

The Chicago FM Club's  
Newsletter

**"SQUELCH TALE"**

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***"THE PREZ SEZ"***

We just had our monthly Board I'm happy to report that the Club is on to Bob (KA9HHH). Radio Rick Joe (WA9KOD) and the rest of the tech upgrading our repeater equipment. Mike (WA9FTS) has been doing a great job with our web page. Stan (NK9A) has had a lot of success with their VE testing and it looks like Radio Expo 2006 is running right on schedule.

One of the reasons things are going so well for the club is that the people mentioned in the preceding paragraph are not afraid to make a commitment. There are quite a few other people that are not mentioned here who also help the Club a great deal, but the point I'm trying to get across is in order for anything to be a success you have to be involved. The Officers and Board members are always looking for new ways to improve on the club. If you have any good ideas why not come to our next meeting and let us hear about it.

At our next meeting we will have a program presented by Andy (N9TGR) and he will be demonstrating some of his homebrew projects. This is sure to be a very interesting presentation.

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



St. Patricks Day  
March 17, 2006

meeting last Wednesday and good financial footing thanks (W9XB), Wayne W9BBB, committee have been busy



**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 February general meeting;

KC9DFK	Don Biederman
KB9EPL	Dave Kossart
KC9ISD	John Karavitis
N9SRA	Steve R Allen
N9YHW	Joe Koszuta

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

N9PNZ    JEFF MACHUL            (N9PA K9FFY)

**FOR SECOND READING**

N9TWE    TOM WILKUS            (N9PA K9FFY)  
 KB9EPL    DAVE KOSSART        (N9PA K9FFY)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

The following CFMC members renewed during February;

KE9CR    KA9CSO    KB9DK    WD9DZV    W9HDD  
 KB9ITP    K9JQ    NF9N    KK9P    N9PQD    W9WOC  
 W9XB

**HELP WANTED**

LaGrange Memorial Hospital is setting up a Ham Station to be available during emergencies when other communications are not operating. They are looking for volunteers to man the station during these times. All that is needed is a desire to help and a General or higher class license. If you would be interested, give Richard a call. His information is;

Richard Rozwadowski  
 Manager of IS for the LaGrange Campus  
 Telephone # (708) 579-4928    Fax # (708) 479-4036  
 e-mail Richard.Rozwadowski@ahss.org

The location of the Hospital is;

LaGrange Memorial Hospital  
 5101 S Willow Springs Road  
 LaGrange, IL 60525

**TREASURER'S REPORT****FEBRUARY 2006**

Income		
Membership Dues		
Regular Dues		\$150.00
Senior and >20 years		\$75.00
Total Membership Dues		\$225.00
Radio Expo		
Expo Tickets		
Advanced Sale		\$104.00
Fairgrounds Electric		
Inside		\$10.00
Outside		\$10.00
Total Fairgrounds Electric		\$20.00
Table Rental		\$325.00
Total Radio Expo		\$449.00
Total Income		\$674.00
Expense		
Dues and Subscriptions		\$12.00
Meetings		\$16.07
Printing and Reproduction		
Radio Expo		\$786.20
Total Printing and Reproduction		\$786.20
Repairs		
Parking		\$64.50
Total Repairs		\$64.50
Squelch Tale February		
Squelch Tale - Postage		\$46.80
Squelch Tale - Printing		\$58.50
Total Squelch Tale		\$105.60
Telephone		
220 control-32		\$21.52
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073		\$43.05
440 Control-49		\$21.52
Ham Help Line-773		\$19.32
Total Telephone		\$105.41
Total Expense		\$1,089.78
Net Income		-\$415.78
Available Capital	02/01/2006	\$12,001.38
Net Income	February	-\$415.78
Total Available Funds		\$11,585.60

Respectfully submitted:  
 Bob Schiff KA9HHH  
 Treasurer

**February 2006 CFMC Foxhunt**

Greg N9SA was hiding with two out of three hearing. We knew we were in trouble when it was us (Paul N9LXF and Mike WA9FTS) who had a 4 el yagi and the other hunters had switched verticals. We got started with a very short noisy signals from the 2m radio and guessed it was just north of straight west. Tom N9CBA got a straight west reading. So we took 1st Ave to Roosevelt west to 1st Av Lombard north to St. Charles and west to Columbine (Rohlwing). We took Fullerton to Swift Rd and waited on the east side of Swift Rd. The signal was west - I think.

With short bursts of readings it was a guess. We had Executive Dr and Park Av to choose from. We - naturally - picked the wrong one. In the mean time, Tom N9CBA took 290 south to I88 and west to I355 north to Lake St and south on Swift Rd and in for the win. Paul and I, on the other hand, were going to check out every parking lot off Executive Dr. We did this for about 25 min and then gave up. Paul suggested we should try the road to the south - Park Av. We did - and drive right up to Greg for 2nd - 4 min behind Tom. Charlie KB9DIM was close and in the neighborhood for a while, gave up and we all ended up at Fuddruckers on Rohlwing Rd just south of Lake St.

Results: 1. Tom N9CBA 2. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF DNF Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM**

The program for the March meeting will be put on by Andy, N9TGR. He will be showing a few of his homebrew antenna projects. Andy will be explaining some antenna parts such as baluns, couplers and connectors. It should be a very interesting evening. The date is Wednesday, March 15, 2006 Time; following a short business meeting.

**MARCH BOARD MEETING**

The March Board meeting was held at the "Whats Cooking" Restaurant. Those in attendance were;

WA9EMY K9FFY KA9HHH KC9ENZ WA9FTS  
N9KTW K9VO W9XB KA9AJM WA9KOD  
KA9TRG Carol

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm

SECRETARY

K9FFY

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

TREASURER

KA9HHH

Bob presented his report to the Baord. (look elsewhere for his report).

TECHNICAL

W9XB

Everything is working just fine. The 220MHX North repeater needs a new crystal which will be taken care of shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob, KA9HHH, made a motion to give any non member who is a licensed Ham, and presenting a program at a general meeting a 1 year free membership to the Club. K9VO seconded the motion and the Board voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS**

March 18

15th Annual Equipment Auction  
Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club  
Grace Lutheran Church  
202 West Grand Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI  
<http://www.ecarc.org/>

March 19

Tri County ARC  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds - Activity Center  
503 Hyer Drive  
Jefferson, WI  
<http://www.cmdline.com/tcarc>

March 25

Spring Fling Hamfest  
Michigan City ARC  
Diamond Cove  
716 US Highway 212  
Michigan City, IN  
<http://www.w9ly.org/>

March 31 & April 1  
 AES SUPERFEST 2006  
 AES Store  
 5710 West Good Hope Road  
 Milwaukee, WI  
<http://www.aesham.com/>

## ARRL VOLUNTEERS, PRB-1 HELP MIDWESTERN AMATEURS GET TOWER PERMITS

Two Midwestern radio amateurs have succeeded in their efforts to be allowed to erect antenna support structures on their residential properties. Both cases hinged largely on the requirement of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 that localities “reasonably accommodate” Amateur Radio communication with “minimum practicable regulation.” As a result, city officials in Wheaton, Illinois, have granted John Siepmann, N9NA, a permit to build a 42-foot tower in his back yard. And in Ohio, Brian “Tim” McGraw, W8BTM, got the okay from the Colerain Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to erect a 48-foot tower on his property.

In Illinois, John Siepmann’s application for a 65-foot free-standing structure faced opposition from his neighbors, who apparently feared that the presence of the antenna support structure would lower property values and lead to TV and telephone interference.

“This permit was issued in spite of a 100-plus neighbor signature 12-point petition to the city not to allow the tower, as well as the erection of approximately 75 neighbor lawn signs with ‘NO RADIO TOWER’ emblazoned across their faces,” Siepmann told ARRL. “The signs were placed on lawns as far away as one mile from our home, which is in a quiet, mature and leafy subdivision in Wheaton.” Representing John Siepmann was ARRL Volunteer Counsel and well-known Amateur Radio antenna advocate Jim O’Connell, W9WU.

News reports say City Attorney Jim Knippen told city council members December 6 that because of PRB-1, Wheaton would lose any court case and had no choice but to issue Siepmann a permit for a tower. The city compromised on its height, however. O’Connell

says the city came up with 42 feet by adding Wheaton’s present 12-foot “Over the Air Television Receiving Dish” (OTARD) antenna height limit to its 30-foot height limit for a single-family dwelling. O’Connell says a number of short towers already are in place in Wheaton, and the city even had a 65-foot antenna tower ordinance until several years ago, when it “simply disappeared one day.”

“It all started with Hank Greb, N8XX, who organized the ham radio community, researched the applicable laws and fully utilized all ARRL resources all toward achieving this victory,” Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, said of the W8BTM case. “More than anything else, it was Hank’s single commitment to see this through that made this a win for ham radio.” Greb serves as an ARRL Volunteer Consulting Engineer in the Great Lakes Division.

More than two dozen neighbors had signed a petition and presented their opposition at the hearing in early December. Thirty radio amateurs showed up for the session, and many spoke in support of McGraw’s application, however. In addition, ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, supplied applicable case law for the hearing, while Ohio Assistant SM Bob Winston, W2THU, offered legal advice. Professional engineer Herb Nichols, W8HRN, twice testified to the technical aspects of McGraw’s plans, Phillips said. The BZA’s December 15 decision was unanimous.

Greb said the township’s lawyer advised that the BZA was not the proper forum to consider McGraw’s application and that guidance must come instead from the trustees. He suggested that the trustees need to develop guidelines regarding permissible structure heights for future applications. None exist in the Rural Zoning Commission’s regulations, which provide the basis for Colerain Township’s zoning regulations.

“While it is a bit unclear as to how the township will proceed,” Greb commented, “we look forward to working with its elected officials and its designees to set guidance in the new zoning regulations, which are currently under consideration by the township.”

# April 2006

## What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

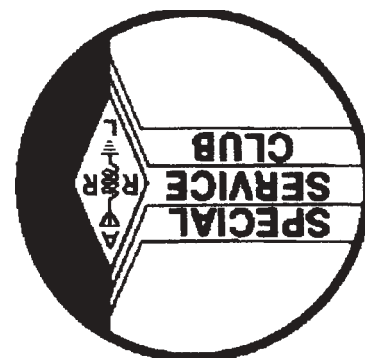
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>1</b> April Fools Day	
<b>2</b> KB9KDX N9YOI Daylight Savings-- set ahead 1 hour	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Satern Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ K9TRG	<b>5</b> K9ILX N9WDY	<b>6</b> K9VCZ	<b>7</b> KC9BXQ	<b>8</b> N9SRA	
<b>9</b> W9WOC WN9GUC	<b>10</b> KA9ZXA N9GCH W9GYC	<b>11</b> Satern Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ KA9HHH KB9EPL	<b>12</b> W9UWE WB9DZN	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> FOX HUNT Harlem Cermak Shopping Center 7:00pm	
<b>16</b> KF9MY KG9CL W9GI W9KMP	<b>17</b> K9JQ	<b>18</b> Satern Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ K9OBL N9NOQ	<b>19</b> GENERAL MEETING Location *TBA VEC Testing Tonight	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> KG9KR WD9BIC	<b>22</b> KA9R N9LGT	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Satern Net at 8:00pm CFMC Net at 9:00pm on 146.76 MHZ KA9ZZD	<b>26</b> KB9RAP	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> N9ABI	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> WA9NEP	<hr/> March S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 <hr/>		<hr/> May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 <hr/>				

**Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!**

**\* TBA = To Be Announce**



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### 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 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.