla built a 187-foot tower on Long Island. In photos, the tower looks like a giant Van de Graaf generator. Tesla seemed to be planning a system to transmit both power and radio signals. The cupola weighed 55 tons. Beneath the tower, a shaft sank 120 feet into the ground. After J.P. Morgan quit funding the project, Tesla abandoned it.



# Foxhunt Report



# Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

by Mike WA9FTS

## September CFAR Hunt

Paul N9LXF hid in a school yard in Franklin Park, 2 blocks east of 25th St and west of Mannheim. He used an HT mounted on a fence and sat against a brick wall. Greg N9SA was first to find Paul with Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis finishing second. Tom N9CBA did not finish.

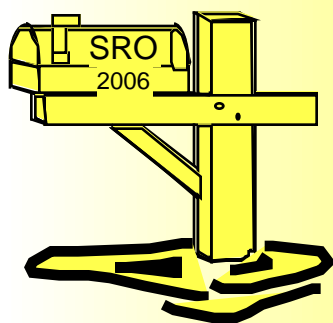
1. Greg N9SA
  2. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis
- DNF Tom N9CBA

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

Balance as of Jan 1st, 2006	\$597.46
Receipts	\$529.15
Membership Dues	\$525.00
Spring Auction	\$4.15
Disbursements	\$174.82
Mike Shy	
Postage	\$14.82
Annual Report	\$10.00
Holiday Party	(\$10.00)
Insurance	\$160.00
Balance as of October 11th, 2006	\$951.79
Prfit / Loss for 2006	\$354.33



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# Birthdays

For the months of Oct, Nov & Dec

K9IQF	Jon Tammen	Dec 6th
K9VO	Stephen Bisnyak Jr	Oct 30th
KA9ZWZ	Cathy Leibovitz	Nov 7th
KB9FXL	Jean Pressel	Dec 23rd
N9LUI	Mike Berkowitz	Dec 12th
W9EVT	George Ulm	Dec 4th
WA9BST	Dave Lieb	Dec 8th
WA9FPT	Jim McLaughlin	Dec 25th

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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  
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Site Maintenance  
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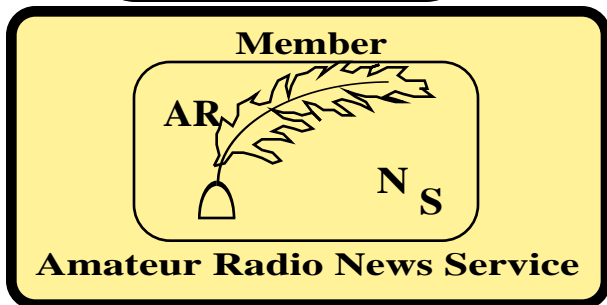
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