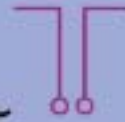


# SQUELCH TALE



Chicago FM Club

Volume  
2009  
Number 8  
August



Grounds Open from  
Friday at noon  
Flea Market open - 6 AM  
Exhibit Buildings open  
8 AM to 4 PM Sat  
8 AM to 3 PM Sun

The Chicago FM Club presents

## RADIO EXPO 2009



September  
12th & 13th  
BOONE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
US Rts 20 & IL 76  
Belvidere IL



Radios | Computers | Electronics for everyone!

Newest amateur equipment from major manufacturers  
Computer hardware and software by leading distributors  
2 large buildings (over 17,600 sq ft) available for indoor flea market tables  
Large areas for outdoor flea marketing conveniently located around the fairgrounds  
Advanced tickets \$8 - At the Gate \$10- Good both days - Kids under 12 free  
**FREE PARKING** - Outdoor elect hookups available - VEC testing both days  
On grounds Breakfast, lunch and dinner (Sat) available  
Campground Camping - Water-Electric \$30.00 each day - No Waste Service  
Talk-in on the CFMC repeater 146.76 - (107.2 Hz PL) / WX9MCS 147.255 + (114.8 Hz PL) / 444.725 + (107.2 Hz PL) echolinked to 146.76  
Questions ??? Call Radio Expo 708.457.0966  
or visit our web site at <http://www.chicagofmclub.org>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Table Reservations for both buildings-\$20.00 per table (8ft long) - good both days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Building assignment at discretion of CFMC / Do not mail table/ticket requests after Sep 1, 2009

Advanced sale tickets - \$8.00 - REQUIRED with tables - good both days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Electric - inside - \$10.00 both days \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Outside electric - \$10.00 good for entire event \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total ..... = \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to: CHICAGO FM CLUB & send to: 5127 N. Monterey Dr. Norridge IL 60706-3245  
Remember to send a #10 (4 in by 9.5 in) self-addressed stamped envelope with your request.

***PRESIDENTS CORNER***

Aug. is here. RADIO EXPO is 4 weeks away Sept.12th & 13th. We still need VOLUNTEERS. Call Steve K9VO. Its always the same people that do all the WORK. They need to be relieved to see the ham fast. We are asking for 1 hour so. To sell tickets at the gate , This is the clubs big money maker. It pays for the equipment and other expenses. This helps to hold down the cost of membership dues. We lost money on last years EXPO due to the bad weather. Its your club! It is up to you to help make it a success! Come to the meetings and hear what is going on instead of complaining on the air. See you all at the next meeting, Wed. Aug. 19th 8pm  
**KEN KA9TRG**

***PRINT VERSION OF SQUELCH TALE***

If you received the print version of the newsletter and you have an e-mail on file with the Club, there is something wrong with your e-mail address. When I get a notice that the newsletter cannot be delivered via e-mail for whatever reason, I send out Squelch Tale by regular mail.

**The August CFMC Meeting - Edgebrook Field House  
Wednesday Aug 19th - 8 PM**

NEWS FLASH!!! Wednesday Aug 19th Come on out for a D- Star Presentation given by WB9QZB Mark Thompson.

Also , HOT DOG'S, NACHOS & Refreshments will be served. Come out, have some FUN ,help support the club & get your RADIO EXPO tickets in Advance for the 12th & 13th of Sept 2009.

Meeting will begin at 8 pm, the presentation will follow. Please RSVP to k9v0@arrl.net no later than Aug 16th so we can have enough food, TNX N9CBE, Lynne.

***SILENT KEYS***

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Art Housholder, K9TRG. Ada, his XYL, said he passed at approximately 4AM Tuesday July 7. Art was one of the Chicago FM Clubs founding fathers and was the driving force to get Radio Expo off the ground many years ago. His advice concerning the Club will be sorely missed.

We also have to report on the passing of Kent Anderson, W9FUF,. Kent passed away Wednesday July 15. Our sympathies go out to both their families and friends.

Not a Club member but---  
 Long time Novice Class amateur radio operator. **Walter Cronkite KB2GSD** passed away this afternoon. Cronkite, who personified television journalism for more than a generation as anchor and managing editor of the "CBS Evening News," has died. CBS vice president Linda Mason says Cronkite died at 7:42 p.m. Friday with his family by his side at his home in New York after a long illness. He was 92.

**CFMC 2M Foxhunt - July 18th, 2009**

by Mike WA9FTS

Charlie KB9DIM and Alexis N9VRA hid for me due to mechanical problems with Charlie's hunting vehicle. It has since been fixed. Charlie got the hunters off to a good start with a strong signal to the north. He was running 35 w to a 5/8 j-pole up 20 ft. Most of the hunters took I-355 north and then east. Charlie was hiding in a wooded area in Wheeling off Wolf Rd and Willow Rd near a number of homes. Willow Rd is a small road in this area and only goes west and there is a "hook" before it goes south to Camp McDonald Rd. Paul and I made the mistake of getting out at the bike trail under high voltage power lines. The interference kept us going around in circles. Tony AA9CC and Tom N9CBA went to the hook and were closer to Charlie. He was louder and they tracked him down right away as we did when we went north a hundred feet.

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan
2. Tom N9CBA
3. Mike WA9FTS, Paul, N9LXF

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***CFMC Meeting Minutes 07/15/09***  
***EdgeBrook Field House***

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

**Attendance:**

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9LRZ, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, N9KTW, KB9YEK, N9VKY, KB9AJM, N9PA, KE9SJ, KC9PQY, N9HIN, WA9KTZ and KC9QCY.

Meeting called to order at 8:03pm.

Minutes for the last months meeting were approved. Ken KA9TRG motioned and Tom KB9AJM 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasurers report:**

Mike WA9FTS announced the balance of WAMU \$2037.12 and National City \$1000.00. Also he has located a good savings rate and funds are now in a liquid able account.

**Old Business:**

Tina KC9CMO asked Joe WA9KOD if he wrote and gave the ad to form the comities to Dick and he said no but should do so by next meeting. She also asked

Mike WA9FTS if he had received anything regarding the tax exempt status and he said not yet. Then she asked Tom KB9AJM if he has called Howard N9KTW to test the Echo link yet he said no and then Howard said there is no need now as he found the problem was a broken solder and it has been fixed. Howard also stated the Waukegan site needs feed line and an antenna. Tina also asked Tom about the 50/50 money and if it has been turned into mike and he said no forgot so will do it asap. Tom KB9AJM stated when he spoke with Rick W9XB he said that Worth, Downers Grove and Barrington are still down. Ken KA9TRG Said that DSTAR is down and suggested doing a split on 6 meters instead of cavities. Steve K9VO said the cavities are being worked on but they can split 6 temporarily. Howard N9KTW made it clear that the DSTAR server is just fine and it is probably the settings and only Rick can go to the site and fix that as a laptop is necessary. He then suggested moving the 440 machine to the Eugenie site. Ken KA9TRG said that Ron WB9EXL will check the antennas first and that there is good news as the rental of the AON space is a done deal. Len N9LEN brought up field day suggestions and Joe WA9KOD motioned this subject be tabled till after EXPO and Bill KB9YEK 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

**New Business:**

Ken KA9TRG said he would love to see an upcoming event section in the squelch tale and already has an ad in mind. Mike WA9FTS said that's a great idea and has actually done that himself for other club papers. Joe WA9KOD motioned this subject be tabled for the next board meeting Bill KB9YEK 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

**Expo:**

Mike WA9FTS said that many of the vendors will be there Saturday and not Sunday and only a couple has paid. He also asked if anyone would be interested in seminars and Howard N9KTW said to contact Mark WB9QZB Mike replied he would.

Phil N9PA motioned the meeting adjourned at 8:57pm and Bill KB9YEK 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CFMC Meeting Minutes 07/22/09**  
**5127 Monterey**

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

**Attendance:**

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO,  
 KC9CMO, KB9SAR, N9KTW, KB9AJM,  
 and W9XB.

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.

**Tech Business:**

Rick W9XB stated DSTART is working and users must be registered to get into the system. Ron WB9EXL will be registering users and pointed out you also must have a DSTAR radio to be registered. Ken asked about the issues with the receive sites and Rick stated when replacing the transmitters they didn't reset the audio to be in sync. Barrington will be looked at Saturday and Waukegan needs an antenna. Rick W9XB motioned to purchase two Yagi antennas to fix the sites with a \$300 max budget. Mike WA9FTS 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Rick said he should have it all done by next meeting. He also added Worth is working fine and Downers Grove needs a transmitter which he is checking into. Steve K9VO brought up the 6 meter antenna and Rick W9XB will investigate the pricing. Steve then motioned the purchase of the antenna with a \$600 max budget. Lynne N9CBE 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Steve also stated they will temporarily split 10 meters so there is no need to purchase the duplexers for now. Rick W9XB said he has the necessary receivers to do so for 10 meters and will update us by next meeting. Tina KC9CMO asked about the grant research and Steve said the process is a pain so far but will keep plugging away.

**Expo:**

Mike WA9FTS said we have had two new exhibitors Dc Ace and Batteries of America and he will go to more ham fests to try for more. Steve K9VO requested Mike send the list of no shows to Bob KB9SAR and Mike said he will give it to him tonight. Steve also requested Mike e-mail Don W9DMW about the gifts and food vendors and Mike said he will do. Lynne N9CBE motioned EXPO grand prizes to be the same as last year at 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100. Tom KB9AJM 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

**Old Business:**

Tom KB9AJM brought the 50/50 money \$602 and gave it to Mike WA9FTS to put into a separate line item for that purpose. Tina KC9CMO brought up the Up and Coming Events section for Squelch Tale and volunteered to review and submit it monthly. Tom KB9AJM motioned for Tina to do so and for the section to be a priority over QST items. Steve K9VO 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Ken KA9TRG said he will let Dick know and all Up and Coming Events articles are to be e-mailed to [t.odrowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.odrowski@sbcglobal.net). Tina also mentioned the Yahoo group issue Rick W9XB motioned not to have one under CFMC's name, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

Ken KA9TRG motioned to close the meeting at 9:48pm and Tom KB9AJM 2<sup>nd</sup>

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**TREASURERS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2009**

WAMU - \$2992.31

NC - \$1000.00

Mike WA9FTS

# September 2009

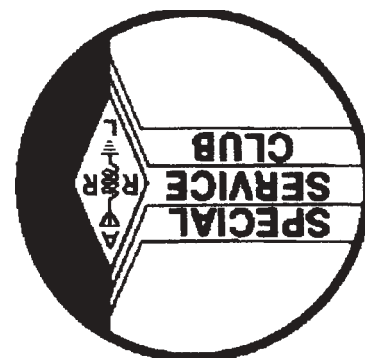
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On site located of the Chicago Loop. Breakers should be allowed immediate access.

**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)**

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