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Presidents Corner

December is the busiest month of the year with planning of the holidays and celebrations, buying gifts. Don't forget Wed. Dec.16th our meeting to VOTE for board members. see you at the meeting.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

Ken KA9TRG



CFMC Meeting Minutes 10/21/09
Edge Brook Field House

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, N9KTW, KB9AJM, W9XB, WB9QZB, AB9OP, WA9AYQ, KC9LRZ, KB9OOR, KC9PGJ, K9XOK, KC9PQY, N9VKY, K9OG, KC9JXJ, W9GFH, K9MF, NK9A, WA9EMY, N9PA, WD9DZV, W9KMP, KF9MY, WA9KXZ, N9HKN, W9SWW AND NE2AR

Meeting called to order at 8:15pm.

Minutes for the last months meeting were approved. Ken KA9TRG motioned Elton WA9AYQ 1st and George W9GFH 2nd.

1st Readings:

KC9QJV Chad Cannon and N9ZRZ Ken Kantner

2nd Readings:

N9JRB William Downie, N9CC Constantin Coro and KB9PN Tom Damiano

3rd Readings:

AB9SZ Theodore Lester and W9RFS Robert Schweppe, Mike motioned that they are voted in as members, George W9GFH 1st and Tom K9MF 2nd and all agreed. Congrats to all!!

Treasurers report:

Mike WA9FTS announced the balance of WAMU Approximately \$6407.82 and National City \$1000.00.

Old Business:

Rick W9XB said 440 per the members is still having issues and will re-check it within two weeks.

New Business:

Ken KA9TRG updated the members on the board discussions regarding EXPO 2010. Jim WA9EMY suggested we hold the fest in DuPage and Mike WA9FTS advised him the contract at the fairgrounds has already been signed. Jim then suggested a mini fest at the DuPage site some said it was a good idea but no motions were made. Jim then brought up EXPO 2010 ticket prices, many of the members including: Stan NK9A, Lynne N9CBE & Mark AB9OP gave their input as to why they should stay the same. George W9GFH stated we were on the higher end of most. Tina KC9CMO asked the member crowd for any one to raise their hand if they would not attend at the \$8 & \$10 prices and no one raised their hand. Jim also advised the board that they should advertise the EXPO as quickly as possible and preferably immediately after Jan 1st 2010.

Running for Board of Directors:

Ken KA9TRG announced that at the 9/28/09 board meeting all of the current board members: Lynne N9CBE, Steve K9VO, Joe WA9KOD, Tom KB9AJM and Rick W9XB are running and have accepted and that Rick W9XB nominated Bob KB9SAR who accepted. Ken then opened the floor to nominations: Stan NK9A nominated Marc AB9OP and he accepted. Tim WA9DZV nominated Elton WA9AYQ and he accepted. Howard N9KTW motioned to approve the nominations and acceptances and to close the nominations for October 2009. George W9GFH 1st, Jim WA9EMY 2nd.

Jim WA9EMY motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm, Stan NK9A 2nd.

50/50 – Ken KA9TRG won \$17. Way to go!

CFMC Meeting Minutes 11/18/09
Edge Brook Field House

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, N9KTW, KB9AJM, WB9QZB, AB9OP, WA9AYQ, KC9LRZ, KC9PGJ, K9XOK, KC9PQP, N9VKY, W9GFH, NK9A, WD9DZV, W9KMP, KB9YEK, WD9GEN, KB9JIL, W9DMW, N9TGR, W9AJJ, K9OB, KB9JVQ, W9WKR, N9CC AND K0KVK

Meeting called to order at 9:05pm.

Minutes for the last months meeting were approved. Howard N9KTW 1st and Elton WA9AYQ 2nd.

2nd Readings:

KC9QJV Chad Cannon and N9ZRZ Ken Kantner

3rd Readings:

N9JRB William Downie, N9CC Constantin Coro and KB9PN Tom Damiano, George W9GFH 1st and Marc AB9OP 2nd and they were voted in as members, all agreed.

Congrats to all!!

Treasurers report:

Tina KC9CMO announced for Mike WA9FTS of Chase \$4152.39 and National City \$1000.00. Marc AB9OP 1st as an abbreviated treasurer report and Elton WA9AYQ 2nd.

Tech report:

Don W9DMW stated the 10 meter antenna is up and the hard line will be up soon and then we will await Rick on the rest. Thanks to Bob KB9SAR for helping them out. The 6 meter duplexers are done. 440 duplexers are now shot and need to purchase new ones. Ken KA9TRG said DSTAR is being worked on again and still not at full capacity yet and the lobes in the antenna are a problem.

Old Business:

Ken KA9TRG again announced and introduced the members running for the board. Stan NK9A stated we need a list of people willing to help the Tech team so Tina KC9CMO took all the names and numbers of the members volunteering and will e-mail a list to Steve, Rick and Don.

New Business:

John KB9JVQ suggested we have another meeting like the one in March 2009 at Brandy's preferably in April 2010. Ken said it will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Elton WA9AYQ motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm, Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

50/50 – George W9GFH won \$22. YEA!!

CFMC Foxhunt for November 2009

We agreed to redo the hunt from last month. We had a phone call from Tom and a text message from Charlie that afternoon urging us toward sensibility and restrain our hiding ambitions. We did so by hiding in a thicket just 100 feet south of the indicated position on Google maps and not in the cavernous ravine 1/4 mile south in the deep woods. The ravine can be made out in the Google terrain feature. The area is a nature preserve posted with no exclusionary signage and has hiking trails. We hiked the rock strewn ravine that afternoon, hoping to find arrow heads, fossils and gold nuggets, but instead found some washed out and over tuned vintage 1940's cars that had been pushed down the intractable 100 plus foot slope decades ago.

Results:

1 KB9DIM and N9VRA 2 N9CBA 3 N9LXF

Fox: AA9CC and KC9QQY

December Treasurers Report

This includes the cost of the Expo Workers Dinner - \$1390.10 and the extra Professional Liability Insurance of \$900.00.

CLUB ROSTER

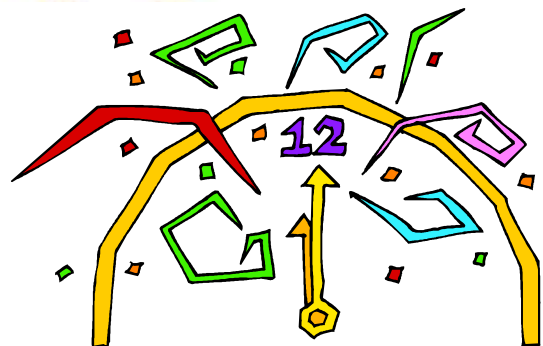
The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club will be sent to all full members in good standing during January 2010. If there are any changes that have to be made in your listing, Mike WA9FTS **MUST** have them by the last weekend this month. They can be sent via e-mail to Mike (mikeb2006@comcast.net) or left on the Ham-Help line (773) 262-6773. The Club roster is distributed each January and July.

NEW INFO NET ON CFMC

Pull out those 220 radios, a new net will commence tonight on the CFMC 220 north machine. The net will start at 2000 hrs sharp (8:00pm) every Saturday evening. Please pass this along. Spread the word. This will be the first 220 net in this area ever. See you Saturday.

Kelvin-W9BBQ

224.100 CFMC NORTH



How the FBI Got Me Started in Ham Radio When I Was Four Years Old

Each and every one of us has a few very early childhood memories. There are certain traumatic events that happen to us when we are of tender years that we remember all of our lives. I remember my first few steps I took standing up. It strained my muscles (muscles I had never before used) and hurt! A few steps later I was able to stand up and walk without pain. After that I remember what great fun it was being able to run around the house.

Over the years I have tried to put a date on when I knew was first interested in ham radio. As near as I can figure it was about 1955 when I was four years old.

We lived in Kenosha, Wisconsin in the house my father had built. Being born and raised on the farm in Fond Du Lac my father was pretty good at carpentry and most things mechanical, except automotive and electricity. I remember when we built the house in Kenosha there was only one other house on the block. Now, of course, it is built for many miles in all directions. Where there once were farms and where we used to catch pollywogs are now houses and schools. I remember when my three year old sister crawled up the ladder and walked across the garage roof to see daddy. Dad responded by nailing down her dress to the roof so she wouldn't fall off and he could keep working shingling tiles on the garage roof.

Since my dad built the house it was different than all of the other "ticky-tacky" houses soon to be built on the block and up and down the street. I remember we had a large window combination in the corner of the house by the front entrance door and next to the driveway. It was the focal piece of the living room. In front of the window sat our old black and white TV. That's where the trouble started that was to seal my fate for the rest of my life. As near as I can figure I was about four years old and the oldest of what would eventually be four, myself and my three younger sisters. My sister Chris was a year younger than I and my sister Roxanne two years younger than Chris, so the time element worked out. We had four and five year old kindergarten back then and I was still not yet in school. Remember, kindergarten was invented by the Germans to break their spirit!

Myself and my younger sister Chris were sitting in the front room one day watching Howdy Doody on our black and white TV. Those of you who go back that far can remember Howdy Doody, Buffalo Bob, Indian Princess Winter-Spring-Summer-Fall, and Clarabell the clown who could not speak and only honked his horn.

Trivia time: What were the very last words spoken on the Howdy Doody show as it signed off for the last time?

Answer: It was Clarabell the clown who had never spoken before on the show. Howdy Doody signed off for the last time with Clarabell saying "I can talk."

Well, my sister and I were watching Howdy Doody one day when the TV went berserk. It screeched out all kinds of raucous noises, the screen was torn up with lines, and the picture went out. I ran to my mother and went "mommy, mommy, mommy, there's something wrong with the TV! Fully believing that mommy could fix anything. "Oh, don't worry about it." my mother said. "It's just the FBI chasing some one down the street." I replied, "How do you know that?" My mother uttered the famous phrase that sealed my fate: "Because he's using a two way radio and its coming in over the TV." It turns out I had an uncle who was an

FBI agent and was dropping by to visit. He used his mobile two-way radio as he pulled into our driveway along side the house. Trivia time: He also "flew the hump." Does anyone remember what that was?

I had to know more. "A two-way radio, what's that?"

Mother who would have her roof graced with radio antennas and suffer her own version of TVI many years later: "Well, it's a radio that you can hear people talking on and can talk back to them."

Future source of TVI: "Really, how do you talk back to them?"

To this day I can still picture my mother pretending to hold a mobile microphone in her fist and moving it back and forth in front of her face. "They have a microphone attached to the radio and when they talk into it the other people on the other end can hear them talking.

That was it. My fate was sealed.

It is not unusual for high school juniors and seniors, who are applying to colleges and universities, to have no idea at all what future goals and careers they are working towards. They have no idea what to select for a college curriculum. Quite frequently they are only applying to college because their friends are and they feel it is expected of them.

For that matter, you can also ask college juniors and seniors what they plan on doing when they graduate. Most of them won't know either. Ever since I was four years old I have known all my life what I was going to be when I grew up. I consider it a true gift from GOD that I have always known my true vocation all my life. My High School yearbook states my career objective: to be an electrical engineer. I wonder how many other yearbooks accurately reflect what their career objectives were in High School and what they have been doing the past 40 years.

The fact that I consider my talents as an engineer / radioman to be GOD given is why I donate my time and skills to the Chicago FM Club. To whom much is given, much is expected. I am running for re-election to the CFMC Board of Directors. I have nearly single handily built all of the repeaters now in use by CFMC and am building more.

The opinion has been expressed by some that they did not like the direction CFMC is going. The opinion has been expressed by some that they did not like DStar and could not afford a new radio. CFMC is not now or ever going to abandon its flagship 146.760 MHz repeater so most of your fears are un-founded.

May I remind you that CFMC is an Amateur Radio Club. CFMC is not exclusively a two-meter repeater club, we are much more than that. At present we have a two meter analog repeater, a 440 analog repeater, two 220 MHz analog repeaters, and a 440 MHz digital DStar repeater. Soon we will have a two-meter digital DStar repeater, a six meter repeater, and a ten meter repeater. If you are happy and have found your place on your favorite CFMC repeater then more power to you, enjoy. If you are un-happy with other CFMC activities I ask you to keep your opinion to yourself and not to express your opinion in such a manner as to lessen the pleasure of others. Our club does not need dissenters bad-mouthing the repeater on the repeater. Keep it to yourself or bring it to the meeting where your opinion will be heard.

I have been a CFMC member for nearly 25 years, as near as I can figure. I have been a Board Member for most of those years. I am the one who secured the AON Center for use by CFMC and who basically saved the club from the ruination of high site rental fees. I am asking you for your vote to be re-elected to the Board of Directors.

January 2010

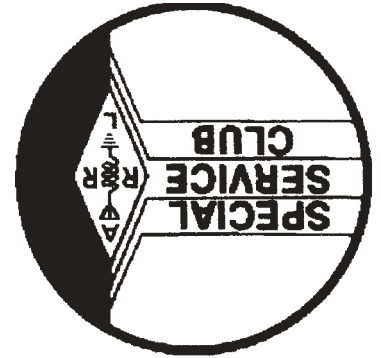
What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** TBA = To Be Announce**

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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.

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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.