

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

**Volume
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RADIO EXPO 2005 September 17 and 18

"THE PREZ SEZ"

Radio Expo 2005 is right around the corner. As many of you know this hamfest is the Club's main financial support. Without Radio Expo CFMC would be just another repeater club. The past few Expos have been in the black, but our profit margin is being eaten up by the constant increase in our expenses to promote and put on this event. In the past many of the things to be done for Expo were done by the club member volunteers at no cost to the Club. Recently this is not the case. The Club has had to pay for services and advertisement that comes right out of our profits.

I know many of you are busy with raising your families and making a living to offer your time to the club, but we could use your financial support. There are approximately 300 members of CFMC and if each of you purchased a minimum of 2 or 3 tickets and gave them to a friend to attend Expo and those friends bought tickets to give their friends, you can see how this can greatly help the Club. This is just one of my ideas and I'm sure there are many of you that have even better ones.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Radio Expo 2005.



August 2005 CFMC Foxhunt - Info from Greg N9SA

The hounds were released at 8:04 PM after all reported hearing the signal from the Cermak Harlem starting point. The fox was running about 20 watts to a three element yagi approximately 40 ft above average terrain. The location was the top of a small hill in Elmhurst next to McMaster Carr. The early morning storm left the hill a bit slippery and the dense vegetation challenged hunters turning DF beams. The last one to score was Tom, N9CBA at 9:10 PM. He was the winner as the other hunters had thrown in the towel.

FOR SECOND READING AT THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

RANDY BARTOSIEWICZ KC9GXC (N9PA K9FFY)
 CONRAD GRISKO N9HIZ (N9PA K9FFY)
 ROBERT CHOI N9KOJ (N9PA K9FFY)
 RALPH BARZDITIS KE9NT (N9PA K9SX)

FOR THIRD READING AND VOTE

MATTHEW KAMINSKI KC9HPM (N9PA K9FFY)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following CFMC members renewed during August;

KA9ABU KC9AEW N9CMP K9DDI KB9DIN
 KC9EOB N9FA KB9GUC WA9GUE N9HKN WW9K
 KB9OOM N9RKU W9ZIB

The following former member chose not to renew;

WA9KJE

We Want You!

Join us and other members of the Chicago FM Club for a fun-filled day of field radio operations and demonstrations as we present a Ham Radio Demo Day at the Eisenhower Public Library on Saturday, October 15. We will gather in the garden behind the library and be setting up a mini-field day of radio activities and operations geared to showcase the many interesting aspects of Amateur Radio to young and old.

Since October 15th is international Scouting Jamboree on the Air day (JOTA), we can assist Scouts in making 3rd party contacts to other Scouts on several assigned HF frequencies.

To make this event a success, we need your help. So if you have a mobile VHF/UHF, HF rig or HT; are a CW maven; delight in raising dipoles and portable antennas; are involved with amateur radio emergency operations; wish to serve as a control operator for permissible 3rd party communications as part of the Scouting Jamboree; are enthusiastic about Ham radio; are involved with digital, Internet communications, or RTTY; or enjoy hanging out with your fellow Hams and the public; then come on down to Ham Radio Demo Day and share your enthusiasm of amateur radio with the general public.

Whether you can spend an hour or two - or the entire day - you are cordially invited. We'll be raising the dipoles and portable antennas at 9:00 AM in the garden. Limited AC available, portable power is appreciated.

Where: The Eisenhower Public Library
 4652 Olcott Harwood Heights, IL

When: Saturday, October 15 10 a.m. 'till 4 p.m.
 (setup begins at 9 a.m.)

For more information, driving directions, or if you have suggestions for activities and exhibits, please contact Ken, KA9TRG (708) 867-4128 Or e-mail to Dennis, KC9ENZ at krawczak@interaccess.com

Treasurer's Report August 2005

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	\$415.00
Radio Expo	\$3,069.00
Total Income	\$3,484.00
Expense	
Electric	\$8.00
Expo Advertising	\$612.45
Meetings	\$13.09
Office Supplies	\$3.25
Repairs	\$174.18
Squelch Tale	\$129.00
Telephone	\$78.61
Total Expense	\$1,018.58
Net Ordinary Income	\$2,465.42
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Available Capital 8/01/05	\$11,463.84
Net Income August	\$2,465.42
Total Available Funds	\$13,928.26

Respectfully submitted:
 Bob Schiff KA9HHH
 Treasurer

Board of Directors Election Nominations

Would you like to have a say in the direction the Club will take in the next two years? Put your name in nomination for the Board of Directors election.

At the September Board meeting, the following names were nominated for the Board of Directors election to be held at the December general meeting.

The nominations will remain open through the October general meeting. If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you, I must have your request either by mail or sent to my e-mail address. I will NOT honor phone request.

The nominees are;

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

September Board Meeting

The September Board meeting of the Chicago FM Club was held at Armands Restaurant. The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. Those in attendance were; N9PA WA9EMY K9FFY KA9HHH WA9KOD N9KTW K9VO WA9FTS

Secretary K9FFY

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

Treasurer KA9HHH

Bob passed out his report (look elsewhere for the report) and went on to discuss some of the items.

Technical W9XB

The new 2 Meter amplifier will be installed before Radio Expo.

Old/New Business

The election of the Board of Directors for 2006/2007 will be held at the December general meeting. Look elsewhere for the nominations.

N9PA made a motion to enforce the Constitution in regard to Board meeting attendance (A Board member can be removed for missing too many meeting). K9FFY seconded the motion and the Board voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm and the rest of the evening was taken up with Radio Expo business.

23rd Annual
KALAMAZOO HAMFEST

Sunday, October 9, 2005

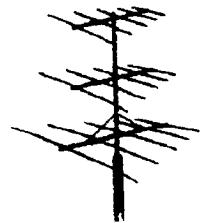
Sellers set-up: 6:00 AM

Doors open: 8:00AM to NOON

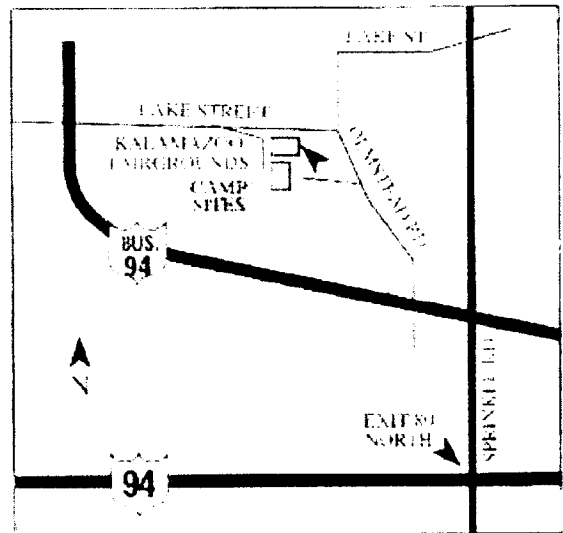
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Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club and
 SW Michigan Amateur Radio Team

TALK-IN 147.040 K8KZO REPEATER



- Over 8,000 square feet selling area
- Door prizes and Food service
- Plenty of free parking
- Selling spaces:
 - 8 ft tables @ \$12 with optional electric hook up @ \$20
 - Trunk sales \$5/space
- Admission tickets: \$5 at door
- 54 Overnight campsites with electricity and water (fee charged)



For more information see our web-site at: www.KalamazooHamFest.com OR
 email us at: Info@KalamazooHamFest.com OR
 telephone (269) 665-6421 (voice mail).

Name/Company _____		
Call Sign _____	Email Address _____	Phone () _____
Address _____		City _____
State _____	ZIP _____	
No. of tickets _____	No. of tables _____	To order send check with this order form and SASE to: Kalamazoo Hamfest PO Box 505 Galesburg, MI 49053
Electrical hook-up (Y/N) _____		
No. trunk sale spaces _____		
Amount enclosed \$ _____		

**** An ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest ****

October 2005

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

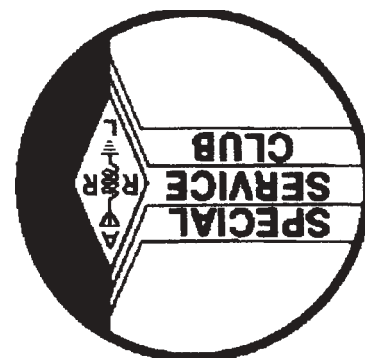
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** TBA = To Be Announced**



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 Programs KB9AJM
 Radio Expo WA9EMY
 Refreshments N9KTW
 Squelch Tale K9FFY
 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.

SQUELCH TALE

Squelch Tale is the monthly publication of the Chicago FM Club. It is available on an exchange basis or by subscription to anyone outside CFMC's coverage area. Ad space is available. Write for further details. Permission is given to reprint any original Squelch Tale material providing credit is given and "Tale" is not spelled "Tail". We welcome all new information of interest and technical articles. The deadline for publication is the first weekend after the first Wednesday of every month My e-mail address is dick6614@aol.com

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.