



**Volume
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Presidents Corner

With the February meeting we are well into 2010. The wake of Dennie Berringer W9KRO was well represented by CFMC with at least 8 members in attendance.

We also have good news with the operation of the 6M Repeater. With good weather, we should have the 10M Repeater also up and running.

This is the time to start getting ready for Radio Expo. I hear from Mike WA9FTS that the letters to the exhibitors are in the mail and we have flyers and tickets. At the Wheaton hamfest, flyers were passed out and tickets were sold so we are off to a good start.

Field Day is only 5 months away, we should appoint a chairman so that the organizing of the event can begin. This person will need volunteers who will help make this a successful operation.

We need to work together if we are going to be successful in 2010 and that means we need to help one another and work with one another. If we can do this we can have a great year in 2010.

Ken KA9TRG



February Meeting Program

Robert Goolsby K5NAK will give us a program Wednesday evening February 17th. at the Edgebrook Field House right after the 8:00pm. club meeting. Robert's topic of discussion will be, Python Prop working in conjunction with "Vocap" and along with different antenna configurations, which makes it easy to do HF propagation predictions with stunning and easy to read pictures which he will show! Every one is welcome to come to the see the program, you do not have to be a ham operator.

Tom Stobble KB9AJM Program Chairman

***CFMC Board Meeting Minutes 01/13/10
Edge brook Field House***

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, N9KTW, KB9AJM, KB9SAR, W9DMW and W9XB

Meeting called to order by Ken KA9TRG at 7:15pm.

Old Business:

Tina KC9CMO asked Ken KA9TRG about the moderator for Yahoo because Bob KC9PGJ requested I remind Ken about their discussion as he would be willing to take the job; Ken stated Bob KC9PGJ would need to come up with a proposal to the board on how it was to work, Tina said she would e-mail him. Tina also asked about the Brandy's meeting suggestion that was brought up by Jon KB9JVQ and Ken stated Tom KB9AJM needs to put together and organize it with Brandy's on the possible set up and bring it back to the board for review. Tom said he will. Tina asked if the new equipment has been tagged and Don W9DMW stated he would make sure it was done and the list given to Mike WA9FTS. Tina asked if Mike had received the Pictures and equipment list from the last meeting he said no. Don and Tom said they would make sure Mike gets them. Tom had the 50/50 money to turn in but Mike still needs to zero the column out first to start anew for 2010.

New Business:

Ken KA9TRG stated that Howard N9KTW is the trustee of the repeater and the tech committee needs to inform him of any repairs and/or visits to the sites and the tech board members agreed. Ken also stated that only four people have the control codes for the repeater Howard N9KTW, Rick W9XB, Tom KB9AJM and JoeWA9KOD and whoever turns it on and off should inform the other either by phone or e-mail. The ones at the meeting agreed. Ken then stated we must start with donations either monetary or time per his attorney friend. Tina KC9CMO asked him to put together the options the club has

and present them to the board he said he will. Mike WA9FTS said he has a constitutional change proposal but didn't have copies with him so Tina suggested he e-mail it to all of the board members. Tom KB9AJM said he has had complaints that members leaving information on the help line did not have their calls returned and Mike said he will check into it with Dick K9FFY. Tina KC9CMO suggested Mike have Dick keep a log.

Technical:

Rick W9XB stated DSTAR is booming and we need to discuss monetary additions to membership for gateway users. Howard N9KTW suggested we have a special membership for DSTAR gateway users separate from the regular membership. Steve K9VO then motioned to just add Five Dollars to the membership dues if they are going to use the DSTAR gateway. Tom KB9AJM 2nd and all agreed. Tina KC9CMO reminded Mike WA9FTS to add it to the application. RickW9XB said 440 must be worked on in better conditions so we need to wait for better weather to get an assessment of what is wrong and hopefully the weather will break by next week. The 6 meter duplexers are finally done, ready to go, the last of the new equipment we had voted on purchasing has arrived and he is still working on the site switching issues. Rick also said he wants to update the back of the Squelch Tale with the new info on the frequencies etc. so he will do so and send it to Mike to forward to Dick K9FFY. Mike said he will.

Expo:

Steve K9VO said so far we only need three rooms for expo helpers, reminded the board about the possible ARRL donation, he is still looking for women's item vendors, and that Lynne came up with a different idea for the children so no need to ask about the insurance coverage. Don W9DMW said he is still checking on the electric issue with the grounds, the PA is taken care of with volunteers, still working on the signs, forget about the outdoor vendor charge as they decided not to do it and they have Sharonne's and Christy lined up on the percentage basis for food vendors. Mike WA9FTS said it would be good to have a back up and that he has a pizza vendor he is checking into, the address has been added to the flyer and they and tickets have been ordered. Ken KA9TRG asked Steve how many volunteers he needs for a one day expo this year and Tina KC9CMO stated she needs to still call Steve and get the workers duties/list.

Steve K9VO motioned to close the meeting at 10:05pm, Tom KB9AJM 1st and Mike WA9FTS 2nd.

***CFMC Board Meeting Minutes 01/20/10
Edge brook Field House***

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

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Attendance:

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, N9KTW, and KB9SAR

Meeting called to order by Ken KA9TRG at 6:55pm.

Old Business:

Tina KC9CMO asked about past due expo money and Mike WA9FTS said there is still money owed and if he should send written note and the board agreed. She then asked him if SRO agreed to the 1 year free membership with new hams as we and MAC have & he said yes it is in place with Marc AB9OP. Tina also brought the new literature that includes the DSTAR fees discussed in the last meeting, the board reviewed it, Tina KC9CMO motioned to use the new literature Lynne N9CBE 2nd and all agreed.

New Business:

Mike WA9FTS proposed some constitution changes. Tina KC9CMO suggested that he check the Illinois Non for Profit act of 1986 to make sure there are no conflicts as per our constitution, that we need to be sure the last constitution change was filed through the state and valid and then re-present them. He said he will check into it by next meeting. Mile WA9FTS then brought up the Weather Seminar that has been posted. Bob KB9SAR said that they are typically 2 ½ hrs long. Ken KA9TRG said we could have a short meeting to accommodate them and all agreed. Steve K9VO said we need specifics as to how many will attend etc to prepare. Mike WA9FTS said he will contact Tom KB9AJM to publish the RSVP on the weather site and get back to us by next meeting.

Steve K9VO motioned to close the meeting at 7:27pm, Lynne N9CBE 1st and Mike WA9FTS 2nd.

***CFMC Meeting Minutes 01/20/10
Edge Brook Field House***

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, N9KTW, WA9FTS, KC9LRZ, KC9PQY, NK9A, WD9DZV, K9OB, KF9TB, KB9OOR, K9MLM, K9QLC, N9VKY, N9PA, K9MF, and N9IHZ

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.

Minutes for the last months meeting were approved. Mike WA9FTS 1st and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

1st Readings: Jim W9CTO, Mike N9PLG, Bob W9AVB, Randy KC9RES and Gene K9ECS

2nd Readings: Don WJ9M

Treasurers report:

Mike WA9FTS announced Chase at \$2550.80 and National City \$1000.00.

Tech report:

Steve K9VO stated the 440 duplexers are shot, the 6 meter duplexer had some reverse issues and will be fixed soon and if you would like to be registered to use DSTAR e-mail Rick at wrickduel@yahoo.com and there will be a \$5.00 yearly charge to add to your membership dues. Mike WA9FTS said he will put the DSTAR info onto the website.

New Business:

Stan NK9A stated that the club might want to be aware of quick keying becoming an issue. Tina KC9CMO suggested bringing it up on weekly nets and to print it in the squelch tale. Mike WA9FTS said he will let Dick know to add it. George W9GHF suggested we start to announce the meetings on the repeater. Howard N9KTW said he will check with the person who runs the controller and let us know by next meeting. Bob KB9SAR brought up if the picnic should be separate of together with field day as we will need to get a picnic and field day chairman soon. When we took a show of hands from the attending members along with asking other members as they have been seen it turns out the members are split down the middle. Steve K9VO also said we need a suggestion box at each meeting for members and put one on the board table.

Old Business:

Mike WA9FTS announced that the expo flyers and tickets are done and tickets are available for early sale \$8.00 each.

Tina KC9CMO motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:35pm, Melissa K9MLM 1st and Stan NK9A 2nd.

***CFMC 2M Foxhunt - January 16th, 2010
by Mike WA9FTS***

Charlie gave the hunters a good signal at the starting point. There were 4 hunt teams: Tony AA9CC and Joan KC9QQY, Tom N9CBA, Don W9RA and Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF. Paul and I headed south on Rt 83 with several of the hunters getting on I355 and then on I 290. Tony and Joan got off at 31st St and up to Cermak Rd. They correctly found Enterprise Dr and drove to the end in a parking lot near I-88 to find Charlie in his Jeep for the win. In the mean time Paul and I went down to Ogden and east to York Rd north to Cermak. We chose Clearwater Dr which was just east of the correct road and could not find a way west until much later. In the measn time, Tom and then Don found Charlie. We then found Enterprise Dr and found Charlie by driving directly to him to end the hunt.

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
2. Tom N9CBA
3. Don W9RA
4. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF

This is the balance in the following accounts:

Chase Checking - \$2245.48

National City Checking - \$1000.00

This does not include money from Expo ticket sales and membership dues not yet deposited.

This money will be deposited before the Feb meeting and included in the Treasurer's Report.

Mike WA9FTS

**RESCUE RADIO: FCC TEAM ASSESSES
HAITI'S COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS -
PRAISES HAM RADIO**

An FCC led telecommunications assessment team is on-the-ground in Haiti evaluating the status of the country's communications infrastructure.

This, following the devastating earthquake that struck that island nation on January 12th.

The communications experts were deployed in coordination with the United States Agency for International Development. They came in response to a request from the Director General of Haiti's Conatel which is the national telecommunications regulatory agency in that quake devastated nation. The FCC team was led by International Bureau Chief Mindel De La Torre. She and the others will continue to work with Conatel and local Haitian telecommunications providers to come up with practical options for restoring communications services to the people of Haiti.

Speaking from Port au Prince, De La Torre said that after seeing the destruction of the country, and particularly the telecommunications infrastructure, that she now has a much better understanding of the monumental task to keep communications up and running in such a difficult environment. She added that it is clear that the communications sector is making a huge difference on a day-to-day basis for Haitians struggling with tremendous personal and property losses.

Bureau Chief DeLaTorre has also taken note of the contributions to earthquake relief efforts of the words ham radio community. Writing in the FCC blog, DeLaTorre noted that in the aftermath of the earthquake, the amateur radio community in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and elsewhere has dedicated equipment and spectrum resources to the relief efforts. (FCC)

**RADIO LAW: CODIFYING THE VANITY
CALL SIGN RULES**

The FCC is in the process of making permanent the rules governing the Vanity call sign program. As regular listeners are aware, late last year, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making titled WT Docket 09-209 that seeks to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules. This, to clarify certain rules and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system, as well as revise certain rules applicable to club stations.

Now, interested parties may make comments on this Notice of Proposed Rule Making via the Federal Rulemaking portal or the FCC's own website. Comments must be submitted by March 26, 2010 with reply comments are due no later than April 12, 2010. The U-R-L's to use are <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home>, or via the FCC's Web site at <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. (ARRL, FCC)

**RADIO TESTING: NCVEC RELEASES REVISED
ELEMENT 2 TECH QUESTION POOL**

A revision to the new Element 2 Technician class ham radio testing question pool released this past January 4th. This, as the Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators says that after further review that it found and corrected more than 50 minor typographical errors. Also that it clarified the questions and answers making them easier to understand.

These changes are now incorporated in a revised Element 2 question pool that contains some 400 questions. 35 are selected to make up any given Element 2 exam. And in a departure from past Element 2 question pools this one contains graphics and diagrams.

According to the NCVEC the errata list, as well as the revised Technician question pool, is available on the organizations website at www.ncvec.org. This new Element 2 question pool becomes effective for Technician class examinations administered on or after this coming July 1st and will remain valid until June 30, 2014. (NCVEC)

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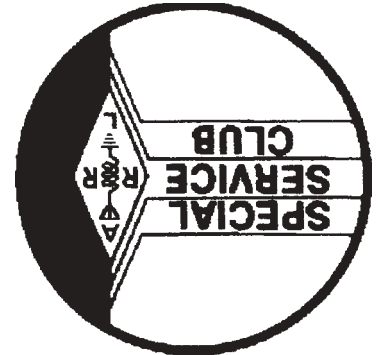
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

*** 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.