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Presidents Corner

January has been an interesting month. We have a new President, an impeached Governor, a record snow fall many days at zero or below. We had a regular and board meeting this month. We discussed Radio Expo, Field Day, and picnic, also AES offered us a table in May. we need volunteers for these two days also for Field Day and Expo. You cannot expect the Board to do all this. We need your help. At the last meeting Rick said the 6m repeater would be up and working in a couple of weeks. Any questions call Rick. River Grove site has been secured for field day and picnic. Thanks to Phil N9PA and Tom KB9AJM also to all those who helped look for a picnic site. Feb. meeting will have a guest speaker Scott Childers. Subject: WLS RADIO Ken 73s



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.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Authored by the creator of the WLSHistory.com website Scott Childers W9CHI, WLS RADIO CHICAGO is an illustrated history of the Big 89 will take you from it's inception by Sears Roebuck in the 1920's all the way to last year's Big 89 Rewind special!

Many well-known celebrities, like Gene Autry, owe their careers to the Big 89, through the famous Saturday night program The National Barn Dance. Local personalities such as Dick Biondi, Larry Lujack, and John Records Landecker became household names thanks to the stations incredible influence.

With over 200 pictures, CHICAGO'S WLS RADIO scans the entire history of the station, featuring engaging hosts, the biggest stars, and lots of fun. It will be a must have for any radio fan! It feature many never seen before photographs as well as an informative glimpse into the long and storied history of the 50,00 watt powerhouse. Plus, the book features a compelling introduction by longtime WLS personality and station voice Jeff Davis.

Scott will present a multi-media presentation of WLS' history in a fast-moving presentation.

Scott Childers

- THE HISTORY OF WLS BOOK is available now! Ask me about it!

- VISIT SCOTT CHILDERS ON THE WEB at

www.scottchilders.com -

- HEAR SCOTT ON AIR, AFTERNOONS on STAR 96.7 FM - www.star967.net -

CFMC Foxhunt - Jan 17th - Don W9RA

Don, W9RA was the fox, and was located 3.5 miles at 22° from the starting point. I hid in a drainage ditch under an entrance road into a parking lot. The concrete drainage tile was 6 feet high and 6 foot wide. I ran a 25 foot RG400u to a 6foot RG58 ¼ wave antenna. The antenna was place on the concrete ledge just outside the opening of the underpass at ground level. The hounds all heard me at the staring point

and the hunt started about 8:05 PM. The hounds came in at: KB9DIM at 16 Min AA9CC at 42 Min N9CBA at 50 Min N9LXF at 1Hr 15 Min We all gathered at Buona Beef after the hunt for dinner.

***CFMC Meeting Minutes 12/17/08
Edgebrook Field House***

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

WA9FTS, WB9PTA, N9QDO, N9LXF, KB9AJM, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, N9LEN, W9GFH, KC9LRZ, N9PA, WA9KOD, KE9SJ, KF9TB, W9XB, KC9MSG, K9OG, K9MF, WA9EMY, AB9OP, NK9A, K9MF, WA9AYQ, N9KTW, WB9QZB, KC9CMO, K9OB, KB9SAR and N9VKY.

Meeting called to order at 8:03pm

1st Readings, N9ZRZ & K9WLS

2nd Readings, KQ4G & AB9MZ

Treasurers report:

Mike WA9FTS announced the club has 2 CD's totaling \$55,000.00, Chase is at \$25.00, National City is at \$1000.00 and WAMU is at \$6272.29.

New Business:

Mike WA9FTS Said they have canceled the voice fax saving the club \$17.00 a month and all mail will be forwarded to his house as opposed to the PO Box saving \$35.00; the box is too far & troublesome to deal with every 2 weeks and so Steve K9VO will be release from that. Mike said he will also change all material with the clubs address on it as well as notify the billing agencies. Tom KB9AJM said he will announce on the next net that the voice fax is canceled & what number to use now.

Tom KB9AJM suggested a board meeting immediately after this meeting. Steve K9VO motioned and George W9GFH 2nd. Old Business:

Jim WA9EMY found out that that WA9MJS received a D-Star Pair when CFMC had applied prior to him and wondered how could this happen. Mark WB9QZB said it's because WA9MJS is on low power.

Ken KA9TRG asked the progress regarding the D-Star issue from last meeting and Mark WB9QZB said the next piece of the puzzle is the Gateway so working on that. Jim WA9EMY said the server is ready for sale as a plug & play setup and Peter wants to fly in and set it up. Mark WB9QZB said to have it shipped to Rick's W9XB house to test it there. Howie N9KTW said they can coordinate with Peter and then

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Motioned to have the discussion moved to the board meeting and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

Stan NK9A brought up 6M and Steve K9VO said the duplexers are too heavy to lift. Tom KB9AJM motioned for the club to hire movers and Phil N9PA 2nd. Rick W9XB said after they are moved he has the controller.

VE testing is held at MAC the 1st Tuesday of each month and at CFMC the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Anyone becoming a new ham will qualify for a free one year membership to both clubs. Marc AB9OP explained that at the last VE testing someone was administering tests and they were not qualified. From now on two forms of proof will be required prior to allowing someone to give the tests, an ARRL VE Certificate and ARRL membership confirmation. Also it will be ideal if any VE testers wear their badges.

Election:

The ballot counters were: Jeff K9OB, Bob KF9TB and Len N9LEN. 39 votes were possible and after they were tallied these were the results: Mike WA9FTS won Treasurer with 39 votes, Tina KC9CMO won Secretary with 33 votes, Howie N9KTW won Vice President with 39 votes and KA9TRG won President with 29 votes.

Fun:

2 Wheaton Ham Fest tickets were available to the club and were raffled. The winners were: Howie N9KTW and Ken KA9TRG.

In the 50/50 raffle Steve K9VO won \$11.00.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm with a motion from KB9AJM and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

CFMC Board Minutes 01/07/09 Edgebrook Field House

Attendance: N9KTW, K9VO, N9CBE, W9DMW, WA9KOD, KB9SAR, KC9CMO, KB9AJM, WA9FTS & KA9TRG

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Meeting called to order at 8:06pm

1ST Reading

Robert Odrowski KB9SAR

Mike WA9FTS Motioned & Don W9DMW 2nd and everyone welcomed Bob as a full member.

Ken KA9TRG had spoken to Andy N9TGR who has decided to not be on the board and his resignation is on the way so he is appointing Joe WA9KOD in his place.

Old Business

Tina KC9CMO brought up the 220 problems and the 220 North noises have continued and we are awaiting Rick

W9XB to investigate the problem. Tom KB9AJM and Dave KB9ELP will pull the 220 South machine and give it to Don W9DMW to look at and repair.

Mike WA9FTS said all club materials have been changed to the new address and the Po Box will be closed soon so **all future CFMC mail should be sent to 5127 N Monterey Dr Norridge IL 60706**. Also he closed the Chase account and moved the \$25 to WAMU account which new balance is \$5170.00 and National City is at \$1000.00.

Ken KA9TRG spoke with Ron WB9EXL who stated the DSTAR Server has been working and on the internet already advertising CFMC. It is capable of serving up to 3 and is IRLP compatible. It will be \$450.00 at cost plus \$70.00 S&H. Howard N9KTW asked if it came with a monitor, keyboard and mouse. Ken said he will ask and get back to us. All decided not to vote on expense until it is known what is included.

Howard N9KTW stated there is no need to announce the voice fax change as no one used it anyway and all agreed. He also brought up the 440 LaSalle site that could be used for DSTAR as Joe WA9KOD wanted to know the 1st priority in his position to accomplish. Joe said we need to appoint tech support as well. Steve K9VO agreed and he as well as Howard N9KTW and Don W9DMW were appointed to get DSTAR running and if Rick W9XB is not available they will ask Pat W9PDS to help as well. Howard N9KTW then motioned to keep the LaSalle site instead of giving it to AIRA and Steve K9VO 2nd.

Technical Old Business

Ken KA9TRG brought up the hard line and antenna needed for the AON building which the club will not purchase until the inventory list is received from Rick W9XB which is supposed to be given to Mike WA9FTS by the next general meeting.

Tom KB9AJM stated he has not gotten the IRA forms to give to Greg yet or the diagram of the repeater from Rick W9XB.

New Business

Ken KA9TRG said once the costs of the DSTAR server are approved then Ron WB9EXL will send it and Ken will contact Mark WB9QZB who said that Pat W9PDS will program it as he has much knowledge in this area. Also the software is usually \$300 however we might have some contacts to help reduce the cost. He also said a retired chief of police for Melrose Park might be able to barter to put a receive site on their tower and Kermit W9XA informed him a Batavia spot is available if we share the LGMG site for DSTAR.

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Tom KB9AJM brought up a south side meeting location that might work and will check into more specifics before a final location is decided.

Field Day Chairman is tentatively Bob KB9SAR and as soon as Steve K9VO checks into whom with experience can help Bob move into the position it will be solidified. We are checking into the 27th & 28th of June to have it.

Picnic Chairman is Tom KB9AJM he will work with Bob KB9SAR on possibly a new location in Des Plaines. Preferably it will be held the beginning of June.

EXPO Chairman is Don W9DMW. He said the ticket printer we use is good but he will also price around to make sure we are getting good quality and the best price. The food court was awesome last year and Steve K9VO said we should also have meal tickets this year; all agreed. We all discussed the pros and cons of whether the EXPO should be one or two days this year and came to the conclusion that Steve K9VO will check with the vendors first before we decide. **Volunteers are needed for gate ticket sales, set ups and relief. Please contact Steve K9VO at 773 774 2744.** And thanks again so much to all of those who have helped and will help, we all appreciate you and the hard work you do.

Tom KB9AJM brought up a south side meeting location that might work and will check into more specifics before a final location and date is decided.

The meeting closed at 10:39pm with a motion from Ken KA9TRG and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

CFMC Board Minutes 01/21/09 Edgebrook Field House

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Meeting called to order at 7:39pm

Attending: KC9CMO, W9DMW, N9CBE, K9VO, KA9TRG, KB9AJM, WA9FTS, W9XB, and WA9KOD

Ken KA9TRG brought up EXPO and if it should be one or two days after much debate the votes are as follows:

Joe WA9KOD two, Rick W9XB one, Tina KC9CMO one, Tom KB9AJM one, Mike WA9FTS one, Steve K9VO and Lynne N9CBE undecided; Don W9DMW EXPO Chairman stated he wants to do what is best for the club and he feels a two day EXPO would be just that so he motioned and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

Tina KC9CMO asked if Ken had found out if the mouse and keyboard were included with the DSTAR server and Ken said no Rick W9XB motioned to ship it anyway and

Steve K9VO 2nd. Tina also brought up keeping track of attendance of the EXPO by using a counter at the gate each day to determine if Sun is worth it for next year and Don W9DMW came up with an alternate plan.

The meeting closed at 08:04pm with a motion from Steve K9VO and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

THE MOUSE AT 40

It's the 40th birthday of a neat little device that makes it easy to work and play at your computer. Just imagine a personal computer without a mouse? That may very well happen in a few years time but more about that later.

The first public demonstration of a mouse was by the Stanford Research Institute in San Francisco California on 9 December 1968. At an event attended by 1,000 computer professionals the mouse made its debut, shown off by Douglas Engelbart and his team of fellow researchers. It looked like a real mouse in shape and its attached cord resembling a tail led to it gaining its name.

Four years later, Bill English developed the 'ball mouse,' replacing the external wheels on the original mouse with a single ball that could rotate in any direction. It was first sold with the Xerox Alto computer in 1981.

In more recent years, wireless technology enabled the ubiquitous mouse to lose its tail. There are now predictions that within five years the mouse will be obsolete, being replaced by touch screen and facial recognition technology.

The mouse has taken on many roles over the years and its been seen in many situations. Perhaps the funniest was in the Star Trek movie "The Voyage Home." That's where the cast goes back in time to San Francisco in the 1990's to find a pair of hump back whales key to saving the future Earth. Scotty has need of a computer and all that's available is a neat little Mac. Well, Scotty is used to giving verbal commands to his computer and is not sure what to do with the mouse. So, he picks it up, looks at it and then uses it as a microphone to try to talk to the little Mac. And, as those who saw the movie know, the Mac never responds.

ARRLAND CQ AWARDS QSL CARD FIELD CHECKER

If you need QSL cards checked for DXCC or any of the ARRL Awards, including VUCC, or any of the CQ Award please contact one of CFMC's own WD9DZV Tim Garrity. You can reach him via the Roster phone number or via e-mail at wd9dzv@arrl.net or wd9dzv@gmail.net IF you live a good distance from Tim, you can most likely make arrangements to meet half way.

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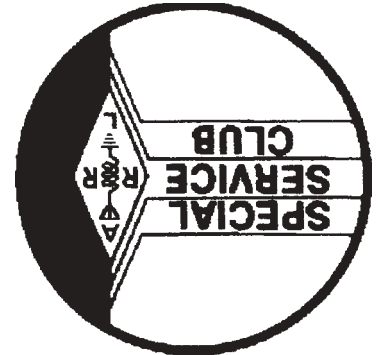
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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VE Testing XXXX

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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).

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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.