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Presidents Corner

Well it looks like we will have a SQ. Dick is back, and resuming his position of doing the Squelch Tail. Tnx Dick for doing this, we know that this is your goal in life, personally I could think of other things that I would rather do but that's just me. I did miss the last meeting so without any input I can only guess that programs that we have coming up are still on track. Gas prices are soaring and our members may not want to come to the meetings, we will try to keep you informed on the web pages, as well as on the Tuesday night Net as best as we can. We also have a hot line that you may call, or you can just drop me an email at wa9emy@arrl.net and I will respond as quickly as possible. You know I would like to take a moment to say everyone doesn't own a computer, and if any is think of replacing theirs with a new one maybe you could donate it to one of our members that doesn't have one. I do have some memory sticks that I could donate myself. Field day is just a little over a month away and Ken(KA9TRG) has secured us a site, I would also like to thank Phil (N9PA) for calling me to let me know it was available (same site) and if we would like to have it, he would let his

Brother know and he could secure it. So my Tnx goes out to both of you for taking the initiative, to secure a Field Day site. We will also hold our yearly Picnic at the same time, so if you and the family are thinking of coming you need to let us know so we will have enough food for all. I think but I'm not 100% sure if Tom (KB9AJM) will be the Chair Person for this event. Stay tuned and we will confirm this, and let you know. Well as always I would like to thank all the members of this Club for their support, and trust in making the CFMC Club the Number one Repeater to be affiliated with
Sincerely Jim WA9EMY President



***CFMC Special Board Meeting April 2nd, 2008
Location: Sauganash Restaurant***

Present: KA9TRG, N9TGR, N9KTW, K9VO, N9CBE, WA9FTS, W9DMW, W9XB, Martin Boyd.

Ken KA9TRG introduced Martin and a discussion of financial information. Martin said he need all the info to complete the club's income tax report. Martin called Jim WA9EMY Tuesday on CD roll-over info. Steve K9VO expressed concern that the working account did not have sufficient funds to meet the club's obligations before Expo. Martin said we needed to submit the tax report by April 15th. Andy N9TGR agreed that we need to stagger our CDs so we can have access to the money throughout the year. Ken K99TRG said we should strive to get the best rates available for our CDs. Don W9DMW said he needed to take a trip to the fairgrounds and discuss topics with George. He said we may need up to 10K in our account if we hope to put on wrestling and a pig roast at the fest. Steve K9VO discussed specifics of the wrestling show and how we can advertise to people who will come out for it. Steve emphasized that these events are designed to make money for the club. Don W9DMW also added that we should think about programs for the Ladies and kids such as a low-up activity center. Mike WA9FTS said that we should look at the finance records and see what the cash flow looks like before worrying about if we do not have enough money. Don W9DMW said that at Expo, access to the ticket booth will be severely limited to only a few people and that to control gate tickets a person will be assigned to sign them out to authorized persons only. Money from sold tickets will be accounted. Rick W9XB made a motion that Mike WA9FTS be appointed to complete the term of Treasurer seconded by Lynne N9CBE. The vote was unanimous of the Board members present. Martin again emphasized that we need CD info (amount, maturity date and penalties of funds removed). Several members mentioned the closed nature of this meeting. Ken KA9TRG said this was something we will do only irregularly. Steve K9VO said that several Officers did not appear without sufficient reason and this may cause problems in the future, Howard N9KTW said that non-board members can go through Board members with topics and be heard. Steve K9VO underlined the main reasons for this meeting â€ settle the lack of Treasurer and repeat the need to have all financial records available for the income tax report. Don W9DMW said that the meeting ran well with the presence of Ken KA9TRG.

Don W9DMW asked why we got into this problem. Mike WA9FTS surmised that possibly the problem was that people accepted positions they were not comfortable with and also people with little or no experience and knowledge of ham and (or) club history. Don W9DMW said that W9XA is willing to give a D-Star presentation at Expo. Rick W9XB made a motion that the wrestling event and pig roast be investigated and to empower the Expo chairman to arrange for such events if they benefit the club. Lynne N9CBE and Ken KA9TRG both seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously carried. Ken KA9TRG said Field Day will be at the River Grove park where previous field days were held. The application form was given to Don W9DMW to fill out and have his brother sign as he is a resident. Steve K9VO told Rick W9XB to accept the D-Star system after the meeting as it was in his van. Ken KA9TRG made a motion the end the meeting. It was seconded by Mike WA9FTS and voted unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting ended at 8:52 PM.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following members renewed during February;

KA9CSO WD9DZV N9FHD WD9GTI KB9ITP
KD9MF NF9N N9OS KB9RTP W9HDD KB9JIO
W9CHI KD8ANJ KB9EPL N9PNZ KC9KSH

The following members renewed during March;

NK9A WA9CNJ KB9DK KA9GUC N9HVQ
KB9QBQ K9SX W9WOC KC9AVM W9XB AB9EI
W9YGQ W9HNV KC9KXG K9JPX

***March 15th, 2008 - March CFMC Foxhunt
by Tom N9CBA***

Despite higher expectations, the fox did one of those parked-in-the-car hunts. The location was the southwest corner of routes 56 and 83 in the parking lot of the Hilton. The antenna was a low horizontal mag-mount in the shadow of the tall high-rise to the southeast of the hiding spot. The antenna was fed by a radio in its 5-watt setting. The munch was at Portillo's on Rt 83 north of St. Charles Road.

1. Tony AA9CC 8:39
2. Greg N9SA 8:40
3. Don W9RA 8:49.

*The Chicago F M Club
Minutes for regular Meeting on*

MAR 19, 2008 7:00 – 9:00 Oriole Park Library

Directors present:

WA9EMY KA9TRG AG9K KC9LFY W9XB
N9TGR KB9AJM N9CBE K9VO W9DMW

- 1.) DARREN RESIGNED AS TREASUER. EFFECTIVE THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING
- 2.) THE MEMBERS THAT WERE POLLED ,AT THE MEETING, WANT TO GO BACK TO EDGEBROOK AFTER IT IS REMODELED.
- 3.) RICK TO CKECK ON AVAILABILTY OF A SITE FOR FIELD DAY
- 3.) RICK SENT FREQUECY PAPERWORK TO HOWARD
- 4.) RICK WANTS A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
- 5.) STEVE IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO BUY CFMC BADGES
- 6.) STEVE SAID D-STAR IS BEING SHIPPED.
- 7.) TOM TALKED ABOUT BUNKER HILL(\$110) RICK
- 10). RICK & STEVE TO TALK TO LUTHERAN GENERAL ABOUT THE 10M ANTENNAS.
- 11). TOM SAID JULIUS ASKED TO HAVE THE GENERAL MEETING AT SOUTH SIDE LOCATION.
- 12). RICK TO GO TO IRC MEETING
- 13.) VOTED IN - W9AQ ROBERT FAERBER
First reading – KC9HRC DAVID LAWRENCE
1st reading WB9EXL-RONALD PETERS-
SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Lou KC9LFY

VEC TESTING

The Mac club holds its meetings at the lincolnwood community center at 7:30 pm every first tuesday of the month. The meeting is held at the Lincolnwood community center , 4170 Morse just off of Lincoln avenue in lincolnwood. .. We had our first Ve test session on the 5th of February and it seemed to work out well with one applicant taking the tech test and passing. subsequent test dates in March and April have been drawing larger crowds on the order of three or four. . As the CFMC has done, the Mac offers a free one year membership to passing Techs. .. The MAC club has offered its room for a one year trial period to my Ve team . So I will take the opportunity to test there as I am able . We start testing at 7pm. just before the Mac

meetings and of course any prospective applicant is welcome .. Please contact me Stan Wilk at nk9a@arrl.net or nk9a@hotmail.com to let me know you plan to attend one of our test sessions. the arrl test fee is still fourteen dollars and two forms of id (one picture) is still needed to test. .. if you are a member of our Ve team this is where We have landed. If you would like to become a ve team member , (any ham general class and above who readsthe VE manual supplied on line from Arrl website and takes an open book test for ve , can become accredited) You are welcome to come and help test .If the wednesday schedule isnt convenient , There are plans in the works for CFMC to start another VE team apparently with ARRL. accredited VE's.contact Lou the CFMC secratary for more info on the cfmc project. So if you are an extra , please consider getting accredited and helping one or the other Ve team out . Generals listen up !! Our european allies have raised the stakes in reciprocal licensing! The European union now requires an Extra ticket to easily operate on european soil.. general and Below wont do ... So may I suggest that a bit of summer reading of the NEW Extra study guide , due to be published some time after June would be a GOOD thing... So there you are!! two darn good reasons to be an Extra .. helping out the Ham community by being able to offer All the tests AND sticking it to some Snooty euros ear... I want to thank the CFMC for its past support of our testing endeavors and look forward to serving all the amateur radio community . Given the circumstances surrounding CFMC's current meeting locations and in order to provide testing here in Chicago, I am taking these steps to maintain the ve team and testing opportunities . best regards . Stan Wilk NK9A .

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April meeting will be on April 16th at 7 PM. The location is the Oriole Park Library at Olcott and Balmoral Ave. The future location of CFMC meetings was brought up at the March

meeting and the pluses and negatives for several locations. The vast majority of those present chose the Edgebrook Field House. We shall now have to find out when it is available. I will make trips there every few weeks to check on the work and find out from Eloise when we can get back. he roof should be done and they are working on the kitchen area. Maybe next week I will pay another visit and update everyone.

Mike WA9FTS

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 -

May 2008

What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

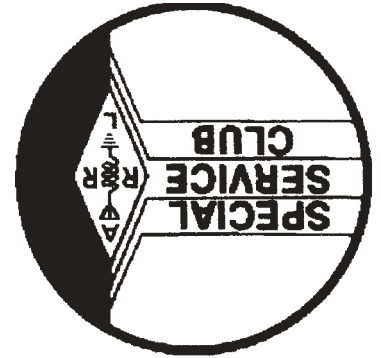
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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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 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.