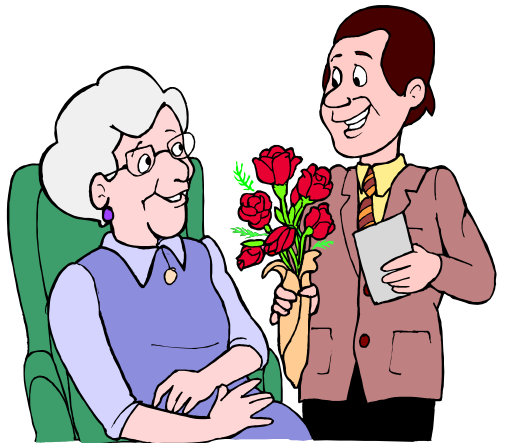




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Presidents Corner

May Brings us together, warmer weather and a chance to get more outside work finished and the club plans to get the new equipment up and running. You can find out at the next Meeting from Don and Steve and Mike how Radio Expo is doing at this time, and what they are planning so as to make this Hamfest successful for a second year, at our new location. I hope that all the members are planning to join us at the Fair Grounds in September, You should be planning to car pool for this event, this will save you from having to pay for all the gas yourself. For those who don't know, this year the CFMC Club will have a joint venture Field Day, and Picnic at the same park at the same time this will be June 28th and 29th. The Field Day will start on the 28th and the Picnic will be on the 29th as requested by the members. Tom Stobble KB9AJM will be the Picnic Chairman it important that if you plan to come to the Picnic, that you get in touch with Tom, either by [email tomstobb@yahoo.com](mailto:tomstobb@yahoo.com) or by calling him at (312) 842-6381. The Picnic is for members and their family's or in the case that you don't have family you can bring a guest, However, You still need to get a hold of Tom, the purchase of food will be based on the replies that he receives PLEASE let us know as soon as possible, or no later than June 15th 2008. This year more than ever we need all the support that we can muster up for our Hamfest. As you know gas prices are hitting an all time high and the money that we take in helps support the clubs needs Please get the word out to your fellow hams, offer to bring them with you, maybe they would like to go but can't afford to drive out to the Fair Grounds. You can also do your part by selling tickets for this once a year event. By the way Steve K9VO tells me that we will for the first time have someone their that will be supplying golf carts, so if walking is not your thing, maybe riding a golf cart is, it should be fun ! I did want to mention that at our last general meeting, many of you had suggestions that you wanted to be on a committee and gave us suggestions as to forming said committee's. I'm always overwhelmed at these meetings, their are many of you that should be thinking about next year, a position in the next election, your ideas may be what the club will need. Every year things change, who would have known how much computers would change our hobby, or in what direction ham radio will go next. This is why we need to keep up with new technology, and keep your in mind while we improve on our clubs communication's. And in closing I would like to thank all the members for their contentious support.



Mothers Day - May 11

Sincerely Jim WA9EMY



Memorial Day - May 26

*April 19th, 2008 - April CFMC Foxhunt
by Mike WA9FTS*

Tony AA9CC was the fox and he provided the four hunt teams with a strong signal. A few minutes after 8 PM the hunters were on their way. All the hunters took 355 south except FTS and LXF - they took 53 south. Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis got off at the end and made their way to Boughton Rd. They drove through a large shopping center and off on foot into a field south. They found Tony and Joan hidden under a camo blanket for the win. A few minutes later Paul and I arrived but it took us another 15 min to find Tony and Joan. The area had several deep (5 ft) gullies and they were on the side of one. They were really well hidden. Tom N9CBA arrived and found Tony about 20 min later with Greg N9SA giving up. Great spot and super coverup with the camo blanket. Then the down side. Tony said he picked Red Robin in the shopping center. We could not find it; it did not exist! Then it was up to the hunters to find a restaurant. After an hour of not agreeing on a spot to eat, Paul and I went home to get some food at my place. The rest of the hunters did the same and went home. This is an example of no matter how well the fox runs the hunt itself, he is still responsible to find an acceptable spot to meet after the hunt.

Results:

1. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis
2. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
3. Tom N9CBA DNF Greg N9SA

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS

Every Saturday morning 8:00 am. that there is a "Meet and Greet Breakfast" at Brandy's Restaurant, conveniently located 4 blocks South of the I-55 Cicero exit at the corner of Archer/Cicero at 52nd Street. It is only a few blocks North of Midway Airport in Chicago. There is Ample Parking, great food. The Restaurant is on the South West Corner. If you have any questions, contact Kelvin, W9BBQ@sbcglobal.net Look under the website, chicagofmclub.org it will tell you how to get to the Restaurant All Hams are welcome!

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The May general meeting will be moved back to the Edgebrook Fieldhouse in the small room which is large enough for our needs. The meeting will start at 7:00pm or thereabouts.

The Chicago F M Club
Minutes for regular Meeting on
Apr 16, 2008 7:00 – 9:00
Oriole Park Library

Directors present:

WA9EMY KA9TRG AG9K KC9LFY W9XB N9TGR
N9CBE K9VO

- 1.) KEN EBATED JIM ABOUT THE IRS & TAXES
KEN SAID A LAWYER TOLD HIM , HE DOESN'T HAVE TO FOLLOW THE BYLAWS KEN ALSO DEBATED JIM ABOUT THE SECRET BOARD MEETING. JIM TOLD KEN STEVE SETUP UP THE MEETING KEN SAID JIM DIDN'T TURN IN THE TAX INFO TO MARTIN. JIM SAID HE GAVE THE INFO TO MIKE & MIKE SAID HE GAVE THEM TO MARTIN. STEVE SAID IT WAS AN EMERGENCY MEETING. STEVE SAID THE CLUB PAID FOR THE MEALS STEVE SAID THEY VOTED IN MIKE FOR TREASUER. KEN SAID THE CLUB SHOULD FIND A NEW VICE-PRESIDENT
- 2.) LOU STATED HIS POSITION & RESPOSIBILTIES AS SECRETARY.
- 3.) LOU ALSO EXPRESSED THAT WE MUST FOLLOW THE BY-LAWS EVEN IF WE DON'T AGREE WITH THEM-CHANGE THEM WERE NEEDED.
- 4.) LOU TOLD THE MEMBERSHIP HE IS MISSING 25 YEARS OF RECORDS.
- 4.) MEMBERS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN WITH THE DESENTION IN THE CLU
- 4.) TECHINICAL AND FIELD DAY COMITTEES FORMED
- 5.) CRYSTALS HAVE TO BE PURCHASED 10M & 6m
- 6.) HOWARD SAID THERE ARE 6 REQUESTS AHEAD OF US FOR FREQUECIES

1st Reading – KC9MLN- DOUGLAS ANOMAN

1st Reading – Kevin Morango – KC9JKK

2nd reading – KC9HRC DAVID LAWRENCE

2nd reading WB9EXL-RONALD PETERS-SCOTTSDALE, AZ

2nd reading Norm Malina –K9NJM

2nd Reading K9NJM-Norm

Lou KC9LFY

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following members renewed during April;

K9VO W9HVV KB9JHK KA9MAC N9ZON W9KMP
KG9CL N9LEN WB9QZB N9BEN K9TP N9VKY
KC9JKK KC9MLN

RADIO LAW: APPEALS COURT SIDES WITH ARRL IN BPL ISSUE

In case you have not yet heard the news, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has sided with the ARRL in its Petition for Review of the FCC's Orders adopting rules governing Broadband over Powerline or BPL systems. The Court agreed with the ARRL on two major points and remanded the rules to the Commission.

Writing for the three-member panel were Circuit Judges Rogers, Tatel and Kavanaugh, Judge Rogers summarized their position by saying that the Commission failed to satisfy the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act by redacting studies on which it relied in promulgating the rule. Also that it failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its choice of the extrapolation factor for measuring Access BPL emissions. The term redacting means to edit or make changes to.

The Court was not persuaded by the ARRL's arguments on two other points, on which it found that the Commission had acted within its discretion. But the two key points on which the League has won force the FCC to either look again at their rules for the implementation of Access B-P-L or take this court decision into appeal. (ARRL)

RADIO LAW: FCC TO PRE ANNOUNCE MEETING VOTE AGENDA

The FCC will begin posting topics to be voted on at its monthly open meeting three weeks in advance. The Communications Act mandates that the commission meet at least monthly. Up until now, the agency has been issuing a notice of its agenda one week before a monthly meeting. The FCC said it would still issue that notice and now also list items slated for a vote on its Web site.

Some commissioners and industry observers had complained of a murky voting process, and a congressional committee has begun a review of the FCC's processes. According to Chairman Kevin Martin, the idea is to make the agency's processes more visible. (RW)

RADIO LAW: FCC SAYS NO TO COMMERCIAL HAM FREQ USE REQUEST

The FCC has told Utah-based Miller Motorsports Park that it cannot use frequencies in the 70 centimeter ham band for business purposes. Miller had requested the use of frequencies in the 448 MHz ham band at 4 watts output. This, for use by

100 mobile for a race event scheduled for May 26th to June 1st. The application by Miller said that the radios would be used for security, medical and maintenance for the entire event. It claimed that this communications network was vital to the life and safety of the spectators and drivers of this race. It even went so far as to imply that the National Telecommunications and Information Agency had approved the use of these 448 MHz channels.

But on Thursday, April 24, ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, filed an Informal Objection with the FCC regarding a pending application. One day after filing the objection, the FCC agreed with the ARRL, saying that due to the possibility of interference to Amateur operators and also the race teams utilizing the proposed frequencies, it felt that it was not in the public interest to grant the Miller Motorsports Park's request. The FCC also advised Miller Motorsports that if it wished to pursue other frequencies, that it should coordinate with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the American Radio Relay League. (QRZ.com, ARRL, others)

HAM RADIO ON THE WEB: WWW.NH7C.COM OFFERING FREE HAM CLASSIFIEDS

Two weeks ago the ARRL announced that it was dropping its ham radio classified ads from its website. Now, comes the Amateur Radio Social Network that says it welcomes those wanting to post such ads on its NH7C.com cyberspace home.

The Amateur Radio Social Network says that it created NH7C.com with the user in mind and sports many of the latest features available. The latest addition is classified ads that are free as is membership in the group itself. But NH7C.com is not the only site looking for your classified ads. Another is hamads.com also known as www dot qth dot com. That site has been offering free ham radio related classified ads for several years. (KC5FM)

HAM BUSINESS: N5WEB BUYS FORCE 12 ANTENNAS

Mark Hooper, N5WEB is the new owner of Force 12, Inc. antennas and towers. He will be manufacturing the product line in Bridgeport, Texas which is located near the Dallas Fort Worth area.

Introducing himself on the Force 12 website, Hooper says that he built his first radio from a schematic at the age of 10. He received his Novice license and built his own transmitter at

the age of 15. Hooper says that it was these interests that ultimately led him to a career in electronics as an engineer, much of it supporting manufacturing operations for both large and small companies.

Hooper says that he is looking forward to using his expertise and 20 plus years experience in manufacturing to build the best antenna products on the market. He says that he and his staff look forward to hearing from you.

That it is their goal to provide excellent customer service and support for your antenna needs in the coming years.

Hooper says to call or e mail and let us know how we can best be of service. Contact information is on the Force 12 website at /www.force12inc.com (Force 12 Release)

THE SOCIAL SCENE: DARC RETURNING TO DAYTON

After several years of absence the Germany's national ham radio society, the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club will again be at the Dayton Hamvention.

Better known world-wide simply as the DARC, the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club will be represented at Hamvention by Joerg Jaehrig, DJ3HW, who is its IARU Liaison Officer. Also on hand to answer questions regarding ham radio in Germany will be Dennis Haertig, DL7RBI, who is the D-A-R-C Secretary of International Affairs. The two will be bringing with them a 15 minute video presentation titled "60 years of WAE Award" that will be presented in the ARRL sponsored movie room.

Information on the participation in Hamvention by the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club in German can be found online at www.darc.de. More on what's planned for this years Dayton gathering is on line at the Hamvention website. Its in cyberspace at www.hamvention.org (DARC)

GET READY FOR THE 2008 HURRICANE SEASON

It's that time of year when preparation for the hurricane season ratchets up — earlier this month, Orlando, Florida hosted the 30th annual National Hurricane Conference, and state and county Emergency Management Agencies are currently checking plans and assets for the upcoming season. Rick Palm, K1CE, editor of the ARRL's ARES E-Letter, said, "Now is the time for ARES members to assess their portfolio of communications equipment and disaster response knowledge." Hurricane season runs June 1- November 30.

Palm gives several tips for amateurs involved with hurricane operations:

* Monitor major HF hurricane networks during events this season. The Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325 MHz, is one of several key players. It serves either the Atlantic or Pacific

during a watch or warning period and coordinates with the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami. Frequent, detailed information is issued on nets when storms pose a threat to the US mainland. In addition to hurricane spotting, local communicators may announce that residents have evacuated from low-lying flood areas. Other amateurs across the country can help by relaying information, keeping the net frequency clear and by listening. See the Hurricane Watch Net's Web site for more information. The net works closely with the hams at the NHC's Amateur Radio station WX4NHC

* The SATERN Net (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) provides emergency communication support to the Salvation Army and populations at large. They also handle health-and-welfare traffic. SATERN holds high profile nets on 20 meters (14.265 MHz) during major hurricanes and has a long history of excellence, discipline and service. Refer to the SATERN Web site for more information.

* The Maritime Mobile Service Net (MMSN) meets on 14.300 MHz and is composed of hams who serve and assist those in need of communications on the high seas. According to its Web site, the primary purpose of the net is for handling traffic from maritime mobile stations. The network is recognized by the United States Coast Guard and has an excellent working relationship with that agency. The MMSN has handled hundreds of incidents involving vessels in distress and medical emergencies in remote locations, as well as passing health and welfare traffic in and out of affected areas. They also work closely with the NWS and NHC by relaying weather reports from maritime stations.

* The VoIP SKYWARN and Hurricane Net operates by combining both the EchoLink and IRLP linked repeater networks, while handling critical wide area communications during major severe weather and tropical events.

These operations have gained national stature in recent years and provide excellent service. Whenever tropical weather is imposing a threat to the US mainland and certain other areas of interest, the VoIPWX-NET will be fully operational. See the VoIP SKYWARN and Hurricane Net Web site for more information.

Palm said that during hurricane events, there are usually two or threeregional nets (usually on 40 or 20 meters) that spring to prominence as major key assets to the disaster response on an ad hoc basis. "Watch for these nets, as well as the nationally recognized networks described above, this season. Don't transmit on their frequencies unless you are absolutely sure you have something substantive to add, and then only under the direction of the net control station," Palm advised.

If you are interested in Emergency Communications, please be sure to check out the monthly ARES E-Letter. You can elect to receive this newsletter via e-mail by going to the Member Data Page on the ARRL Web site.

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What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

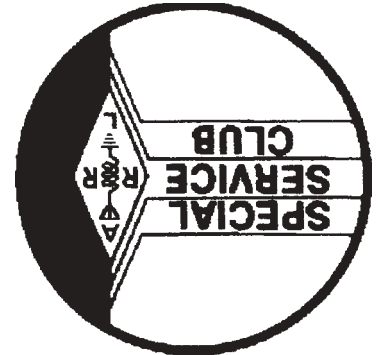
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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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.

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 1200 feet. The eight receiver sites are located in Chicago, Park Ridge, Worth, Waukegan, Barrington, Downers Grove, Lake Calumet and Joliet. Short QSO's are encouraged during morning and evening rush hours. AutoPatch is available to members in good standing. Echolink is available to All. Write for details and access codes. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.

222.50/224.10MHZ Carrier Access

On site located of the Chicago Loop. 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. EchoLink is available to All Breakers should be allowed immediate access.