

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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The President's Message

January already, another new month and a brand new year. Time to remake those new year's resolutions we didn't keep last year. I think the key to making new year's resolutions is to keep them within reality. Last year I resolved to spend more time with my family, lose a little weight, and be kinder to my fellow man. Except for the one about weight, they were easy to keep because I took them one day at a time.

C.F.M.C. held its first board meeting of the New Year. Aside from the usual order of business we discussed things such as Radio Expo, new receiver packages and where the club is going in the year 2005. Keeping things within reality, and taking things one day at a time.

I would like to welcome our new treasurer, Bob KA9HHH and Vice President, Jim WA9EMY. May your term of office be pleasant and productive. I would also like to thank out going Treasurer Jim N9RKU, and Vice President Jerry K9BIR for their time and effort in holding these important offices.

I'm happy to announce that Dick K9FFY has agreed to be the Squelch Tale editor and will be going back to our mailing of the newsletter every month.

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

73 de Phil N9PA

TEMPORARY EDITOR

As this is my first edition of Squelch Tale, I'm going to make it short and sweet. Also I have to talk to Tim, WD9DZV, and get some tips from him.

Be patient and hopefully, we will have a newsletter we can all be proud of.

If someone out there would like to put out the newsletter each month, let the Board know ASAP.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm. Membership introductions were held.

FOR FIRST READING AT THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

N9VIZ	LAWRENCE HUGHES	(N9PA K9FFY)
KC9GVC	OSWALDO BARBOSA	(N9PA K9FFY)
KB9JGY	ROLAND J HOEHN	(N9PA K9FFY)
KG9CL	CARL BROADY	(N9PA K9FFY)
W9CHI	R.SCOTT CHILDERS	(N9PA K9FFY)

TREASURER**N9RKU**

Jim was not available for the meeting, so Phil, N9PA gave a brief report. We are still solvent.

TECHNICAL**W9XB**

Rick was not at the meeting, The Schaumburg site seems to be up and working.

FOR SALE

1 Hammarlund HQ100
 1 Hammarlund HQ 110
 \$100.00 each
 Kent Anderson
 W9FUF

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Due to the winter storm last week, we did not have enough Board members for a Quorum.

FOR FIRST READING AT THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

W9LUO	MARILYN GARDNER	(N9PA K9FFY)
AB9DD	EMIL J BALZANO	(N9PA K9FFY)

FOR SECOND READING

N9VIZ	LAWRENCE HUGHES	(N9PA K9FFY)
KC9GVC	OSWALDO BARBOSA	(N9PA K9FFY)
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following CFMC members renewed during November/December:

KA9AXA N9BCO W8EGK KC9ENZ WA9EVF N9FHD
 WD9FOG W9FUF WD9GTI WN9GUC W9IVJ N9LVD
 N9NOQ KB9ORA WB9OUD K9QPM N9QQK N9TGR
 WA9TSI KC9UJ W9UWE N9UZG K9VCZ N9VIZ
 KE6WNQ N9YOI N9ZAZ

The following former members chose not to renew:
 N9HWV K9MYK KB9QVS W9WIZ

ROSTER

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club is included in this issue. Please take a second to check your record for possible errors. You can leave the corrections on either the Ham Help line or my e-mail (dick6614@aol.com).

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The January general meeting will be held at the Edgebrook Fieldhouse 6100 N Central Avenue, Chicago.

CFMC DEC 2004 Foxhunt Report

The Fox: Greg, N9SA , N 40 deg. 51.009', W 87 deg. 58.745' near Butterfield and Midwest Rds.

Antenna: 2M 1/4 wave whip at 3 ft above ground

Power- 20 Watts

Saturday Dec 18 2004

Starting point was Cermak and Harlem

Hounds were released at 8:05 PM

Foxhunt finished at 8:55

Results:

1. N9CBA, Tom 8:43 PM You Win, You Hide.
Congratulations, N9CBA will be the fox for Jan 15th.

2. KB9DIM , Charlie 8:45

3. WA9FTS, Mike 8:54
& N9LXF, Paul 8:54

After test transmissions from the fox all hunters were polled. All heard the fox at the starting point and the hounds were released at 8:05 PM. The fox was parked on a newly paved divided road that dead ended in thick undrivable mud and most hunters passed the fox to go to the end of the road and drive up on the correct side of the divider but had to return in the original lane adding about 200 ft to the trip. Mike is the only one that stopped on his way in and walked a few feet across the divider to score. Unfortunately Charlie had scored nine minutes earlier and Tom had scored two minutes before Charlie. All hunters did well and finished under an hour. We retired to Pizza Hut in Yorktown Shopping Center. Congratulations to Tom, N9CBA the winner.

Tom's winning route:

Harlem Ave north to 290 west to 355 south to Butterfield, then east several miles. When he saw WA9FTS he stopped and waited for the next transmission near an apartment complex just east of the fox got a bearing west and with the aid of his gps map and bearing found his way to the source of the signal.

There was interference noted during the foxhunt. That person has been identified and reported for no ID and broadcasting.

TREASURER (Retired)

Income

Dues \$375.00

Expenses

Subscription, Repeater Group \$12.00

Prizes for Radio Expo 2005 200.00

Lake County Expo 2005 deposit 1000.00

Telephone 118.13

Expo 2004 workers party(Bal.) 841.48

2171.61

Expenses over income for month -1796.61

Respectfully submitted

James G. Heinlein

Treasurer (retired)

Mid-Winter Hamfest Sunday, January 23, 2005

HAMFEST

Featuring a Ham Radio, Computer & Electronic Flea Market

Pheasant Run MegaCenter

4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174

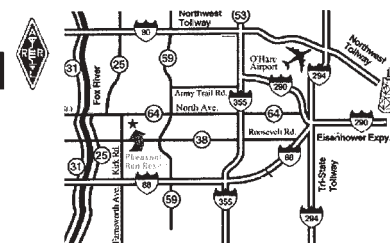
- ◆ Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ◆ Reserved flea market tables
- ◆ Commercial booths with major vendors
- ◆ Plenty of **FREE** parking
- ◆ \$500 grand prize plus hourly prizes
- ◆ VE testing on site



Hotel rooms available
at Pheasant Run Resort,
call 630/584-6300 for
reservations

Talk-in 145.390 -

Tickets:
\$6 in advance with four door-prize stubs
\$8 at door with one stub
Flea market tables \$25 (no electricity)
Full details, call 630/604-0157
e-mail: info@wheatonhamfest.org
www.wheatonhamfest.org



Order advance tickets with four prize stubs!

Name _____ Call _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Tickets at \$6 _____ Enclosed Tables at \$25 _____ Enclosed
Mail to: WCRA
P.O. Box 05L
Wheaton, IL 60189
(Include business size SASE) Advance ticket orders must be received by Jan. 10, 2005

February 2005

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ	2 AB9Y WD9GIX Groundhog Day	3 KA9GUC	4 KE9HR	5 WZ9H
6	7 KB9IGG W9EG	8 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ K9RLF N9RKU	9 KB9ITP	10 KA9CRV WA9AYQ	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13 WA9NKM	14 N9VVT Valentine's Day	15 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ	16 GENERAL MEETING Location *TBA VEC Testing Tonight	17 K9YWF KA9AXA	18 KB9SO KG9OS WW9E	19 FOX HUNT Harlem Cermak Shopping Center 7:00pm KB9WXV N9ABT N9KTW
20 WD9GTI	21 N9ZON President's Day	22 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ K9CC KB9JGY KB9JHK W8EGK WA9DTD Washington's Birthday	23 KC9GVC	24	25	26 KB9VNJ KC9UJ WD9FOG
27 KB9UJK	28 W9NIX					

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March						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

* TBA = To Be Announced Month!

Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This



Address Correction Requested

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Howard Goldberg N9KTW

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Rick Duel W9XB

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Fox Hunts WA9FTS

Ham Help K9FFY

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Refreshments N9KTW

Technical W9XB

VE Testing KA9HHH

CHICAGO FM CLUB

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.

SQUELCH TALE

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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 is 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 is available to members in good standing. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.