

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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April**

"THE PREZ SEZ"

April showers bring May flowers or so the saying goes. I don't know about you but I'm ready for Spring. This winter has been one of the longest that I can remember and it will be nice to see sunshine and blue skies.

This month we will be holding our mini auction at the Edgebrook Field House on Wednesday April 20th. Now is the time to look in the basement and underneath the bench in your ham shack for all the treasures you bought at the last auction or hamfest. Bring them down and see if you can find a new home for them.

Last month we celebrated the eighth year anniversary of our VE testing sessions. It has been a great success. Bob (KA9HHH) has decided that being VEC would interfere with his treasurer duties and has decided to step down. In his place I am happy to announce that Stan (NK9A) has agreed to take over this very important office. I know Stan will do a great job just as Bob has done in the past.

Field day is also right around the corner. we are still looking for a field day chairman and if you're interested give me a call. Don't forget to schedule some time to either help set up, operate, or both. Any way you look it's great fun.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next general meeting.

73 de Phil N9PA



Please be advised that it is with my deepest sympathy I must announce that Steve Bosnyak's (K9VO) mother Sonya has passed away at the age of 89. Many of you will remember her as the great piano player and entertainer that she was.

73 de Phil N9PA

**FOR SECOND READING AT THE
APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

N9SXS MARVIN MICHNIK (N9PA K9FFY)

FOR THIRD READING

N9SMN GEORGE MAAG (N9PA K9FFY)

W9RXI ROBERT IZQUIERDO (N9PA K9FFY)

NEW MEMBERS

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Chicago FM Club would like to welcome the following new members voted in at the March general meeting;

AB9DD EMIL J BALZANO
KC9HAE VIDAS JAMEIKIS
W9LUO MARILYN GARDNER

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following members renewed during March;
NK9A N9ABI W9ALJ WA9AVM WA9CNJ W9EBE
AB9EI KG9GM KC9GNQ KA9GUC N9HJ N9HVQ
N9IDS N9LXF KA9MAC N9NGX KB9QBQ KA9R
K9SKY K9SX K9YWF

The following former members hose not to renew;
KC9DTO KC9GRM N9RNQ KE6WNQ KB9ZKG

Telephone

220 control-32	19.78
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073	40.18
440 Control-49	19.78
Ham Help Line-773	23.54
Total Telephone	103.28
Total Expense	682.41
Net Income March	-4.94
Available Capital 3/01/05	14,646.66
Net Income March	- 4.94
Total Available Funds	14,641.72

Respectfully submitted:
Bob Schiff KA9HHH Treasurer

March 2005 CFMC Foxhunt

Tom N9CBA, concerned that there would be only one hunter out due to scheduling conflicts with other hunters, asked Don W9RA to hide for him. Don agreed and there were indeed only two hunt teams, 1. Tom N9CBA and 2. Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF. Don was north of the starting point and the hunters headed north on Mannheim. Paul and I turned east on Touhy and then north on Harlem Ave. We jogged over on 43 at Glenview Rd and north to Willow Rd. This is when we made a BIG mistake. We went east to Sunset Ridge Rd and north and got lost. We should have stayed on Waukegan Rd (43) since Don was only 0.3 mi north of Willow. By the time we circled around and got back on 43 and south to Willow - Opps! turn back north - we gave Tom a chance to drive in to an industrial area. We again made a mistake and turned south instead of north to a dead-end road. Tom turned into it as we turned south. We came back on the next transmission to see Tom score for the win. Don was in his van behind a dirt hill. The winning margin was only about 20 sec.

CFMC April Auction

Here is another chance to experience an exciting CFMC auction. The business meeting starts at 7:30 PM and will be very short; the auction will commence right afterwards. 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 club's cut of the action is 10% up to a maximum of \$5.00. I hope to see many of you there.

Treasurer's Report

March 2005

Income

<i>Membership Dues</i>	
<i>Regular Dues</i>	275.00
<i>Senior and >20 years</i>	175.00
<i>Total Membership Dues</i>	450.00
<i>Reimbursed Expenses</i>	227.47
<i>Total Income</i>	677.47

Expense

<i>Expo Expenses</i>	
<i>Expo 2005 Flyers</i>	15.18
<i>Expo 2005 Postage</i>	33.47
<i>Expo Advertising</i>	90.00
<i>Expo Table Contracts</i>	227.30
<i>Total Expo Expenses</i>	365.95
<i>Meetings - Refreshments</i>	11.30
<i>Postage and Delivery</i>	4.42
<i>Printing and Reproduction</i>	11.76

Squelch Tale

<i>Squelch Tale - Postage</i>	66.60
<i>Squelch Tale - Printing</i>	119.10
<i>Total Squelch Tale</i>	185.70

The Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

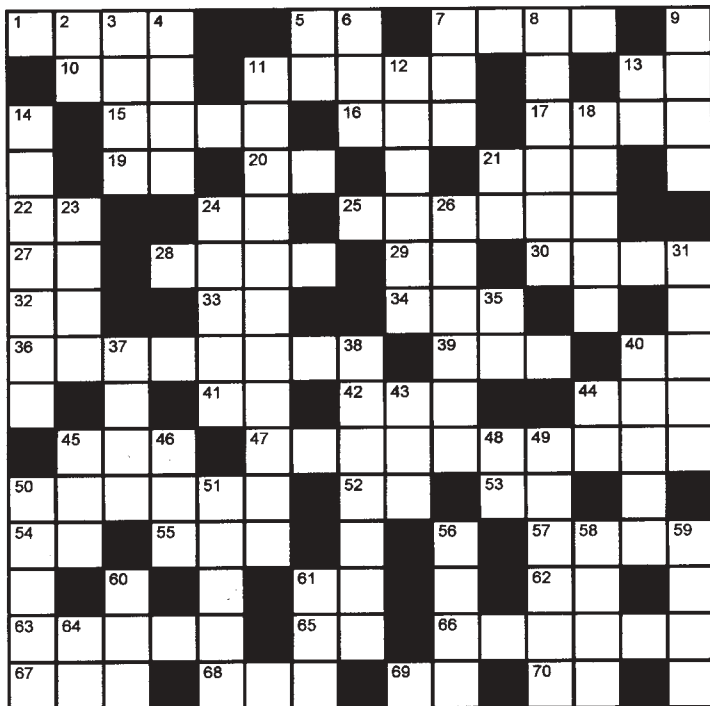
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“Q it Up “

This time, a devilish turnabout. I give you the Q-signal and you find the word associated with the Q-signal that completes the puzzle! Some of these you'll have to look up, no doubt, but that's all part of the fun.

Don't QRT early, QSL?

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Across

- 1. QTR
- 5. Capacitive Reactance (symbol)
- 7. Percussive maintenance
- 10. Image transmission mode
- 11. QRV
- 13. First World continent (abbr.)
- 15. QRA
- 16. Joins three cables
- 17. QUA
- 19. Opposite of 29 Across (abbr.)
- 20. At right angles to elevation (abbr.)

- 21. Three basic component types (abbr.)
- 22. Non-volatile rotating storage (abbr.)
- 24. MN on the east, MT on the west (abbr.)
- 25. QRQ
- 27. Professional electronic designer (abbr.)
- 28. QSN
- 29. Opposite of 19 Across (abbr.)
- 30. Zone of antenna radiation
- 32. Internet messaging (abbr.)
- 33. Bias class
- 34. CW distress
- 36. QTH

- 39. QRZ
- 40. Small spherical shot
- 41. Add D to get broadband data
- 42. The loneliest number
- 44. If I am, you ...
- 45. Slang for robot
- 47. QRM
- 50. QNI
- 52. British abbreviation for high voltage
- 53. Transmit (abbr.)
- 54. Cetera
- 55. What the piper gets
- 57. Have this and eat it, too
- 61. CW prosign meaning standing by for only one station
- 62. Organization that issues 4U prefixes (abbr.)
- 63. QRX
- 65. Grid current (symbol)
- 66. QSX
- 67. All those in favor
- 68. National emergency test (abbr.)
- 69. Trade name for CTCSS tones
- 70. Prefix of the Emerald Isle
- Down**
- 2. Conjecture
- 3. QTC
- 4. Qualifier for license
- 5. Prefix of our southern neighbor
- 6. Furry pet
- 7. Opposite wiring from delta
- 8. QTA
- 9. QRL
- 11. QRK
- 12. Holdups in project completion
- 13. Opposite of NS
- 14. QSL
- 18. Mistake
- 21. Light (abbr.)
- 23. Exhibit
- 24. Places to sit in the shack
- 26. QRS
- 31. Place inside of
- 35. What the librarian says
- 37. QRT
- 38. QRU
- 40. QSK
- 43. Needs a control
- 44. CW prosign for end of message
- 45. Wager
- 46. Business end of the tower
- 48. Between inch and yard (abbr.)
- 49. QNX
- 50. QSP
- 51. It pours when it does this
- 56. QCX
- 58. Prefix meaning opposite
- 59. Very long time
- 60. Agency that registers tall towers (abbr.)
- 61. Collections of parts to build equipment
- 64. Companion to Si (chemical symbol)

Solution Next Month

INTERPRETATION OF HAM RADIO FLEA MARKET TERMINOLOGY (or as we call it FleaSpeak)

With the ham fest and ham flea market season on the way, this information should be of value. This is a well researched, in-depth scholarly investigation of what Hams are really saying at ham radio flea markets

☺ Remember, “a ham flea market is where you turn old things into money, and money into old things”. **ONLY** experienced and licensed hams should try doing the flea market routine on their own!

“The rig puts out a BIG signal!”

(The rig flat tops and distorts so bad, your signal will be at least 50 kHz wide!)

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“The signal quality of this rig was easily recognizable in its day”
(The high distortion and bad audio quickly identified this rig.)

“This rig has a wide frequency coverage”
(It drifts up and down the band, and sometimes drifts out of the band.)

“The tubes used by this rig are worth the asking price.”
(The rig uses a rare 7360 beam deflection tube for a balanced modulator, but it’s blown so you’ll have to spend \$80 to get a new one.)

“This rig will bring back the feelings and atmosphere of vintage ham gear.”
(The bypass capacitors to the AC line put enough voltage on the chassis to give you a shock in the lips through the microphone, and it smokes so bad when you turn it on that you’ll probably start coughing and wheezing.)

“This is a really good CW rig.”
(It doesn’t work on SSB.)

“This is a really good SSB rig.”
(It doesn’t work on CW.)

“This is a really good rig.”
(It doesn’t work on CW or SSB.)

“The transmitter is outstanding.”
(It doesn’t receive.)

“The receiver is really hot.”
(It doesn’t transmit.)

“This rig is really hot.”
(The rig is stolen.)

“It seems to be a vintage regenerative type.”
(It oscillates.)

“The frequency stability is great.”
(The VFO doesn’t work – you’ll have to use crystals.)

“I just retubed it.”
(Got ‘em from questionable used tube stock)

“I just aligned it”
(All the slugs on the transformers are now snuggled down real tight.)

“This is the rig on my dreams. I really wanted one of these as a kid, but now <sniff sniff> I’ve got to let it go.”
(As I’ve gotten older, I’ve learned what a hunkajunk it is.)

“Real popular rig in its day.”
(Yeah, there were whole HF nets and internet groups on the repair and maintenance problems.)

“I’d keep this baby, but my XYL is making me clean everything out.”
(I finally got around to giving this thing the proverbial heave-ho.)

“QST gave this one a really great review.”
(The language in the article broke literary ground for profanity.)

“I don’t know if this works.”
(It doesn’t work, and probably never did.)

“It might need a bit of tweaking.”
(Marconi himself couldn’t fix it, much less align it.)

“I plugged it in and it lights up.”
(The light came from the two foot high flame.)

“It doesn’t chirp.”
(It doesn’t chirp because it doesn’t transmit.)

“The audio sounds great.”
(The 60Hz buzz is faithfully reproduced.)

“You won’t find one at a better price”
(“Better” in this case, meaning from the point of the seller.)

“There are a couple of other people interested in it.”
(Someone laughed at it, the other one sat on it to tie his shoelaces while walking past the table.)

“This has become a collectors item.”
(The manufacturer went belly up six months ago and won’t honor the warranty.)

“It came from an estate sale.”
(If you have any problems, take it up with the owner.)

“I had it on the air last night.”
(And you thought the “woodpecker” was gone.)

“It comes with the original box.”
(Just brush out the kitty litter and hold your nose when you open it.)

“You’d better buy it now, because I’m leaving soon.”
(The previous buyer and his brother Guido, are heading back toward the table and they aren’t smiling.)

“I just had it serviced.”
(He just sprayed WD-40 all over the wiring to make it look like it was serviced.)

“The dial drive may need lubricating.”
(The gears are stripped and all the setscrews are hopelessly frozen.)

See you at the next Hamfest! Tim, WD9DZV

May 2005

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

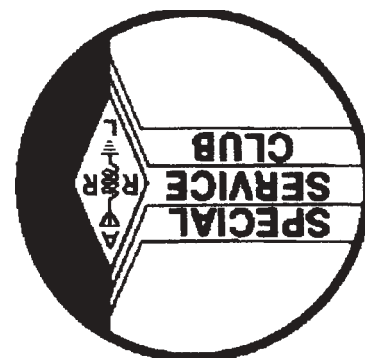
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

* TBA = To Be Announced



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The Chicago FM Club is a not for profit Amateur Radio Club operating the WA9ORC/R repeater systems. Membership is open to all licensed Amateurs and is encouraged of those who use the repeaters. Annual dues are \$25.00 (\$15.00 65 years or older).

For information on the Chicago FM Club and its repeater systems, call the club "Ham Help" line (773) 262-6773 and leave your complete name, address and call sign. Ask for the Info Pack and it will be sent out shortly in the mail or can be sent via e-mail.

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REPEATERS

146.16/.76MHZ PL Access 107.2 (1B)

The Transmitter is located on the Aon Center in downtown Chicago with an antenna height of 1300 feet. The nine receiver sites are located in Chicago, Park Ridge, Schaumburg, Worth, Waukegan, Barrington, Downers Grove, Lake Calumet and Joliet. Short QSO's are encouraged during morning and evening rush hours. AutoPatch and EchoLink are available to members in good standing. Write for details and access codes. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.

222.50/224.10MHZ Carrier Access

On site located 3 miles north of Chicago's Loop. AutoPatch is available to members in good standing. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.

222.58/224.18MHZ Carrier Access

On site in Worth, IL. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.

448.75/443.75MHZ PL Access 114.8 (2A)

On site at the Aon Center. AutoPatch and EchoLink are available to members in good standing. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.