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Presidents Corner

2009 has passed by – 2010 is here! I would like to welcome the following Board of Directors: Steve K9VO, Lynne N9CBE, Tom KB9AJM, Rick W9XB and Bob KB9SAR. They are the new board members – congratulations!

I am looking forward to working with the board in 2010. Thanks to Lynne N9CBE for serving the refreshments at each meeting. The members look forward to these treats. As you may know, Tom KB9AJM runs the 50/50 raffle at

each meeting. The winner gets half the take and the other half is used for a party such as the Christmas Party at the Norwood Historical Society Home. The raffle money paid for 85% of the expenses.

Happy New Year



ROSTER

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club is included in this issue. Please take a second to check your listing. If there are any changes that have to be made, send them to Mike, WA9FTS, at mikeb2006@sbcgloal.net or on the Ham-Help line (773)262-6773.

CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Dec 19th, 2009
by Mike WA9FTS

Paul and I finally got to hid for Charlie KB9DIM who hid months ago for us. The race for overall champ could be decided by this hunt. After the CFAR hunt AA9CC (current champ), KB9DIM and N9CBA (previous 7 yr champ) were deadlocked with 13 wins each. Charlie KB9DIM won the ACL hunt and went ahead. If he won tonight, it would be all over.

Paul N9LXF and I found the end of Lively Blvd at the I-90 tollway in Elk Grove Village. Access was off Higgins Rd. We parked looking out to the end of Lively and waited for the hunters to arrive.

The hunt started at 8:05 and we spotted Tom N9CBA first who pulled up to the end and turned away from us into a parking lot. A minute later Charlie KB9DIM showed up and started to turn toward Tom. Then suddenly he stopped and backed up and turned around toward us. Tom saw this and the chase was on. I have a pix of Charlie in the lead with Tom back by several hundred feet. Charlie made it to us and Tom was about 7 sec later. I took a pix of both as Charlie sealed the overall win and CFMC champ as well. Several minutes later we saw Tony's car arrive and park at the end of Lively, A minute later Don W9RA showed up and drove past to secure 3rd. Don went back and talked to someone I thought was Tony. Three minutes later this person walked to us and I realized it was Joan KC9QQY. She secured last place.

Then she told us she left Tony out in a residential area but could not contact him. We tried on CFMC without Tony repsonding. Joan said he did not take a radio with him and did not have a cell phone either. We started to transmit and drive around to find him. About 25 min later Charlie found him near where we had hid. Tony was angry but we tried to tell him the hunt was over and we

were concerned for his well-being. Tony also had his portable gear in the "Tone" mode and could not hear what we were saying to him.

We went to Lou Malnati's Pizzeria which was only a few blocks away. There are pix of the hunters inside.

Results:

1. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis N9VRA
2. Tom N9CBA
3. Don W9RA
4. Joan KC9QQY, Tony AA9CC

CFMC Meeting Minutes 12/16/09
Edge Brook Field House

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, N9KTW, KB9AJM, WA9FTS, AB9OP, WA9AYQ, KC9LRZ, K9XOK, KC9PQY, NK9A, WD9DZV, W9KMP, W9DMW, K9OB, KB9JVQ, W9WKR, KF9TB, KB9OOR, W9XB, KA9OBZ, K9MLM, K9QLC, W9LOB, N9VKY, N9HNO, WA9KXZ, KC9PDM, N9HKN, N9PA, KE9SJ, KC9QCY, KB9EPL, KC9MSG, KF9MY, AA9KK, K9MF, K9OG, AND KB9RTP

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm.

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

1st Readings:

Brian KC9MSG, George KC9QCY, Don WJ9M, Sonny N9HNO, Tom N9IHZ and Al W9LOB

3rd Readings:

Ken N9ZRZ, Chad KC9QJV and Robert K0KVK

Mike WA9FTS motioned to vote all in but Don WJ9M; as he was not present. Bob KB9SAR 1st, Tom KB9AJM 2nd and all agreed. Congratulations to all!!!!

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Mike WA9FTS announced Chase at \$1313.21 and National City \$1000.00.

Tech report:

Don W9DMW stated they need one more coil for the 6 meter duplexers to work and then they can get it up as soon as they are able. Rick W9XB said 2 meters is fixed, 440 analog needs an antenna and hard line, Barrington is good and they need to finish the 10 meter receive site.

Election:

Ken KA9TRG advised the members of the voting regulations and no one at the meeting wanted to exchange their mail in ballot for a new vote at the meeting. Mike WA9FTS read the rules of casting the votes then chose three volunteers from the members Jeff KB9OB, Felix KF9TB and Wanda KC9LRZ to count the votes. Ken announced the results as follows: Lynne N9CBE – 59, Rick W9XB – 49, Steve K9VO – 59, Elton WA9AYQ – 24, Joe WA9 KOD – 30 Tom KB9AJM – 50, Marc AB9OP – 28 and Bob KB9SAR – 40. The elected board members are: Lynne N9CBE, Steve K9VO, Tom KB9AJM, Rick W9XB and Bob KB9SAR. Congratulations!! (To all who ran and want to better our club: GOOD SHOT!! We still need your help.)

Mike WA9FTS motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:38pm, Wanda KC9LRZ 1st and Rick W9XB 2nd.

50/50 – Felix KF9TB won \$32. WOW what a pot!!

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

HAM RADIO ON THE WEB: QRP KITTS ON YOU TUBE

EA5BLP, has created a YouTube channel dedicated to QRP radios and their operation. The videos on there were recorded with a simple photo camera and mostly in a noisy afternoon of very poor propagation. QRP kits covered include the SW-20, Ten Tec 1330, Weber dual band, K-1, Heathkit hw-9 and others. The videos are at [www dot youtube dot com/user/ea5blp](http://www.youtube.com/user/ea5blp).

RADIO LAW: LACK OF GLOBAL DEMAND ENDS MOST COPPER THEFTS

It wasn't long ago when we were reporting that the theft of copper and other conductive metals was rampant. Power lines were cut down for their copper content, pipes in buildings under construction were ripped away, and wiring was disappearing.

But that's no longer the case as the global recession has resulted in a drop in demand for most metals with copper among the hardest hit.

The price of copper reached an all-time high in mid-2008 of more than \$4 per pound on the world market, with the greatest demand from China. That price then plummeted to \$1.50 per pound shortly after the global economic recession began last fall. This makes it not very profitable for a thief to risk his or her life for less than the price of a hot dog from a street vendor.

Add to this newly enacted laws like one in California that requires scrap metal dealers buying bulk metal to get a photo ID from anyone bringing in the items and to delay payment for three days. It also requires recyclers to photograph the items, pay only by check and take the seller's thumbprint. (Union-Tribune)

HAM HELP: FREE IARU LOCATOR MAPS

Everyone loves getting something for nothing so here's one for you. Free IARU locator maps are available in PDF format for downloading. Maps are available for many nations on all continents. The U-S map includes Hawaii and Alaska. You can find them at <http://iarumapsrussia.webs.com>.

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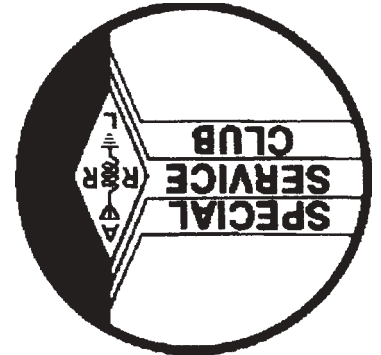
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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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.