

The Chicago FM Club's
Newsletter

"SQUELCH TALE"

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“THE PREZ SEZ”

Presidents Corner

Well the holidays are over, I hope everyone received what he or she wanted, and new years resolutions, were made for the coming year. It's time to move forward, with the Club activities. I would like to thank all of the members, that came out to vote, and those of you that sent in your absentee ballots. Your Club Board has a large agenda this year, the Ve's have been involved in setting up classes, so it's members, as well as non members can upgrade their license. The Club will also sponsor Field Days, and radio awareness outings. We will have our first picnic, in years for all of our Club members, and their family's. This will be done in order to get acquainted, with our members. We also from time to time, will move meetings to other locations, so we can give more members a good reason to attend our Club meetings, we need input for available locations. With that said, I hope to see all of you at the next meeting.
Best regards, Jim WA9EMY

SILENT KEYS

We were informed of the passing of two of our long-time members.
N9NXJ, Ivan Joseph, passed away during October.
W8EGK, Robert Long passed away on November 9, 2006
Our sympathies go out to their families and friends.

ROSTER

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club is included in this issue. Please take a few seconds to check your listing for errors especially the e-mail address if you have one. If there are changes to be made, please inform the Secretary of the changes. Her e-mail address is rdlight142@aol.com
Thanks.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the January Board meeting will be included in the February issue of Squelch Tale. This will give Melissa, the new secretary, some time to get comfortable with her new position.

December 2006 CFMC Foxhunt by Tony AA9CC

The last fox hunt of the year. The weather was warm for December, 52F and overcast. Light rain in the forecast for later that evening. Found the spot on Goggle maps approximately N42.905851, W-88.053977, a water tower a block north of North ave in Glendale Heights. A gelcell was used to power the mobile radio set to low, 5 watts. Antenna was the J-beam, 10 element Yagi pointed up at 80 degrees to the water tower. 3 of 5 teams had a direction at the Harlem and Cermac start and after the test transmission and were released around 8:15. I could hear traffic noise reflected from the tower, the type with a single support and spherical tank. Underneath, between the sphere and column support is a conical section that I was trying to reflect the beam off, but later evaluation revealed the angle was closer to 35 than 45 so most of the radiation reflected downward and not horizontally. Reflection of the street lights across North ave confirmed this. The best propagation is actually behind the support with the beam at 10 to 15 degrees from vertical. It was quite a while before the first hunters showed. Charlie and Lex stopped at the barricaded dead end and were getting the ground gear out when Greg jogged past. He walked right by me, I was out in the open, but the lighting made it difficult to see. After walking around the base, he saw me and scored for first place. Charlie and Lex ran across to a car parked on the opposite side and returned to place second. It was another long wait before I saw Tom at the dead end. He left, came back, got out of the car, got back in and left. Another 20 minutes went by, Don and Mike gave up and Tom returned on foot at about 9:30, parking a half mile down North ave. Munchies were at Partillios at North and Bloomingdale roads. Mike had the sniffer tuned to last weeks hunt frequency and Paul nearly got a ticket for rolling through stop sign. Don didn't have a good bearing from the start and thus was off course. He has to get out of the minivan to take a bearing. December results: 1 Greg N9SA 2 Charlie and Lex, KB9DIM 3 Tom N9CBA DNF Mike and Paul WA9FTS DNF Don N9RA

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following members renewed during December;

KC9AEW W9BMK KG9CL KA9CRV AB9DD
WA9DTD KZ9DX WD9FOG W9FUF K9GFY
WN9GUC KB9JGY N9LGT W9LUO N9NOQ
N9PQD N9QQK WA9TSI N9UZG N9YOI

TREASURER'S REPORT*December 2006*

Income		
Membership Dues		
Regular Dues		\$350.00
Senior and >20 years		\$220.00
Total Membership Dues		\$570.00
Misc Income (Petty Cash & Auction)		\$43.00
Total Income		\$613.00
Expense		
Meetings		\$11.98
Squelch Tale - December		
Squelch Tale - Postage		\$39.00
Squelch Tale - Printing		\$67.80
Total Squelch Tale		\$106.80
Telephone		
Echo Link		\$103.83
2mtr & 440 Aon - 073		\$49.27
440 Control-49		\$24.46
Ham Help Line-773		\$22.81
Total Telephone		\$200.37
Total Expense		\$319.15
Net Income		\$293.85
Available Capital	12/01/2006	\$14,250.64
Net Income	December 2006	\$293.85
Total Available Funds		
Respectfully submitted:		
Bob Schiff KA9HHH		
Treasurer		

**FOR SECOND READING AT THE
JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

WA0SZO JOHN OLIVER N9PA K9FFY

FOR THIRD READING AND VOTE

WB9UEZ DAN GOLUBA K9VO WA9EMY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Officers election was held at the December general meeting. The results are as follows;

President	Jim Small	WA9EMY
Vice President	Ken Havlick	KA9TRG
Secretary	Melissa Meneely	KB9QWZ
Treasurer	Dennis Krawczak	KC9ENZ

The Outgoing Board wishes the new Board well.

NEW MEMBER

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

KB9TNB

DAVID SORIA

CFMC Regular Meeting - January 17

The next regular meeting of the Chicago FM Club will be Wednesday, January 17, 2007. In addition to the regular business meeting, Tom Stobble KB9AJM has secured a speaker for the evening. Mr. Don Burman, KB9WBM, will present a program on computer based antenna modeling aids. Don will demonstrate how and why he uses the EZNEC antenna modeling program, HAMCALC, and the transmission line program. All Chicago FM Club meetings begin at 8:00 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meetings and parking are free and opened to the general public of all ages.

Amateur Radio license testing at 7:00 PM on January 17. Please note that the newly published examination requirements dropping the Morse code portion of Amateur Radio license testing will not be effective until approximately late January or early February, 2007. Until the changes become official, we will still administer the Morse Code test. We can NOT upgrade those who have passed the written General exam, but have not passed the Code test until the new FCC rules become effective and we receive guidance from the ARRL-VEC.

Please pre-register for Amateur Radio testing by sending an email with your name, callsign, if applicable, test level and date to: Stan Wilk, CFMC VE Coordinator: nk9a@hotmail.com

Important information about testing requirements is at: <http://www.chicagofmclub.org/vectesting1.html>

Meeting site is in the Cook County Forest Preserve District's Edgebrook Field House near the Edgebrook Golf Course located several hundred yards within the Forest Preserve. Entrance drive is located on west side of Central Avenue (approx. 6100 N. Central) just north of the Chicago River - between Elston & Devon Avenues, Chicago. Hard to find, but worth the effort! The Edgebrook Field House is disabled accessible. Ample parking. Maps to the Field House are at: <http://homepage.mac.com/krawczak/CFMCMaps.html>

February 2007

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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Fox Hunts WA9FTS

Ham Help K9FFY

Programs KB9AJM

Radio Expo WA9EMY

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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 or rdlight142@aol.com 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.