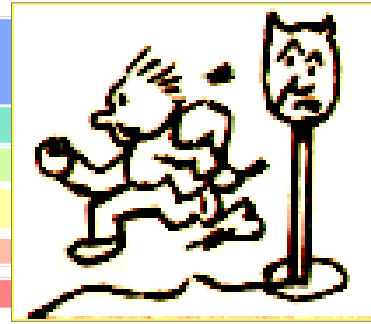




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Upcoming Events

ORC Fall Ham & Hobby
Swapfest - 9/24/11 at the
Cedarburg Firemans Park at
796 Washigton Av, Cedarburg
WI

Milwaukee Repeater Club
Hamfest - 11/5/11 at the Elks
Lodge #46 at 5555 W Good
Hope Rd in Milwaukee WI



Fall SRO Auction

Edgebrook Field House
6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
Oct 12th 8:00 PM

Fall is here and Expo is over with. Now we have the SRO Fall auction. So look around the house and see what you can find to bring to the auction. If you have not used it in a while, consider bringing it and maybe someone will want to take it home.

As in the past, SRO cut of the action will be 10% up to \$5.00. Ask a friend to join you. They do not have to be a club member or even a ham to enjoy our auctions. Put the 12th of October on the calendar and join us for a fun evening.



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Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT



SRO Notes for June 22, 2011: Constitutional Congress at BQS

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION is a video on the World War II Spitfire airplane.

SRO CONSTITUTION. Who'da thunkit? For years, this column has presented improbable history. This time, I have *probable* history to report: On June 29 and July 20, your board met to revise the club constitution. We met at BQS Realty. (Thanks, Jim Quinn W9JQ!) The constitution changes vary from syntax and spelling corrections to functional changes. The most important change is reorganization of our club repeaters as part of the club.

REPEATERS. Our repeaters CFAR and TOOFAR have long been valuable club assets. Yet they've required a separate treasury, bank account and treasurer. Recently, the club has saved money by keeping separate books, but mingling the two groups' funds. Our SRO treasurer Mike Brost WA9FTS now manages both the SRO and repeater funds. This arrangement improves on our previous method, but doubles Mike's workload. Now the SRO board is examining how to merge the repeaters and the club. After the reorganization, the repeater committee will remain as is. Yet SRO will directly oversee funds for repeater projects and activities. We propose that membership in SRO will confer repeater privileges.

MEETING DISCUSSION. You members might well

have questions about the amended constitution. Please raise these concerns at our August meeting. I'll bring the draft constitution.

FIELD DAY. We thank Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF for organizing Ham Radio Field Day. Our partner in this activity is the Motley Crew ham club. Mike arrived before 9 am and began setting up the 43-foot vertical antenna. The vertical kit consists of six-foot-six sections and one-foot end sections. Soon the antenna stood in the parking lot of our host, William Warren Nugent & Co. Next, Mike installed several radials that he cut from 22-gauge, copper-clad steel wire. The radials spread out in a circle on the tarmac. A transmatch connected the trusty vertical to the transceiver. The rig's Icom remote-control tuner operated down to 40 meters. Mike says that the station was operational in about one to one and a half hours. Over the Field Day weekend, operators completed more than 600 contacts. Total points exceeded 1,000. Among the group were several high school students who made their first QSOs.

HAM COURSE. Mike WA9EVF and Sam Polonetzky WB9RDE plan to teach a Technician license course this fall. The course will take place at Walder Center. Walder is the former US Robotics site at McCormick and Cleveland in southeast Skokie. Classes will meet for eight weeks, starting on October 24 at 7 p.m. Tell your prospective ham radio friends to contact Noah Goldman, ngoldman@itdna.com or 847-745-1680. Be sure that your friends know the details: This is an easy course for beginners. The instructors absolutely don't bite. The course includes a qualifying exam, but requires no cramming. There is no Morse Code requirement. A textbook such as the latest Gordon West Ham Technician book is very helpful. Students can take free practice exams at www.qrz.com.



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**SRO Notes for
August 10, 2011:
Board Proposes
Constitution Changes**
By Jim Hawes AA9DT



TONIGHT'S MEETING

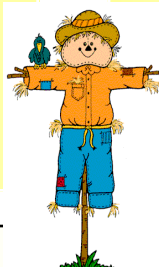
begins at 8 p.m. with a wave of President Mike Leibovitz' juju hand. The main issue tonight is the revision of the club constitution and bylaws. The group discusses several proposed changes from our board of directors. The main change is to consolidate the SRO and CFAR groups. CFAR subscribers will become full, voting members of SRO. The dues will be the same for SRO or CFAR. SRO members will become CFAR subscribers.

The SRO and CFAR BOOKS will cease to be separate. This change will be quite a relief to our treasurer, who prepares both sets of books. (Thanks Treasurer Mike Brost WA9FTS. As you know, Mike also edits and publishes this newsletter.)

RATIFIED VERSION. After the meeting, I processed our discussion, and made further changes as appropriate. I added these changes to a final draft of the constitution and bylaws. On Wednesday, August 31, the board met and ratified these final changes. Mike Brost WA9FTS has emailed a copy of the revised documents to all SRO members. Please compare the mailed version with the version in force. You'll find a copy of the version in force on our Web site (<http://w9sro.org/clubconstitution.html>). Here is a summary of the latest changes...

CHANGES TO THE SRO CONSTITUTION

A. First line, Article 1 - Name & Purpose, Section 1: Transposed quotes and comma after "Society Radio Operators."



B. Article 7 - Disposition of Funds, Section 2: Deleted "initiation fees" per Jon Tammen K9IQF.

C. Article 5 - Dues, Section 3. Changed to match first sentence of Bylaws, Article 4 - Dues, Section 4. "At the annual meeting, members must pay dues. Also eliminates the clumsy phrase "dues are due..."

CHANGES TO THE SRO BYLAWS

D. Bylaws begin on a new page, per Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF.

E. Article 4 - Dues, Section 4. Added revision by Jon Tammen K9IQF. I edited this material to improve readability and syntax. (I read the edited version to the group at the ham meeting on August 10.)

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DEEP SPACE ROCKET. NASA has just announced that it's developing the most powerful spacecraft ever. It looks like a cross between a space shuttle and the Apollo moon rocket. The new ship is different, though. It's capable of deep space travel. Missions might include journeys to asteroids or even to Mars. NASA's rocket will be 400 feet tall. It will develop lift some five times that of the space shuttle. The proposed development budget is an eye-popper, at \$35 billion.

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Meeting Attendance

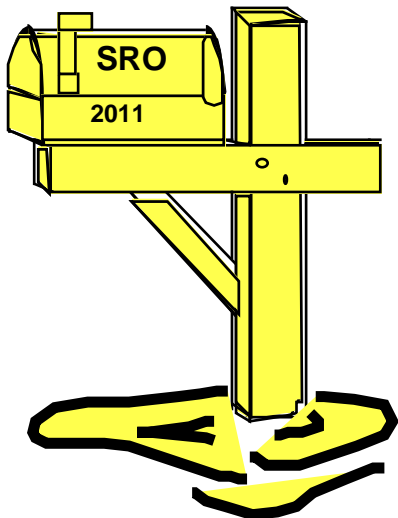


**Aug 10th
at the Edgebrook Field House**

Mike WA9EVF	Cathy KZ9ZWZ
Jean KB9FXL	Pete WV9P
Jim AA9DT	John KC9QIO
Mike WA9FTS	Tom N9IHZ

SRO Constitution Update

The SRO Constitution is in the process of being updated. The Officers and Board members have started the process. When it is done, the Constitution will be presented to the members for a vote and approval.



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Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Balance as of 1/1/11	\$1969.43
CFAR Contributions	\$280.00
Membership Dues	\$460.00
Misc Income	\$300.00
Auction	\$5.01
Total Income	\$1045.01
Annual Report	\$10.00
Postage	\$11.00
Refreshments	\$28.23
Supplies	\$11.29
SRO/CFAR Insurance	\$320.00
Total Expenses	\$380.52
Balance as of 9/6/11	\$2633.92

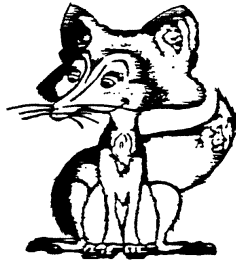
NASA Deep Space Rocket



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Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS



August 6 2011 CFAR Foxhunt Report
by Tony AA9CC with Joan KC9QQY

We hid in Lombard just off of Highland, in the Jeep parked next to a building, hidden out of the way. Signal was 5 watts to a 1/4 wave mag-mount stuck to the side of a lamp post up the hill. All hunters had a direction at the start. We first spotted John walking along the edge of the parking lot 10 feet above us. He then spotted us and asked if he had to come down here to score. Well, for first place, I would think so. Unfortunately for John, now climbing over the dumpster, Mike, in the mean time, had scrambled down the hill and ran up to the Jeep. John was just a few feet farther away than Mike, who reached through the window to grab the card. Matt scored from the hill and Don through in the towel, sighting equipment failure. Munchies were at the Patio, just a few blocks to the south. Don caught a 4 foot Musky in MN the weekend before.

Hiding spot can be found on the club's web page / foxhunts.

Results:

- 1 Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
 - 2 Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW & Janet
 - 3 Matt KC9SEM, Patty & Jacob
- DNF Don W9RA.

Sept 2011 CFAR 2M Foxhunt
Sept 3rd, 2011
By Mike WA9FTS

The weatherman said it could rain heavily through the evening so we decided to find a spot hiding in the van and be a drive-up. It misted and that was all the rain we had. Paul N9LXF and Carol went along and we tried a residential area called Briarwood which surrounded a small lake. The location was between Algonquin Rd and I-90 and west of Rt 83. Only residents and guest were allowed so we found a spot just west at the end of S Embers Ln next to I-90. The hunt started at 8:05:50 PM with 3 hunt teams. The team of Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW and Janet. They took Rt 83 north and west on Algonquin Rd and about 500 ft past Embers. They turned around and Janet, having a feeling that she should turn down Embers, drove right to us for the win. Tony AA9CC and Joan KC9QQY also took the same path and drove past. They got a reading and thought we were on the south side of I-90. They soon found out this was not true. Meanwhile, Don W9RA drove east on Oakton off Rt 83 and then quickly turned around. He tried several streets and then on Embers to secure 2nd. Several minutes later Tony and Joan arrived to end the hunt. We met at Lou Malnoti's on Higgins.

Results:

1. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW and Janet
8:29:36 – 23 min, 46 sec
2. Don W9RA 8:52:06 – 46 min, 16 sec
3. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
8:54:33 – 48 min, 43 sec

CFAR foxhunt is scheduled every first Saturday of the month. Hunters gather at the shopping center at Rt 83 and St Charles Rd in front of the Sears Essentials store. All are welcome to participate in finding the fox..



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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
K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA
Control Operators
K9IQF, TBD
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WA9FPT
Northeast Maintenance
K9IQF & TBD
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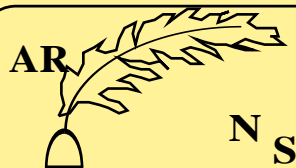


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