

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

"THE PREZ SEZ"

Looks like fall is coming in faster than we expected. Time to start all those chores we have put off all summer.

The October meeting will be the last time we will be accepting nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These offices are held for a two-year term, and along with the five Board of Directors positions are the driving force behind CFMC. If you are interested in any of these positions, please attend the next general meeting and throw your hat into the ring.

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

73 de Phil N9PA

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NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

The nominations for Officers opened at the September general meeting. The following were nominated at that meeting. Nominations will remain open through the business portion of the October General meeting. Absentee ballots will be ready by the end of November and **ONLY** sent if you request one either by mail or my e-mail address dick6614@aol.com. No phone requests will be accepted. The election will be held at the December general meeting.

PRESIDENT;

WA9EMY JIM SMALL
N9PA PHIL AMATO

VICE PRESIDENT;

KA9HHH BOB SCHIFF
KA9TRG KEN HAVLICK

SECRETARY;

K9FFY DICK HERSH
KC9GXC RANDY BARTOSIEWICZ

TREASURER;

KC9ENZ DENNIS KRAWCZAK

SILENT KEY

We were just informed of the passing of one of our long-time members, Dan Kellum, WD9FUW, passed away on August 6, 2006. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and friends.

FOR FIRST READING AT THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

KC9JZM JERRY MORRIS SR N9PA K9FFY

FOR SECOND READING

W9DMW DON WONDOLKOWSKI K9VO WA9EMY
KC9KAP KELLY McSHANE N9PA K9FFY
K9CDL DANIEL TROLIA KB9AJM N9HIZ

FOR THIRD READING AND VOTE

KC9JTY PAUL EASTER 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 September general meeting;

KC9JVZ PATRICK McDERMOTT
KC9JYB PATRICK SKERRETT
KB9MNN WALTER FORRED
W9YGQ ROGERS PIERCY

TREASURER'S REPORT*September 2006***Income**

Membership Dues	
Regular Dues	\$200.00
Senior and >20 years	\$15.00
Total Membership Dues	\$215.00

Total Income \$215.00

Expense

Meeting - Refreshments	\$11.98
Printing - Application forms	\$7.00
Program Expense - Amateur Awareness	\$79.51
Radio Expo 2006	
Postage - Workers Dinner	\$18.75
Meeting - Deposit - Worker Dinner	\$100.00
Prizes Barrel Rental	\$50.00
Total Radio Expo 2006	\$168.75
Squelch Tale September 2006	
Squelch Tale - Postage	\$46.80
Squelch Tale - Printing	\$49.30
Total Squelch Tale	\$96.10
Telephone	
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073	\$47.75
440 Control-49	\$23.64
Ham Help Line-773	\$22.93
Total Telephone	\$94.32

Total Expense \$457.66

Net Income -\$242.66

Available Capital 9/01/2006 \$14,733.54

Net Income September 2006 -\$242.66

Total Available Funds \$14,490.88

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Schiff KA9HHH

Treasurer

ATTENTION NOMINEES

All nominees to the Board are invited to submit an article to be included in the November issue of Squelch Tale explaining why you should be elected to the Board of Directors. Please try to keep your articles to about one (1) paragraph. Send the article either to my e-mail address or by mail. I cannot accept hand-written information. I MUST have them by the last week end of October to be included in the November issue.

My e-mail address is dick6614@aol.com. If you do not have access to a computer, I have the ability of scanning type-written articles and putting them through an OCR program.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following CFMC members renewed during September;
W9BBB KG9C KA9HHH N9HIN KC9HWK
N9IC N9KTW W9LAZ KA9R KA9RHS
WB9UMK

The following former member chose not to renew;
W9MJS

September 2006 CFMC Foxhunt

There are no details - only the results from the Fox, Tom N9CBA.

1. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis 2. Don W9RA, Paul N9LXF 3 Greg N9SA

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A Special Program at the October CFMC Meeting

The Chicago FM Club is pleased to present a very special program at its October 18 meeting Mr. Jim Mornar, N9TK, amateur radio operator and DX'er extraordinaire, will present a video program highlighting his experiences in traveling to distant and remote areas of the world to provide opportunities for Hams to make rare and distant DX contacts. Specifically, Jim will speak about his recent trip to Swains Island in the South Pacific. The call used was KH8SI and the event created much excitement within the DX community. The program will start with a short video documenting the journey to Swains Island and the operating activity at the station along with the experience of being on the receiving end of a pile up by hundreds of stations calling all at once! For more information about the KH8SI - Swains Island event, please visit the following website:

<http://www.ijnet.or.jp/JA1BK/KH8SI/>

After the video presentation, Jim will discuss the upcoming January DX'pedition to Lakshadweep Island (VU7) in the Indian Ocean - formerly known as the Laccadive Islands . It is perhaps the most highly prized DX contact in the world. 70 amateur operators from all over the world will participate at the Lakshadweep station. Special DX events can take years to organize due to difficulties in securing the proper permissions and licensing from the government officials. Moreover, DX events like this may cost in excess of \$500,000. Jim will explain the planning issues, costs, sponsorships, and difficulties in organizing such a momentous DX event. More information about the VU7 expedition may be found at the following website: <http://www.vu7.in/index.html>

The CFMC invites all interested persons to attend this exciting program. Members, non-members, and non-Hams are cordially invited. Free admission and parking. Light refreshments served.

CFMC meetings are held in the Edgebrook Field House, entrance approximately at 6100 N. Central Avenue in Chicago. Maps and driving instructions are available at:

<http://homepage.mac.com/krawczak/CFMCMaps.html>

All Chicago FM Club meetings begin at 8:00 PM.

Amateur Radio license testing at 7:00 PM.

Program commences immediately after the business meeting.

We hope to see you all on October 18th for a great presentation - Don't miss it!

AUTOPATCH CODES KEEP THEM CONFIDENTIAL

Here are the present Auto-Patch codes. Each time the codes are changed, the new codes will be sent out. The three (3) CFMC Auto-Patch repeaters (2 Meters, 220MHZ North and 440MHZ) all have the same type controllers.

They are all accessed in the following manner:

- 1] Identify your station
(WA9XYZ ACCESSING THE PATCH)

- 2] Enter the proper access code along with the Phone Number.
The Repeater will respond with "AutoPatch".
It will then repeat the phone number you entered.

- 3] If you do not wish the number transmitted over the air, key up the
repeater for a second after "AutoPatch".
This will mute the repeated number.

- 4] After the call is completed, enter the drop code.
The Repeater will say "Call Completed" and hang up the phone line.

- 5] Sign off with the repeater
(WA9XYZ Clear with the WA9ORC Repeater).

- 6] The Emergency number that is included is complete as you see it.
Just enter that code and you will be connected with the Cell *999
Service. Identify yourself as a mobile Amateur and give the operator
the information. They will pass it along to the proper authorities

Access Code -

Drop Code -

Emergency Access Code -

November 2006

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

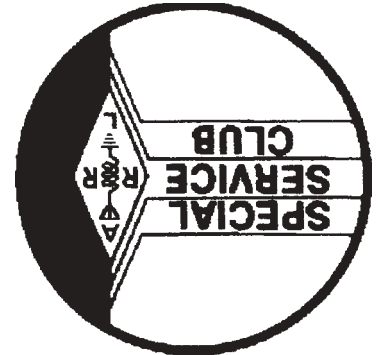
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** TBA = To Be Announce**



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Steve Bosnyak	K9VO
Rick Duel	W9XB

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Howard Goldberg N9KTW

Chairmen

Fox Hunts	WA9FTS
Ham Help	K9FFY
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

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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.