

The Chicago FM Club's  
Newsletter

**"SQUELCH TALE"**

**Volume  
2006  
Number 5  
May**

*Happy Mothers Day  
Sunday May 14, 2006*

***"THE PREZ SEZ"***

May is a transitional month where we go from spring to summer. Although my favorite time of year is spring I still look forward to the fun of summer.

Our summers in Chicago can be blistering hot or cool and mild. Either way Mother Nature makes the choice for us.

The members of CFMC have the ability to make their own choices when it comes to club activities. We are always looking for members to step up and take on a chairman's job or just help out. Either way we need you to do your part to make CFMC successful.

Don't forget that Field Day is right around the corner. We were able to get our Field Day site at the River Grove gazebo again, and we are still looking for operators and people to help setup and tear down. If you've never experienced Field Day , now is the time.

Mark, WB9QZB, will present this month's program and he will be filling us in on all the marvelous things Icom has come up with in using their D-star system. The club is considering purchasing one of their systems and it would be nice to have more input from the club members, so please plan on attending the next meeting.

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

73 de Phil N9PA



FOR FIRST READING AT THE  
MAY GENERAL MEETING

WB9QZB MARK THOMPSON (N9KTW NK9A)  
FOR SECOND READING

KC9JAO ERIC PURYEAR (N9PA K9FFY)  
KB9JVQ JON B CASILLAS (N9PA K9FFY)

FOR THIRD READING AND VOTE

N9PNZ JEFF MACHUL (N9PA K9FFY)  
K9EMI DANIEL MAJEWSKI (N9PA K9FFY)

### *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 April general meeting;

KB9EPL DAVE KOSSART  
N9TWE TOM WILKUS

### *April 2006 CFMC Foxhunt*

Tony AA9CC tried to fool the hunters and hid somewhere other than in or near Elgin. Tony found a place very close to the starting point of Harlem and Cermak and running very low power. He hid just south of the Ike and east of Harlem Ave. Tom N9CBA and Paul N9LXF took off up 1st Ave and onto the Ike - then north on 294 and west on I90. Hold it - they could not hear Tony anymore.

Meanwhile Charlie KB9DIM did the right thing and remained close by - but his gear did not work. He was not able to find Tony and threw in the towel. While this was going on Tom and Paul backtracked to finally find Tony for the win. Charlie later found a couple of bad diodes in his BMG unit and hopes to do better on the next hunt.

### *MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS*

The following CFMC members renewed during April;

KC9HRN W9HVV WV2JC N9NXJ KB9QBQ  
K9SKY K9SX K9VO K9YWF

The following former members chose not to renew;

AA9ON WB7DKZ KC9GVC N9VIZ KG9CL

### *TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2006*

Income	
Membership Dues	
Regular Dues	\$300.00
Senior and >20 years	\$165.00
Membership Dues - Other	\$25.00
Total Membership Dues	\$490.00
Radio Expo	
Expo Tickets	
Advanced Sale	\$264.00
Fairgrounds Electric	
Inside	\$10.00
Outside	\$10.00
Total Fairgrounds Electric	\$20.00
Table Rental	\$50.00
Total Radio Expo	\$334.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$824.00</b>
Expense	
Meetings	\$27.04
Postage and Delivery	
Radio Expo	\$234.00
Total Postage and Delivery	\$234.00
Printing and Reproduction	
Other	\$6.00
Radio Expo	\$98.90
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$104.90
Squelch Tale April	
Squelch Tale - Postage	\$46.80
Squelch Tale - Printing	\$60.90
Total Squelch Tale	\$107.70
Telephone	
220 control-32	\$21.52
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073	\$43.03
440 Control-49	\$21.52
Ham Help Line-773	\$23.37
Total Telephone	\$109.44
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$583.08</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$240.92</b>
Available Capital 4/01/2006	\$11,931.05
Net Income April	\$240.92
Total Available Funds	\$12,171.97

Respectfully submitted:  
Bob Schiff KA9HHH  
Treasurer

**MAY BOARD MEETING**

The May Club Board meeting was held at Armands Restaurant. Those in attendance were;

N9PA WA9EMY K9FFY KA9HHH KC9ENZ  
WA9FTS N9KTW K9VO KB9AJM WA9KOD  
K9KRO KB9QLP WA9KXZ KA9TRG CAROL

**SECRETARY**

K9FFY

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

**TREASURER**

KA9HHH

Bob discussed his monthly report to the Board (look elsewhere for his report). Radio Expo Monies are beginning to come in.

**TECHNICAL**

W9XB

Phil, N9PA, made a motion to have the Club pay for a static IP for our Echolink system. K9VO seconded the motion and the Board voted YES.

The D-Star system was discussed at length. (The program for the May general meeting will be a presentation of this system.)

**RADIO EXPO**

WA9EMY

The flyer database will be ready for mailing by the end of the month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jimmy, WA9EMY made a motion to provide non Board members with the control codes to the repeaters. K9VO seconded the motion. The Board voted 5 YES and 1 NO vote.

Field Day was the next topic for discussion. KB9AJM will be looking for help at the May general meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

**CONTROL OPERATORS**

Would you like to be a control op? Let us know by calling the HamHelp line (773) 262-6773 or n9pa@comcast.net

**LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD NOW SUPPORTS  
WORKED ALL STATES AWARD**

Users of the ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>

now may apply their LoTW credits to applications for the League's Worked All States (WAS) award. Once registered and logged in, users may set up a WAS account on the Logbook Awards page, configuring the account to automatically select QSLs to use or selecting them manually via the Your QSOs page.

LoTW is a repository of logbook records submitted by users from around the world. When both participants in a contact submit matching QSO records to LoTW, the result is an electronic "QSL" that can be used for award credit.

As part of this addition, administration and maintenance of all WAS awards is now performed using an LoTW module. US Amateur Radio licensees must be ARRL members to apply for the WAS award. In addition to WAS, LoTW supports the ARRL DX Century Club (DXCC) award.

Since its inauguration in September 2005, LoTW has more than 95 million QSO records on file, with nearly 5.15 million QSL records resulting. The system boasts just over 12,000 registered users, and there are more than 18,100 certificates—each representing a particular user call sign—on file.

**ARE THEY FOR REAL??**

A group calling itself the Communications Think Tank has filed a Petition for Rule Making asking the FCC "to discontinue mandatory segregation of emission modes and the activities using these modes in the Amateur Service." Instead, the petitioners would substitute "a voluntary system of coordination" on the bands. The FCC has designated the petition as RM-11305. Comments are due by February 6. The petitioners assert "there is a chronic need to allow greater leeway in selecting a place to operate" on the ham bands. "We propose ending mode-based subbands in the Amateur Radio Service, and we seek affirmation of established operator responsibility against interference as part of this request for greater latitude in frequency selection," the petitioners state. A survey, "An Analysis of Band Occupancy by Mode" accompanies the group's petition.

**ARMAD 2006**

Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, ARMAD, is a nation-wide event held on May 27 when amateur operators across the country will provide radio communications for the public to express its thanks to military personnel serving in the U.S. or overseas.

MAC, the Metro Amateur Radio Club, is participating in ARMAD and will establish a station location on Saturday, May 27 at the Lincolnwood Town Center - second floor, Touhy Avenue & McCormick Boulevard from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Volunteer operators will use 2 meter hand-helds and will connect to various locations via EchoLink.

Participating in this event is a wonderful way to commemorate the Memorial Day holiday and honor our troops.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, contact Ms. Marilyn Gardner, W9LUO, email:

*MFGardner@aol.com*

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**CFMC Amateur Radio Awareness Day - June 3**

Mark you calendars and plan to attend the CFMC Amateur Radio Awareness Day at McGuane Park on Saturday, June 3 in the Chicago neighborhood of Bridgeport.

We will set up the equipment at 8 a.m. and begin transmitting at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. using the special event call sign of "W9S" honoring the Chicago White Sox. Our goal is to demonstrate the many positive aspects of amateur radio to the public and to recruit new amateurs. Please join us for a fun-filled mini field day of radio excitement.

McGuane Park is located at 2901 S. Poplar Street - one block west of 29th and S. Halsted Avenue on the Southside of Chicago. Radio Expo tickets will be available for sale.

For more information, driving directions, or if you have suggestions for activities and exhibits, please contact Tom Stobb, KB9AJM, email:

*tomstobb@yahoo.com*

# June 2006

## What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

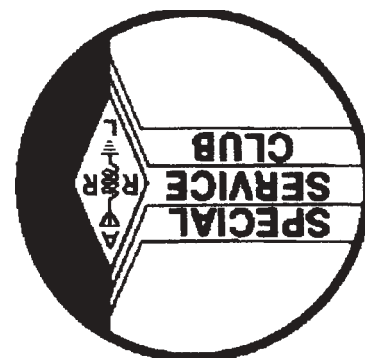
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**Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!**

**\* 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.

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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.