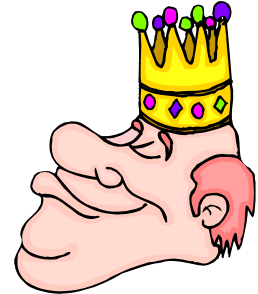


The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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"THE PREZ SEZ"

I can't believe it's June already, time really flies when your having fun. Speaking of having fun I hope everyone who went to Dayton had a fun time. I've gone a couple of times and threaten to go every year but I haven't been there since they moved the dates from April to May.

June is also a good month for ham fests and there are several good ones coming up in the Chicagoland area, although the best one will not be here until September. That's right; Radio Expo 2005 is not too far away. The Officers, Board members, and Radio Expo committee are hard at work planning the best ham fest in the Midwest. In the next few months we will be once again asking for volunteers to work at Radio Expo. Please keep this in mind as we can always use you to help out.

At our last general meeting I asked once again if anyone would like to be Field Day chairman. I also polled everyone there if they will be participating. Due to the lack of interest we will not be hosting Field Day this year. I've gone to some considerable effort to secure the Field Day site in River Grove and to tell them that we are cancelling does not make us look good. The Chicago FM Club is only as good as its members. If we start planning now maybe we can show some enthusiasm for next year.

I hope everyone is having a fun summer and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our next general meeting.

73 de Phil N9PA



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following CFMC members renewed during June;

KB9AJM K9BAM WD9BIC N9EHL WA9FTS
W9HVV KB9JHK KB9JOK AA9KK W9KMP
WA9KOD WA9KXZ W9MJS N9MKH K9RCL
WB9RYY WA9SJD

FOR SECOND READING AT THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING;

KC9HPM Matthew Kaminski N9PA K9FFY

NEW MEMBER;

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Chicago FM Club would like to welcome the following new member voted in at the May general meeting.

N9SXS Marvin Michnik

JUNE GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Jim Heinlein, N9RKY will represent Maine Township EMA at the June CFMC Meeting. Jim is a Regular member of Maine Township EMA and is our Emergency Operations Center Manager. He is also a CERT Trainer and a qualified driver of our emergency vehicles. He is also a member of CFMC and the former Treasurer of CFMC.

Jim will cover these topics;
Emergency Management and personal home safety
Skywarn Severe Weather Operations/Amateur Nets
CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
Established as part of the homeland security initiative after 9-11. This training designed is to teach everyday citizens to help themselves and their neighbors in the initial stages of a disaster, when emergency services could be overwhelmed and not readily available to every emergency call.

SILENT KEY;

We were just informed of the passing of K9PGN, Richard Cox a long time member, during September 2004 from his daughter Cathy Cox KB6SKE. Our regrets go out to Cathy.

CFMC ROSTER;

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club will be included in the July issue of Squelch Tale. If there are any changes you would like in your listing, I must have them by the last weekend this month. The changes can be left on the Ham Help line (773-262-6773) or my e-mail dick6614@aol.com. The roster issue will be *mailed* to everyone.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2005 Ordinary Income/Expense

Income		
Membership Dues		
Regular Dues	375.00	
Senior and < 20 years	120.00	
Total Membership Dues	495.00	
Total Income	495.00	
Expense		
Expo 2005 Postage	37.00	
Meetings	131.61	
Printing and Reproduction		
Radio Expo	161.59	
Repairs		
Equipment Repairs	147.95	
Parking	13.00	
Total Repairs	160.95	
Squelch Tale		
Squelch Tale - Postage	66.60	
Squelch Tale - Printing	68.30	
Total Squelch Tale	134.90	
Telephone		
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073	39.80	
440 Control-49	19.82	
Ham Help Line-773	20.65	
Total Telephone	80.27	
Total Expense	706.32	
Income	495.00	
Expense	706.32	
Net Income	-211.32	
Available Capital 5/1/05		13,659.29
Net Income May	-211.32	
Total Available Funds		13,447.97

Respectfully submitted:
Bob Schiff KA9HHH
Treasurer

DZV's DITS AND BITS by Tim, WD9DZV

New TrustedQSL software released for Logbook of the World: Version 1.11 of the TrustedQSL software used with ARRL's Logbook of the World system now is available. Windows, Linux and Mac OS users are encouraged to update their systems. The new version fixes a serious bug that affected Linux and OS X versions of the software. This bug caused users' saved certificate (.P12) files to be corrupted. Linux and Mac OS X users are strongly advised to install the new version of the TrustedQSL software and save all existing certificates into .P12 files. Older .P12 files saved from these systems should be discarded. Windows users of the TrustedQSL software should update to the new version, in part because the updated Windows version of the TQSL program now signs log data much faster. Instructions for downloading and installing the software are available on ARRL's LoTW Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw>>.

CQ introduces CQ DX Field Award: CQ magazine has introduced the CQ DX Field Award to recognize making two-way contact with at least 50 of the world's 324 "grid fields." The CQ DX Field Award is based on the Maidenhead Grid Locator system, already popular among VHF DXers and contesters, in which the world is divided—based on latitude and longitude—into 324 10x20-degree fields, and each field is broken up into 100 1x2 degree grid squares or locators. CQ DX Awards Endorsements will be issued for each additional 50 fields up to 150. Further endorsements will be available in increments of 25 fields, up to the 324 maximum.

Contacts made on or after January 1, 1980—when the grid system was adopted for Amateur Radio use—may be applied toward the new award. Full details and rules will appear in the April 2005 issue of CQ and posted on the magazine's Web site <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>>.

Guinness World Records recognizes radio amateur:

According to the Radio Society of Great Britain, Guinness World Records Ltd has awarded a certificate to Finnish radio amateur Jukka Heikinheimo, OH2BR, for a record number of contacts made by an individual from one location in one year. Operating as VP6BR from Pitcairn Island, Heikinheimo made 56,239 contacts between January 25 and April 21, 2000.

ARRL To Sponsor Affinity Credit Card: The League will unveil its new ARRL VisaR Card—an affinity credit card with U.S. Bank—this week at Dayton Hamvention, which is playing host to the ARRL 2005 National Convention. U.S. Bank personnel will be on hand for the launch, Friday, May 20, at the ARRL EXPO 2005 exhibit area with applications for radio amateurs attending the

convention who want to be among the first to apply. The no-annual-fee card is available to ARRL members and nonmembers.

"With every card issued and every purchase made, ARRL Visa card holders support ARRL programs and services at no additional cost to them," says ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. "This is a great way for members to show off their support for ARRL and for Amateur Radio."

The card carries an attractive design with the ARRL logo. The words "Amateur Radio Operator" appear prominently on the face of the card.

Basic information about the ARRL Visa card is available on the ARRL Web site <www.arrl.org/visa>. This page includes a link <<http://www.usbank.com/affinitycreditcards/?loc=9507>> to U.S. Bank's Web site to learn more and to apply.

ARRL membership does not confer automatic eligibility to obtain a card. While there's no annual fee, the ARRL Visa card carries a credit limit of up to \$15,000 and 0 percent APR interest for the first six months. Certain terms and conditions do apply. U.S.

Bank is the creditor, issuer and service provider.

At least initially, call signs cannot be embossed onto the card, Inderbitzen says. "We're working with U.S. Bank to find a suitable solution, but that will most likely be further down the line," he explained.

GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS
 Squelch Tale is available via email too.
 Would you like the newsletter delivered to your computer each month? It will arrive about 2 weeks before the print version and in color. If you would like to give it a try, just drop a note to dick6614@aol.com requesting the e-mail version. The January and July roster issues will be **mailed** to everyone.

Enforcement, Another Illegal Cordless Phone:

Hams near Mishawaka, Indiana have T-hunted down a high power illegal cordless phone operating on the 2 meter band. Now its up to the FCC to take it off the air.

The signal from the phone was first noticed on 147.240 MHz by Andy Marshall, N9YIM. He brought the matter to the attention of Pete Ostapchuk, N9SFX. Pete says that the signal was strong enough to be heard on an HT some 8 miles away.

Pete finally got a chance to locate the phone when he received a heads up from David Fox, N9GVU who it turns out only lives about a half mile from the device. He told Pete about two apartment complexes next to each other where he found a real strong signal earlier in the evening.

As soon as Pete arrived into the first apartment complex parking lot, the signal overpowered his 95 dB of attenuation. It took about 5 minutes to pinpoint it to an upstairs apartment where the phone was located. He did not want to go any further because of the legalities of T-hunting on private property. Instead, he has submitted his findings to the FCC and it will be up to them to take whatever action they feel is appropriate. We will let you know.

A Tribute To WRL: Remember the WRL, Globe, and Galaxy gear? Well Bill Laakkonen, N-4-B-K-T sure does. And now he has created a new website to honor the gear that came from the

mind and heart of Leo I. Meyerson, W-9-G-F-Q, the founder of W-R-L.

Bill says over Q-R-Zed dot com that while W-R-L's gear may not be in the same class as Collins gear, Leo Meyerson had a lot of hits with his Globe and Galixy lines and that these rigs were pretty popular. He says that the site is focused on maintaining these older radios and has a database in Reviews with descriptions and photos of most of the WRL, Globe, and Galaxy products. There are even a few manuals available for download. Check it out at www.WorldRadioLabs.com

(USB). An unmodulated carrier has been reported on 145.936 MHz, and a CW telemetry beacon on 145.860 MHz.

Dutch graduate student William Leijenaar, PE1RAH, who designed one of HAMSAT's transponders, saw the PSLV-C6 vehicle carry the satellite skyward from SDSC SHAR. "It was very interesting to see how my radio finally went into space," he said afterward. "It is the best ham radio experience in my life."

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Tim, WD9DZV drew low numbers for CQ Magazine's new Field Award. The lottery drawing for applications received by the end of April was held at the North Florida Amateur Radio Society meeting on May 12th. Tim was awarded the following Field Award Certificate numbers:

Mixed Mode Award	#1
Digital Award	#1
CW Award	#3
SSB Award	#12

AN OPEN LETTER TO A HAM

You, sir, are demanded to either confirm or deny certain long standing allegations surrounding your activities in an area removed from normal life in which you have devoted not inconsiderable time.

Are you an Amateur Radio Operator who, at given times, eschews drinking, eating and daily bathing in favor of playing with radios?

Is it not true that you present yourself with a label which you refer to as a call sign, under a license granted by the Federal government?

Is it also not true that you pronounce the letter Zee as Zed in order to promulgate the arcane aspects of being such a radio operator?

Did you not obtain that license by demonstrating superior knowledge in electronics, regulations, practices including Ohm's Law, Kirchoff's Laws and Cole's Law..and have you not demonstrated the latter by shredding cabbage and adding dressing thereto?

Do you have regular discourse over the public air-waves on frequencies held exclusively for your ilk, with a cabal sometimes referred to as HAMS?

Have you been known to participate in verbal exchanges with those of similar bent located in relatively unknown sections of the planet like Brunei, Market Reef, The Aland Islands and East Podunk?

Will you admit to actually devoting countless hours in the questionable practice of exchanging meaningless and trivial data which you affectionately call Rag Chewing?

And do you not actually possess a certificate issued by the American Radio Relay League attesting to your proficiency in that practice that you have framed and hanging in a prominent place in your house?

Have you not announced to others publicly and openly that you spend considerable time in a secluded section of your domicile practicing this so-called hobby and do you not refer to that section of your house as the SHACK?

Do you utilize outdoors structures like towers and antennas to further your hobby and do you proclaim of these, the MORE THE BETTER?

Do you agree with your cohorts about antennas, that if it doesn't break, IT AIN'T BIG ENOUGH and if it doesn't fall down, IT AIN'T HIGH ENOUGH?

Do you have an arcane method of communicating with your fellow HAMS using only electronic pulses that emerge as DITS and DAHS....DI - DI - DA - DAH - DI DIT?

Have you been known to camp overnight on some remote hill or dale annually in June in an event called Field Day where you try to contact as many other HAMS as you possibly can using as little power as you possibly can? And is it true that you once reduced your power to absolute zero and still contacted a dx station although it may simply have been a casual passerby?

Do you regard a fellow Ham with whom you have spoken just once a CONTACT? Do you regard your fellow HAMS, with whom you have spoken at least twice but whom you have never met in person, as FRIENDS?

If your answers to the above queries are a resounding "Roger, roger", then you have truly crossed the threshold into the Valhalla of the Wouff Hong.

73

Angelo Polvere, KA9CSO
Inverness, IL

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What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

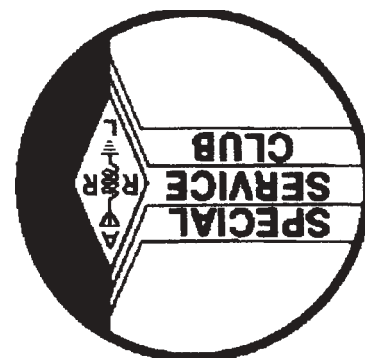
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** 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.