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SRO Holiday Party

Old Warsaw Buffet

Polish Style Restaurant

Dec 10th at 6:30PM

All SRO members are welcome to join us for the annual holiday party. Bring a guest. To defray the cost, \$5.00 is being asked for each person.

Old Warsaw is located at the intersection of Harlem and Lawrence Aves in Harwood Hts.



President's Message

Wow, the year is almost over. The last meeting of the year will be our annual Holiday Party.

We had a difficult time finding a venue this year, last year's location closed, as have many other places that had the same menu and prices.

The board addressed this situation, and we have come up with a solution.

Our treasurer Mike Brost, has booked us into Old Warsaw Buffet, 4750 Harlem Harwood Heights, on Thursday December 10th at 6:30 PM. Details are elsewhere in Mike Shy. There will be a charge this year of \$5 per person, with the club picking up the remainder. This will include coffee and soft drinks.

On a different note, people have been asking me about windows 10. I have been using it for some time and have been coming to terms with it. The big things are finding where Microsoft moved the settings to; they are there just at different places. It's a game of hide and seek.

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SRO Notes for October 8, 2015 (Or: Back Up and Fly Right) *By Jim Hawes AA9DT*



TONIGHT'S MEETING. The doors open at 8 p.m. Moments early, we enter our baignoire and take our seats. The curtains rise to reveal our emcee, Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF, sporting elegant coat and tails. He doffs his top hat, loosens his cuff links, and rolls up his sleeves. With a gentle nod to the orchestra pit, Mike signals the conductor. As the band plays, Mike signals our treasurer, who is standing in the wings...

TREASURER'S REPORT. The club is solvent. (Just before the annual party, solvency is good!) For club members, Treasurer Mike Brost WA9FTS will present details to at our next business meeting.

ELECTIONS. The club votes unanimously to reelect the present officers.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM is the fall auction. We don't exactly have record traffic. Yet the proceeds will enable the club to buy a new piece of foam rubber. Perhaps you'll bid on it someday. Until the next auction, WA9FTS will accept sealed bids above \$100. There's a nominal \$20 charge for each transaction. (A Jackson will cover the hole in Mike's left-rear zoot suit pocket. Thank you veddy much.)

CFAR NEWS. Ken and Jon refurbished the Lisle link of our CFAR repeater. WA9EVF confirms their success. On a recent business trip, he could hear the Lisle repeater from Princeton. That's Exit 57 (57 miles from Iowa), or 75-miles from I-55! (We await reception reports from Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars.)

DECEMBER PARTY. To discuss the party location, the board met on November 11. As of this writing, the party will convene at Old Warsaw Buffet. (The one at 4750 N Harlem Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706.) There will a \$5.00 charge.

SEO FOR OUR WEB SITE. Our club Web site needs some basic SEO (search engine optimization). Secretary Jim Hawes AA9DT will send Mike Brost the code for a Facebook "Like" button. (On November 19, Jim sends Mike the code.)

WINDOWS 10 DRIVERS. Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF fields questions about his Microsoft Windows presentation at the last general meeting. Jean Pressel KB9FXL is considering an upgrade to Windows 10. Her system includes peripherals that might become obsolete after the upgrade. She asks about peripheral drivers for Windows 10. Mike provides some very reassuring news: Windows 10 uses the same drivers as in Windows 7! Mike's own video board uses a generic driver that Microsoft provides.

MORE ABOUT WINDOWS 10 UPGRADES. The download for the Windows 10 upgrade takes most of one day. (That is, with the typical Internet service and network settings of 2015.) Before one can perform the installation, Microsoft requires a few prerequisites: Your CPU *must* be capable of running three special instructions. (One of the instructions is 'SSE,' an Intel single streaming extension.) Also before attempting the upgrade, load all Windows upgrades for your OS (Windows 7 or 8).

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Windows 10 is set to use the World Wide Web for storage, like your cell phone. That means Microsoft can see and use your data, read the terms and conditions. Tech Republic has an excellent article about Windows 10 violates your privacy by default, here's how you can protect yourself. It shows you how to lock down your computer step by step. You can get it at: <http://www.techrepublic.com/article/windows-10-violates-your-privacy-by-default-heres-how-you-can-protect-yourself/> I suggest you read it even if you are not running windows 10 at this time. Well that's it for now.

73, de WA9EVF

Foxhunt Report



CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Oct 3, 2015 by Mike WA9FTS
Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac

We had 4 hunt teams and Don W9RA hunting unofficially starting from Park Ridge. Matt had a weak signal from the start and several of the hunters asked for a better and stronger signal. Matt said he would try and several of the hunters were happy. I thought it sDNF Charlie KB9DIM sounded the same and later Matt admitted he did nothing to increase the signal. I got a weak signal to the WSW and when the hunters left, I heard nothing. The other three hunters took off east on North Av and, foolishly, we followed. Eventually I caught up with them and passed. This seemed weird as they normally travel quite fast. I did not hear Matt and, in the end, Charlie quit due to not hearing Matt. Paul and I decided to turn around at Harlem Av and head back west. The remaining teams turned around west of 1st Av to the west. We still did not hear anything until we got just east of Rt 83 on North Av - it was WSW. We tried for 290E to get us to Roosevelt but missed it and got on 294N. This took us to York Rd and we went south to Roosevelt. The other teams headed west on North Av to 83 and then Roosevelt west. We overshot Matt and Patty to Town Rd and then straight back to Commerce Dr to find Matt and Patty behind a building in their F250. Too late - We were third with John and Tom claiming 1st and Marty/Bill acquiring 2nd. All three official hunt teams came in within 5 min of one another. The surprise of the night was Don, hearing the signal from CFAR, noticed a hum and determined that the Lisle receive site was up and headed that way. He found Matt and Patty first - unofficially. A great performance anyway! Matt was running 50 w to the antenna on the F-250. We headed to Giordano's in Glenn Ellyn on Roosevelt Rd. Results:

Unoff: Don W9RA	1. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet
2. Marty N9LTE, Bill	3. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF



Foxhunt Report



CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Nov 7, 2015 by Mike WA9FTS Fox - Tom N9CBA & John WD9EXW

Tom and John got the hunters off with a good strong signal to the SSW. The hunters thought they were close as two of them got off 355 onto Ogden. Paul and I stayed until 55th St and then east to 171. We then encountered the problem of the 294/55 intersection. What

the two other hunters out on foot. I tried west with Patty, Matt and Don through the woods. They took off east and I followed getting close to the hiding spot but turned around and went back to Kean St. The next transmission led me back east to see Matt passing Paul into the woods for the win. Paul got 2nd with Don ending the hunt for 3rd. I arrive to take pictures and later Matt brought Jacob and Mac to see Tom and John. They were running 30w to a tape measure beam up about 15 ft. We met at the Patio on 83rd St.

Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
2. Paul N9LXF, Mike WA9FTS
3. Don W9RA



Tom and John were hiding at the X

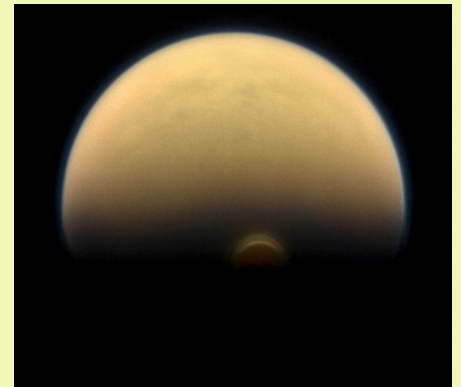
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COPYING HARD DRIVES. These notes are from our board meeting on November 11. WA9EVF summarized how to copy a Windows hard disc to a larger hard disc.

MIKE RECOMMENDS using EaseUS Backup Mirror software. This product is a free download. (See <http://www.easeus.com/download/free-software.html>). Here are the steps to follow: [1.] Create a bootable CD or DVD. (CAUTION: Use a *single-layer* DVD.) [2.] Boot off the CD or DVD. [3.] Clone the drive sector by sector. [4.] Hook up the drive with SATA-to-USB converter (including a microcontroller and power supply). [5.] Optional: As insurance, store your old drive in an off-site safe. [6.] Optional: If you use a disc for one redundant backup, Mike recommends RAID 1 recovery software by EaseUS. (For greater than one disc, substitute RAID 5. For ten drives, use RAID 6.)

Astronomers look to Titan for clouds, haze, & E.T.

The onset of winter is bringing big changes to the southern hemisphere of Saturn's largest moon, Titan. In May 2012, the Cassini spacecraft's camera captured a cloud system rising 185 miles (300 kilometers) above the moon's south pole, where sunlight barely illuminated it. Although the Sun has now set over the region, ice clouds still exist there. At the 46th annual meeting of the Division for Planetary Sciences in National Harbor, Maryland, Carrie Anderson of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center reported on her discovery of a new cloud feature closer to the surface.



Meeting Attendance

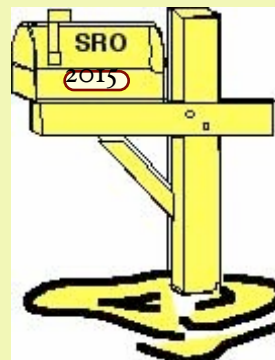


Regular Meeting
Salvation Army - Oct 8th, 2015

Mike WA9EVF	Wanda KC9LRZ
Jean KB9FXL	George W9GFH
Jim AA9DT	Pete WV9P
Mike WA9FTS	Fay N9FA

SRO Dues Notices - 2016

Dues notices will be sent out by the middle of December. This is our most important income to keep SRO active.



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.

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Regular Meeting Place

Salvation Army every even month at 7:30 PM unless other-wise indicated in Mike Shy and SRO web site. Check for exact date & time.

Standing Committees

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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 - To be determined

CFAR Chairman - K9IQF

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

Board Meetings - To be announced

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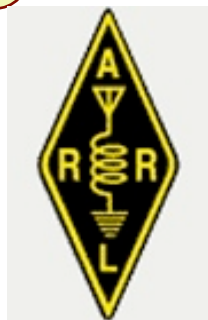
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