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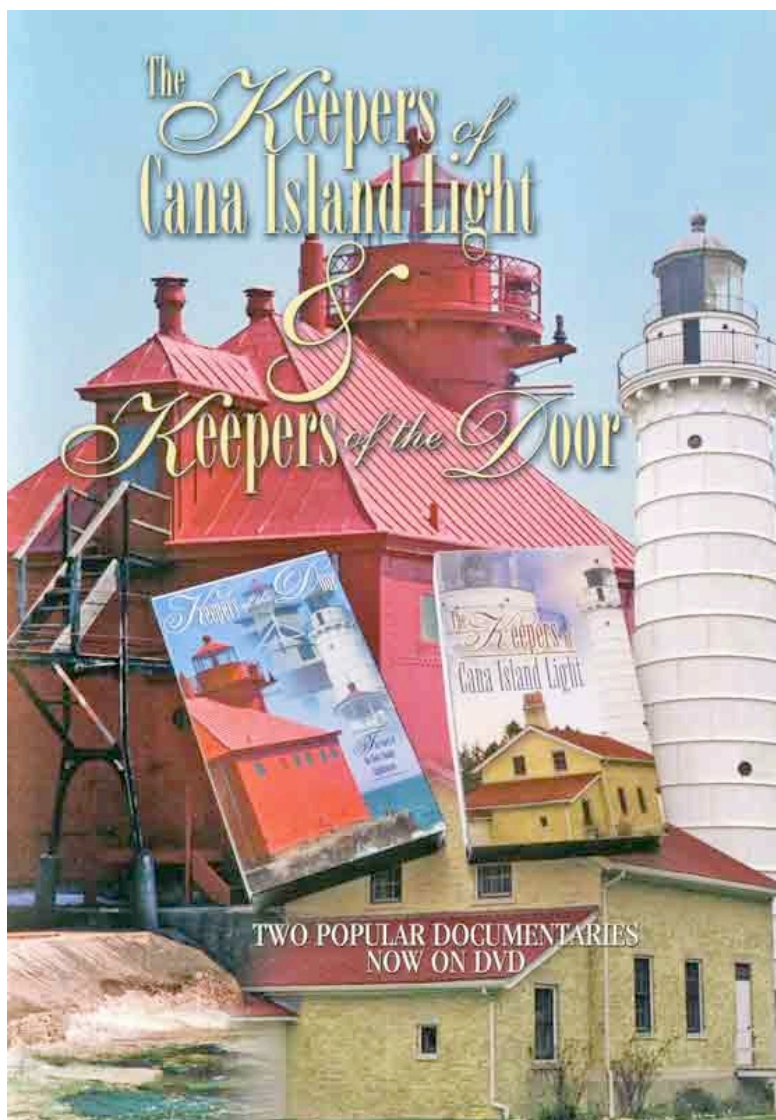
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## Keepers of the Door

### Aug 7th

at the Salvation Army - Norridge - 7:30 PM



Keepers of the Door documents the amazing story of the lighthouses of Door County, Wisconsin and the keepers who dutifully served to keep the lights burning. The account starts in 1836 at Pottowatomie Lighthouse on Rock Island and travels to a total of twelve Door County lighthouses, ending in the present. Keepers of the Door includes interviews with children and kin of Door County lighthouse keepers. They tell stories of growing up at a lighthouse and talk about chores, hardships, inspectors, and what this extraordinary life was like. Door County, Wisconsin has the most lighthouses of any county in the United States. Find out why...

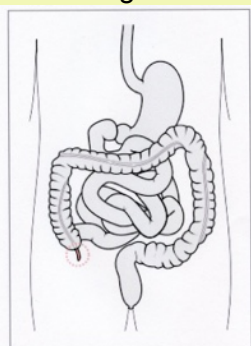


### **SRO Notes for July 30, 2014 (or: Used Appendix for Sale)**

*By Jim Hawes AA9DT*

THE JUNE 12 MEETING was more or less a conversation. Only Mike WA9EVF and Mike WA9FTS attended. Jean and I had to miss the meeting. We'd signed up for Mike Leibovitz' famous CPR recertification class, but Jean KB9FXL was ailing. Our thanks go to Mike for offering us a rain check for the class.

BURST APPENDIX ADVENTURES. Over these past few months, Jean's endured a few adventures. On June 3, I delivered her to the emergency room. Diagnosis: A ruptured appendix. Ouch! On her arrival, the appendix had swollen to Godzilla size. The bloating and secondary infections prevented her surgeon from operating immediately. Instead, hospital personnel pumped literally gallons of antibiotics into Jean. She remained in the hospital for a week. Afterward, I brought her home to recover for about six weeks. In late July, her surgeon removed the appendix laparoscopically. By the way, in Illinois, there's no deposit for an appendix. (What the heck? That works for pop bottles. I tried.)



The appendix marked in red (Olek Remesz, Wikimedia)

BOARD MEETING, JULY 30. Tonight, your SRO Board is meeting on Jim Quinn K9JQ's screened porch. Despite the July date, the evening is pleasantly cool.

TREASURER'S REPORT. In June, Mike Brost WA9FTS paid the club's insurance bill. Mike reported the club balance, but this data is not for publication. (If you'd like to examine the Treasurer's report, please attend the next general meeting.) The club's spring auction earned \$1.70 for club.

CHICAGO MARATHON. The Bank of America run (Chicago Marathon) will take place on October 5.

During the race, officials will use our downtown CFAR repeater.

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING is on Thursday, August 7. We'll meet at the Salvation Army Citadel in Norridge. Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF will bring the program, \\Lighthouses of Door County.// Actually this will be a dual program night. Mike is also an accomplished scuba diver. After the video, he'll answer your questions about scuba diving. Here's a suggestion: Ask Mike about AGA-AM sideband masks for underwater communication. At tonight's board meeting, Mike explains that such a mask includes a 36 kHz AM ultrasound transceiver. He can give you an equipment report and explain the range and theory of operation.

DECEMBER PARTY. We discuss the location for our annual December party. The small room at Edgebrook Field House rents for \$60, and the large meeting room is \$120. The board agrees that these fees are too high. Mike Brost will check with the Salvation Army about the possibility of bringing food to the Citadel. We'll promise to remove all garbage after the meeting and leave the room pristine. Maybe Portillo's would be a good alternative site. The board also discussed reducing the dinner to just a dessert. We'll discuss the party at the upcoming general meeting. The board will decide the issue at the October 29 board meeting.

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is the pinnacle of achievement for elite athletes and everyday runners alike. On Sunday, October 12, 2014, runners from all 50 states and more than 100 countries will set out to accomplish a personal dream by reaching the finish line in Grant Park. Listen on the CFAR repeater.



### **CFMC Regular Meeting**

**The next regular meeting of CFMC will be Aug 21st at the Salvation Army in Norridge. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. As of this time, there is no program scheduled.**



# Foxhunt Report



CFAR Foxhunt Report -  
June 7th, 2014  
by John WD9EXW

While hunting with us last month, Steve had scored, so we used one of his spots. He had a few potential places, we browsed a few, and some munch options.

Foxes were here:

[https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=Unknown+road&daddr=Unknown+road&hl=en&sl=41.688281,-88.111296&sspn=0.014165,0.020385&geocode=FVA8fwldltHB-g%3BFR8jfAld23q\\_-g&t=h&mra=me&mrsp=1,0&sz=16&z=16](https://maps.google.com/maps?saddr=Unknown+road&daddr=Unknown+road&hl=en&sl=41.688281,-88.111296&sspn=0.014165,0.020385&geocode=FVA8fwldltHB-g%3BFR8jfAld23q_-g&t=h&mra=me&mrsp=1,0&sz=16&z=16)

Google reports 21 miles. Actual spot per Tom N9CBA: Google Maps: 41.689031, -88.113350

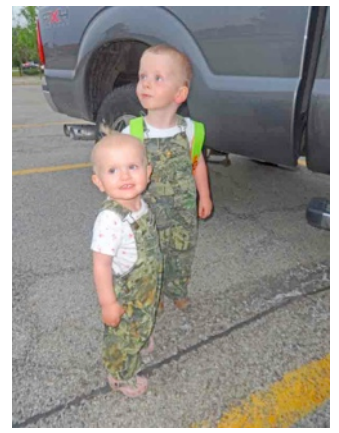
It was an abandoned plant nursery. We were thinking of using the silo, but it was occupied by a family of Hawks. So we hunkering in the rows of evergreens. Hunters had a couple late arrivals, so our test was 8:10, Start was 8:14. 15 watts to a tape measure beam at 15' pointed towards the start.

In addition to the hawks, a raccoon sauntered by at 8:30. I think we surprised him more - he turned and ran. In our lair, we didn't really see anyone coming, neither did Jenna, waiting across the street. She was disappointed!

Suddenly we'd hear a few steps in the weeds, and hunters appeared.

#1 - Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY @ 9:02  
#2 - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac @ 9:07  
#3 - Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZCL, Colin KD9AHH, Mason, Abbey, Sonja @ 9:14  
#4 - Marty N9LTE, Bill @ 9:18  
#5 - Mike WA9FTS @ 9:20  
DNF - Don W9RA

Munched at Cheddars near 53 and 55



## The Society Radio Operators

### Business Meeting Agenda

Date - June 12th, 2014 7:47PM

Call to Order

Attended by Mike WA9EVF and Mike WA9FTS

Entertainment

Early History of Illinois Indians

Minutes – Call for reading or to waive the reading of the minutes - Waved

Treasurer's Report

We have money

Events Reports

CPR Class scheduled. Unable to hold because of medical problems. It will be rescheduled.

Past Events - None

Upcoming Events

Field Day. SRO not participating

Old Business - None

New Business

Next meeting Aug 7th at Salvation Army

Adjournment - 7:58PM



AGA Mask  
on Diver

## President's Message

Well another meeting is coming up fast. Due to scheduling we will be meeting a week early.

The board is working on the Holiday party and looking for venues. There are challenges with the loss of the Edgebrook Field House.

We have a presentation or the next meeting about the lighthouses around the Door Peninsula in Wisconsin. I have been up there and visited a few.

Afterwards if there is time we will have a question and answer session about scuba diving if anyone is interested.

Summer has arrived and I hope you are getting your antenna projects out of the way. October brings the SRO auction and I hope to see many of you there with items for sale.

I am preparing for my yearly trek to the mountains and have checked out my mobile HF, VHF and UHF systems.

Once I arrive I will have a 43' Vertical on the low bands and my VHF and UHF running also.

I hope to see you at the August meeting - de  
WA9EVF

## Upcoming SRO Events - 2014

**Regular Meeting - Aug 7th at the  
Salvation Army - Norridge - 7 PM**

**Regular Meeting - Oct 8th at the  
Salvation Army - Norridge - 7 PM**

**Holiday party Dec 11th at the  
Salvation Army - Norridge - 6:30 PM**

## Meeting Attendance

Edgebrook Field House June 12, 2014



Mike WA9FTS & Mike WA9EVF



**If you move, let  
the Editor  
know your new  
mailing and  
email  
addresses. It is  
our way of  
getting Mike  
Shy to you each  
time.**



## Foxhunt Report



CFAR Foxhunt Report - July 5th, 2014 by Mike WA9FTS

Matt KC9SEM and Patty N9PLS and kids took off to be with the family so there was only 3 hunters. Tony AA9CC was engaged in a bike race and asked me tho hide for him. I found a spot a few blocks from home in Chicago next to the parking lot of St Eugene church. It was a heavily wooded strip between the parking lot and homes. Access from Foster Av was almost impossible but there was a break in the fence at the north end. I set up there with a Go-Radio and a J-Pole 2m antenna on the end of a 10 ft piece of conduit and vertically polarized. All 3 hunters heard me and we started the hunt at 8:02:43.

At 8:39:10 I saw Janet drive up with John and Tom. Tom finally found me at 8:43:02 coming in from the easy way to the north for the win. Marty and Bill drove up several minutes later - waited for a transmission and then came in the same way for 2nd at 8:52:30. At 8:59:20, Don who was within a few blocks gave up. We met at Dino's Pizza on Higgins east of Harlem Av. This was a popular ham spot in the 70s and 80s. I found out that Janet drove John and Tom up Rt 83 to Irving Pk Rd east to Cumberland and north to the Kennedy and back on residential streets into the parking lot at the church. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet
2. Marty N9LTE, Bill  
DNF Don W9RA



DEALERS

FLEA MARKET

FOOD - Breakfast - Lunch

VEC TESTING

9AM - Noon

RVs or Motor Homes  
Water-Electric \$35.00  
No Waste Service

Talk-In CFMC Rptr

146.76- 107.2PL

147.255+ 114.8PL

444.725+ 107.2PL

Echolink to 146.76-

Indoor Market: 8AM - 3PM

Outdoor Flea Market: 6AM - 3PM



RADIOS!

COMPUTERS!

ELECTRONICS!

Forum Schedule

Northern IL Skywarn

NIDXA

West Mountain Radio

Radio WAVZ

D-Star

RAIN Report

Boone County

Fairgrounds

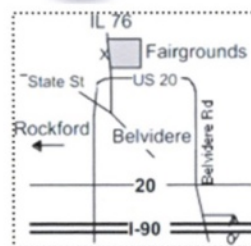
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US Rt 20 & IL 76

Belvidere IL 61008

42°28.10' x 87°56.44'

FREE PARKING



## Saturday Sept 13th, 2014

Advance Tickets - \$8.00 - At the Gate - \$10.00 - Kids under 12 Free - Tickets required with tables.

Name & Call

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

email

For event questions: Call 708-457-0966 or email  
[www.chicagofmclub.org](http://www.chicagofmclub.org) Flyer on web site

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tables

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tables more than 3

\$10.00 - Inside Elect \_\_\_\_\_ Outside Elect \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicago FM Club  
5127 N Monterey Dr Norridge IL 60706

### SRO Officers

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Secretary  
Jim Hawes - AA9DT  
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Mike Brost - WA9FTS

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### Regular Meeting Place

Salvation Army every even month at 8 PM unless other-wise indicated in Mike Shy and SRO web site. Check for exact date & time.

### Standing Committees

Membership - K9JQ  
Program - AA9DT  
Meeting Refresh. - AA9DT  
Foxhunting - WA9FTS  
Repeater - K9IQF  
Field Day - WA9EVF  
Education - WA9EVF  
Mike Shy - WA9FTS  
Picnic - WA9FTS  
Dinner/Play - Open for 2013  
Christmas / Hanukkah Party - WA9EVF  
Webmaster - WA9FTS

### SRO Web Site

[www.w9sro.org](http://www.w9sro.org)  
Mike Brost - WA9FTS

### SRO Repeaters

	In	Out
CFAR (107.2) PL	147.750	147.150
TOOFAR (110.2) PL	223.260	224.860

### Repeater Personnel

Trustee - K9JQ  
CFAR Chairman - K9IQF  
Site Maintenance  
K9IQF, W9RA & W9BEA  
Control Operators  
K9IQF, TBD  
NW Maintenance  
W9JEM  
Northeast Maintenance  
K9IQF & TBD  
Lisle Maintenance  
WA9AEK

**Regular meetings** - Salvation Army  
- 8354 W Foster Av, Norridge

**Board Meetings** - Every 5th Wed -  
7:30 PM - BQS Realty - 6023 N  
Cicero Av Chicago IL

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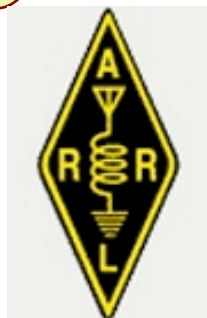
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