

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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"THE PREZ SEZ"

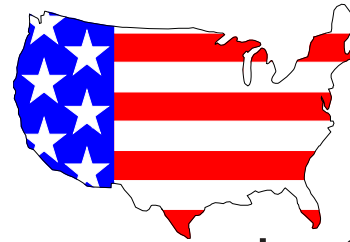
Field day 2006 is history! Thanks to Tom KB9AJM, Dennis KC9ENZ & Steve K9VO for chairing this year's event and making it a great

success. For the first time in many years, due to a family commitment, I could not attend Field Day. It was good to hear that everyone had a good time.

Our new location at the River Grove, River Front Park proved to be very adequate for a Field Day site. I have asked River Grove to allow us to make this an annual event, and they have agreed.

Our next big challenge will be coming up August 26 & 27. That's right, Radio Expo 2006 is right around the corner. The Officers, Board members, and Radio Expo committee have been busy all year planning for a successful hamfest, but now is when we will need the members to step up and pitch in. We will need people for set up, take down, watching gates, and other various duties. If you're an old hand or just got your ticket, set some time aside for our upcoming hamfest.

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



Have a wonderful 4th.



ROSTER

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club is included in this issue. The e-mail addresses of members are now in the Roster, Please take a second to check your listing and let me know if I've made a mistake. If there are corrections needed, they can be left on the Ham-Help line (2773) 262-6773 or my e-mail address (dick6614@aol.com).

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 June general meeting;

KC9JAO	ERIC PURYEAR
KB9JVQ	JON B CASILLAS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following CFMC members renewed during June;

WD9BIC KG9CL K9FFY N9GCH W9GI AB9H
N9HNQ K9ILX W9NBG AA9ON N9PA

The following former members chose not to renew;

WB9YGP W9RXI KC9BSU

RADIO EXPO 2006
New Dates
August 26 & 27
Mark your calendar.
See you there!
Advanced sale tickets
available at Club meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT*June 2006*

Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	
Regular Dues	\$150.00
Senior and >20 years	\$100.00
Total Membership Dues	\$250.00
Radio Expo	
Expo Tickets	
Advanced Sale	\$312.00
Fairgrounds Electric	
Inside	\$20.00
Outside	\$10.00
Table Rental	\$475.00
Total Radio Expo	\$817.00
Total Income	\$1,067.00
Expense	
Meetings	\$11.79
Radio Expo 2006	
Radio Expo Flyers	\$2,516.14
Prizes – Door	\$67.82
Total Radio Expo 2006	\$2,583.96
Rent	
Site Rental - AON	\$1,000.00
Total Rent	\$1,000.00
Squelch Tale - June	
Squelch Tale - Postage	\$46.80
Squelch Tale - Printing	\$40.00
Total Squelch Tale	\$86.80
Telephone	
Echo Link	\$56.27
220 control-32	\$21.58
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073	\$43.12
440 Control-49	\$21.58
Ham Help Line-773	\$18.37
Total Telephone	\$160.92
Total Expense	\$3,843.47
Net Income	-\$2,776.47
Available Capital	6/01/2006 \$13,018.67
Net Income	June -\$2,775.47
Total Available Funds	\$10,242.20

Respectfully submitted:
Bob Schiff KA9HHH Treasurer

JULY BOARD MEETING

The July Board meeting was held at the Condo of N9RKU. Those in attendance were;

N9PA K9FFY KA9HHH KC9ENZ WA9FTS K9VO
W9XB KB9AJM WA9KOD WA9KXZ N9LXF
N9RKU KA9TRG

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

SECRETARY K9FFY

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

TREASURER KA9HHH

Bob discussed his monthly report to the Board. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for his report.

TECHNICAL W9XB

A noise has developed on our 2 Meter repeater. It will be looked into ASAP. Everything other than that seems to be working.

FIELD DAY KB9AJM

Field Day looks like it was a success this year. The Field Day committee does not have a total of the contacts yet. There was a reporter from the Tribune present most of Saturday. A VERY nice article appeared in the Sunday Tribune explaining Field Day and telling a great deal about the Chicago FM Club. There was a problem with the antennas, but the problem was worked around.

RADIO EXPO WA9EMY

The Expo chairman was not available for questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

JULY 19 MEETING PROGRAM

Tom Wilkus, N9TWE, will be presenting a program describing railroad communications at the July 19 general meeting. Some of the equipment presently used on our railroad systems will be available for examination.

**June 2006 CFMC Foxhunt
by Tom N9CBA**

The fox, Tom N9CBA was hiding in Westchester south of Cermak and east of Wolf. The spot was in the vegetation in a strip of trees and woods between some commercial properties. The coaxial dipole was in a tree about 8 feet up fed by a 7-watt talkie. A wind event was moving thru at the time of the test transmissions. That blew Charlie's tape measure beam around. He was thinking the fox was more south. While he recovered, Greg was able to park where the fox's car was: the Buona Beef which served as the munchie spot. He walked in. Charlie drove close, but Greg had already scored.



1. Greg N9SA
2. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis

DZV's DITS AND BITS by Tim, WD9DZV

New IRC available July 1: The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has announced that a new International Reply Coupon (IRC) design <<http://www.dailydx.com/2007irc.jpg>> has been selected. Radio amateurs often enclose IRCs when QSLing DX stations directly to cover the cost of return postage. The new design, known as "Beijing Model No. 2," was submitted by Volodymyr Taran, a graphic artist from Ukraine. Chosen by a jury of 40 UPU member countries, the coupon design was inspired by Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel — two fingers about to touch framed in a postage stamp, representing the notions of communication and exchange. The new IRC will be valid until December 31, 2009. The current IRC is valid through December 31, 2006.

August 2006

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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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.

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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.