

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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"THE PREZ SEZ"

At the last meeting we held an election for our 5 Board of Directors positions. Those elected to these positions were Dennis Krawczak (KC9ENZ), Mike Brost (WA9FTS), Howard Goldberg (N9KWT), Steve Bosnyak (K9VO) and Rick Duel (W9XB). Congratulations to all and a special thanks to Joe Genovese (WA9KOD) who was not reelected, but served at the Board of Directors position and has been a Club member for many years.

After reviewing our financial position for this past year it has been brought to my attention that we did not net as much profit from Radio Expo 2005 as we have at past expos. Part of this was due to our mix up on dates. Regardless, we still managed to make a profit. I have been in contact with the Lake County Fair Board of Directors and they have offered us new dates that shouldn't conflict with the Peoria hamfest or the NIDXA banquet. The new dates will be Aug. 26 & 27 for 2006 and will remain on the 4th weekend in Aug for any future hamfests. Please mark these dates on your calendar and start spreading the word to all your fellow hams. As you well know we could not run the club as we do on revenue from dues alone. It's the money from Radio Expo that pays for the new transmitters, Antennas, and other goodies we need to keep CFMC on the air.

The new Board members and Officers will be facing this challenge in the coming year and we will need the support of all the members to keep CFMC the success it has always been.

We will be making certain cut backs in order to offset our expenses. I'm sure that with some fine-tuning and the help of you the members we will be back in the black.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family's a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next general meeting.

73 de Phil N9PA



BOARD ELECTION

The election of the Board of Directors to serve the Club in the years 2006 and 07 was held at the December general meeting. The Board members elected to serve are as follows;

Dennis Krawczak	KC9ENZ
Mike Brost	WA9FTS
Howrad Glodberg	N9KTW
Steve Bosnyak	K9VO
Rick Duel	W9XB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following CFMC members renewed during December;

N9BCO W9BMK W9CHI KA2CSH
 AB9DD WA9EMY W9FUF K9GFY
 WD9GTI WN9GUC KA9HHH KB9JGY
 W9LUO N9LVD N9NOQ KB9ORA
 KB9SO N9TGR WA9TSI KC9UJ K9VCZ
 N9YOI KB9YRE

The following former member chose not to renew;

KA9AXA

NEW MEMBER

The Officers and Board of Directors of CFMC would like to welcome the following new member voted in at the December general meeting;

KEVIN B FITZGERALD KC9GLH

ROSTER

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club is included in this issue. Please take a second to check your listing for errors. As hard as I try, I do make mistakes. If there are any changes needed in your information, either call the Ham-Help line (773) 262-6773 or my e-mail address dick6614@aol.com

FOR THIRD READING AND VOTE AT THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

LARRY JASINEK KB9OOR (N9RKU WB9ZNL)

ROBERT L EISENHART KD8ANJ (N9PA K9FFY)

**TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2005**

Income		
Membership Dues		
Regular Dues		400.00
Senior and >20 years		180.00
Total Membership Dues		580.00
Total Income		580.00
Expense		
Meetings		16.33
Squelch Tale December		
Squelch Tale - Postage		51.80
Squelch Tale - Printing		60.40
Total Squelch Tale		112.20
Telephone		
220 control-32		21.55
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073		43.70
440 Control-49		21.55
Ham Help Line-773		19.22
Total Telephone		106.02
Total Expense		234.55
Net Ordinary Income		345.45
Net Income		345.45
Available Capital	12/01/05	12,987.78
Net Income December		345.45
Total Available Funds		13,333.23

Respectfully submitted:
 Bob Schiff KA9HHH

ARRL Pres says to bring back the Novice Class

One person who thinks the FCC is wrong in not considering an entry level license is ARRL president Jim Haynie, WSJBP. In fact, Haynie believes it is time to bring back the Novice license, but with a few changes for the 21st century. According to Amateur Radio Newslines' Mark Abramowicz, NT3V, Jim Haynie is pretty adamant about the issue. And, he thinks the FCC is missing an opportunity.

“Back when I was first a Novice, I got a good taste of what was going on HF and how we could do long-distance communications, Haynie says. “Today, we don't have that. What we have is what I would call — and this is my own personal opinion — a Two-meter ghetto.”

Haynie says he's not disparaging those who operate 2M and use it for hobby communication or public service activities. Rather, Haynie says to only open the door ajar to allow for 2M operations for new licensees doesn't go far enough.

“What I would like to see is the FCC to turn around and give semi voice privileges on HF to give people who are new in Amateur Radio an ability to find out what it's like to talk to foreign countries,” Haynie says.

Haynie agrees he speaks with some nostalgia. But he also feels new people coming into Amateur Radio aren't getting the whole picture

.”I know when I was a Novice, I worked 40 Meters and knew a bunch of people all over the world,” Haynie recalls, “and where 40 Meters would propagate to, and that gave me the taste of Amateur Radio as far as HF communications goes.

“I think that's something we need to have today, I really do. And, what's going on is the fact that the new people coming into Amateur Radio don't have that ability.”

It was January 2004 when the ARRL Board took a position endorsing a new, entry level class it called Novice with HF voice and CW privileges. The ARRL's proposal called for limited HF voice activity for the new Novices on 80,40, 15 and 10 Meters. It also suggested restricting power output to 100 watts on 80, 40, and 15 Meters, and 50 watts on 10 Meters.

Haynie says the board's position really hasn't changed.

“All of the board members are fully in agreement and we feel that a Novice class license with HF voice privileges is something that would be very important and the question is, can I convince the FCC?” Haynie says.

So far, the FCC has pretty much rebuffed the ARRL's plan, but Haynie vows he won't give up.

“I think what we'll have to do is spend some time in talking to the Commission about where that would go and what it would do to enhance Amateur Radio and the new licensees coming on the air,” Haynie says.

President Haynie is not the only one who feels that it's time for a Novice with phone privileges. Others like Hollywood film maker Dave Bell, W6AQ, also believe that the real “sizzle” for the hobby is on the low bands and that the infectious spirit of Amateur Radio is much harder to catch when you are only operating local VHF repeaters. — *ARNewslines*

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What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

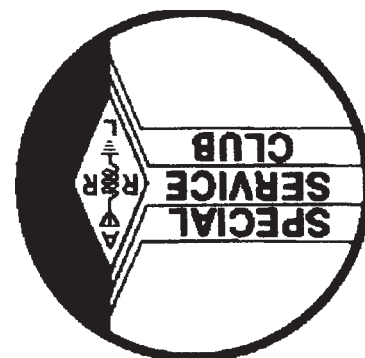
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** TBA = To Be Announced**



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Radio Expo WA9EMY

Refreshments N9KTW

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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.