

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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**Happy Thanksgiving
November 24, 2005**



“THE PREZ SEZ”

It's November already. This year is almost over and It seems like yesterday we were sweltering in the hot summer sun. Now it's time to bring out the long underwear.

This months' general meeting will be held at the Edgebrook Fieldhouse and there will be a program presented by Denny, K9KRO, about MARS and Amateur Radio. We have 7 nominations for 5 board positions, and the voting for this will be held at our December meeting.

The Board of Directors, Officers and Radio Expo committee meet on the first Wednesday in November and I'm happy to report that the club is doing well financially. Radio Expo showed a profit this year despite the problems we had. The publishing of Squelch Tale online and our move to the Aon building have also helped.

Radio Expo has been our main source of financing the club for many years and is very important to us. For the past few years I have been asking for new people to come forward and relieve some of the old guard that have been the back bone of this event. As many of you have heard, the Fairgrounds will be sold next year. This should not affect us in 2006, and the Lake County Fair Association has told me that they will be moving to a nearby location. If this all works out we will be able to continue with Expo. In any event we have some decisions to make in the near future so we can keep Expo the best hamfest in the Midwest.

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

73 de Phil N9PA



SILENT KEY

We just found out that one of our senior members passed away. We were not given any more details about his passing. The Officers and Board of Directors of the Chicago FM Club would like to express our Sympathy to his family and friends.

WB9OUD BILL NUGENT

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

The November program will be presented by K9KRO, Denny Beringer. Here is the order of the program from Denny;

MARS - Military Affiliate Radio System
 History of MARS
 Organization
 How to JOIN MARS
 Equipment Requirements
 Training
 MARS Networks
 Regional
 Administration
 Technical
 Emergency
 Training
 Transcon
 Voice
 Digital
 Phone Patch
 Personal Observations of an Old War Horse

**FOR FIRST READING AT THE
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

LARRY JASINEK KB9OOR (N9RKU WB9ZNL)

FOR SECOND READING

KEVIN B FITZGERALD KC9GLH (K9KRO KB9AJM)

FOR THIRD READING AND VOTE

CRAIG DIECKMAN KC9HWK (N9PA K9FFY)

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The November Board meeting was held at a restaurant on Lawrence Avenue. Those in attendance were;

N9PA WA9EMY K9FFY KA9HHH WA9KOD
 N9KRW K9VO W9XB WD9DZV WA9FTS Carol

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

SECRETARY**K9FFY**

The minutes of the September Board meeting as printed in Squelch Tale were accepted with no corrections or additions.

TREASURER**KA9HHH**

Bob passed out his report (look elsewhere for report) and discussed some of the items. The Club will be short of funds for the year due to the purchase of some new equipment for our repeaters.

TECHNICAL**W9XB**

Rick said the power amplifier on the 2 Meter repeater is down but still under warranty. The 220MHZ North repeater will be worked on and put back on frequency by the time you read this. Rick will be installing a new link package on the 2 Meter repeater also.

RADIO EXPO 2006

Jimmy, WA9EMY, accepted the job of chairman of Radio Expo 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General meeting will be held at the Edgebrook Fieldhouse. Meeting time is 8:00pm.

Refreshments to follow.

October 2005 CFMC Foxhunt

Tom N9CBA provided a strong signal to start the hunt. There were three hunt teams: Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis, Paul N9LXF and Mike WA9FTS, and Greg N9SA. The signal was slightly west of direct north. Charlie took Harlem Ave north and got on 290. The other teams took Cermak to 1st and North. Paul and Mike chose well but overshot to Addison Ave and went back to the shopping center SE of the intersection of Belmont and 1st Ave. They were caught up in ignoring the cemetery and the Forest Preserve. But eventually they went off on foot and into the woods. Paul and Mike walked slowly back to 1st Ave in the north side of Belmont. Mike almost stepped on Tom who was on the edge of the woods on his stomach and very hard to see. Paul saw Tom first and Mike tagged Tom for the win. Charlie drove by and saw Forest Preserve police cars in the area and refused to get out to find Tom. Greg parked in the shopping center and was the only one to find Tom's car. He walked over to end the hunt. We met at Dapper's South for the munch. Don W9RA and Larry KA9KDC joined us. Results:

1. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF 2. Greg N9SA DNF
Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

The nominations for the election of the Board of Directors for the years 2006 and 2007 closed at the end of the business portion of the October general meeting. The election will be held at the December general meeting.

The nominees are;

KC9ENZ	Dennis Krawczak
WA9FTS	Mike Brost
WA9KOD	Joe Genovese
N9KTW	Howard Goldberg
WA9KXZ	Gerald Migely
K9VO	Steve Bosnyak
W9XB	Rick Duel

The Board is made up of five (5) members. Absentee ballots are ready. To request an absentee ballot, I **MUST** have your request either by mail to the Club mailbox or sent via e-mail . dick6614@aol.com

Treasurer's Report October 2005

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Membership Dues		
Regular Dues	150.00	
Senior and >20 years	75.00	
Total Membership Dues	225.00	
Total Income	225.00	
Expense		
Advertising	91.67	
Internet Expense	120.00	
Squelch Tale October		
Squelch Tale - Postage	51.80	
Squelch Tale - Printing	51.60	
Total Squelch Tale	103.40	
Telephone		
220 control-32	22.63	
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073	43.14	
440 Control-49	23.21	
Ham Help Line-773	18.99	
Total Telephone	107.97	
Total Expense	423.04	
Net Ordinary Income	-198.04	
Net Income	-198.04	
Available Capital 10/01/05	16,065.63	
Net Income October	-198.04	
Total Available Funds	15,867.59	

Respectfully submitted:
Bob Schiff KA9HHH
Treasurer

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 October general meeting;

RANDY BARTOSIEWICZ	KC9GXC
CONRAD GRISKO	N9HIZ
RALPH BARZDITIS	KE9NT

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following members renewed during October;
KC9BF KG9C WA9EVF N9IPH K9LPL KE9PE
K9RH KB9TER W9UWE KB9WQG WQ9X

The following former member chose not to renew;
K9BIR

LIFE IN THE 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water..

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying . It's raining cats and dogs.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors That would get slippery in the winter when wet , so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a ...thresh hold.. (Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

I those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that aways hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did

not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old..

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon.. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat..

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Morse Tips & Quips

"IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START
LEARNING MORSE CODE!"

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell. or was considered a ...dead ringer.. And that's the truth...

Now , whoever said History was boring !!!

December 2005

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

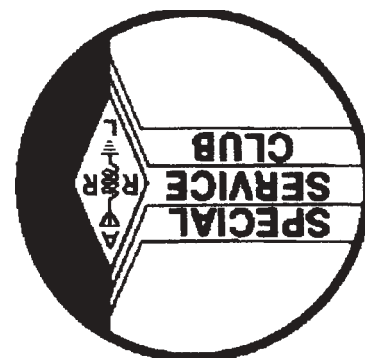
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4	5	6 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ	7 KB9KJ	8	9 WB9YGP	10
11	12 N9LUI	13 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ KB9KQO WQ9X	14	15 KG9C	16	17 FOX HUNT Harlem Cermak Shopping Center 7:00pm
18	19 N9RWD WA9CNJ WD9G VU	20 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ	21 GENERAL MEETING Location *TBA Election of Board Members VEC Testing Tonight	22 N9HNK	23 N9HIZ	24 KB9JIO
25 KB9ZED Christmas	26 WD9IRN	27 Saturn Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ KB9AFJ WB9CAN	28 NK9A	29	30	31 KG9GM New Year's Eve

Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** TBA = To Be Announced**



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Technical W9XB

VE Testing NK9A

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.

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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.