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QST from the Trustee

Hi fellow CFMC members.

I just wanted to take a minute and share a few thoughts about a few things. With the recent repeater problems that we have had I have heard some very distressing things over the repeater. I have heard members complaining about the fact that it was not working right, and why didn't *THEY* get it fixed yet. Hearing these comments on the repeater bothered me. It is not only our members that hear these comments, but other people who may be potential members. These comments make our club look bad, and we sound like a group that doesn't care about our equipment.

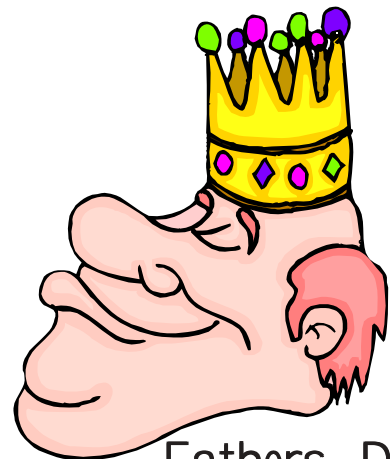
The "*THEY*" is our technical committee, which I am a part of. Our crew is all volunteers, and most of us have to take a day off of work to go to the various sites during business hours to fix things. Sometimes this isn't practical on a given day. Our main transmitter is located on the AON Center, and both their security firm and our landlord require a minimum of 24 hours notice to have access to the equipment. We are also NOT allowed on the roof by the antennas, for safety reasons and per the terms of our lease. This means that an approved contractor has to be contracted to do antenna work. All of these items add to the time that a repeater is off the air. I have not heard any of the members that have commented about the time lag in getting things done offer to assist in the repair, maintenance or delivery of repaired equipment. I am not asking for a lot, BUT it would be nice if there was a little less complaining, and little more help.

I do want to make a special thank you to Rick, W9XB for doing a fantastic job of getting all 4 of the repeaters up and running this week. We currently have both 220 machines, 2M, and 440 up and running quite well.

THANK-YOU RICK.... JOB WELL DONE!!!!

The 6M antenna and the 2M D-Star antennas are being checked for proper operation, and the feed lines are being or have just been replaced. These machines should be up and running very soon.

Sincerely,
Howard, N9KTW, TRUSTEE



Fathers Day
June 21, 2009

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.

CLUB ROSTER

The latest roster of the Chicago FM Club will be mailed out to all members in good standing during July. If there are any changes you would like made in your listing, they **MUST** be sent to the Treasurer by the last week of June. The changes can be left on the Ham-Help line (773) 262-6773 or to Mikes e-mail (mikeb2006@comcast.net).

JUNE GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Tom Doyle will be putting on a talk about the 9th. area incoming DX QSL Bureau. He will touch on how to QSL via direct, via a QSL Manager and via the Bureau. Thank you, Tom KB9AJM Program Chairman

FOX HUNT

There was no May CFMC 2m foxhunt. Almost all the hunters were at the Dayton Hamvention. The next hunt will be June 20th. The fox will be Vic K9WXV and the starting point will be at Centennial Park in Addison off Rolwing Rd south of Lake St.

Mike WA9FTS

CFMC Board Minutes 05/20/09
Edge Brook Field House

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Meeting called to order at 8:55pm by Howard N9KTW
 Attending: KC9CMO, N9CBE, K9VO, KB9AJM, WA9FTS, N9KTW, W9DMW and WA9KOD

Old Business:

Don W9DMW brought up the tax exempt form Mike WA9FTS stated he will get the proper information together to submit it so we can get our tax exempt form by next meeting. Tina KC9CMO then asked Mike about the preliminary budget for June – Dec 2009 and he said he will try to get that by next meeting. Howard brought up the picnic budget. We all went over the menu which was adjusted and approved. Howard N9KTW motioned the maximum amount to spend on the picnic to be \$300.00. Lynne N9CBE 2nd and all approved. Tina KC9CMO asked Tom KB9AJM about the 220 south machine and he stated it will be up by next meeting for sure if not before. Don W9DMW wanted to know what is

going on with the inventory list and Howard N9KTW said he will create a form with Mike WA9FTS to fill out while at the sites to get the ball rolling. Tina KC9CMO asked Howard if the letter has been sent to the owner of 145.150 and he replied that it is now not necessary as they are going to work something else out. He also stated the ECHO link antenna has been replaced and is good for now.

EXPO tickets were not in packets yet to disperse to the members at the general meeting for them to sell however; Don W9DMW stated they will be by next meeting.

New Business:

Joe WA9KOD has been monitoring the receive sites and has found out 4 out of 9 are not working properly. Don W9DMW advised Howard that if he can get him the necessary information then he will get together with Rick to find out what's going on with the receive sites. Howard N9KTW promised he will get it to Don right away. Per Steve K9VO DSTAR is still not working properly and Mark WB9QZB said he spoke with Rick W9XB today who stated the duplexer is not tuned properly and will be looking into it tomorrow. Don W9DMW is saying now that the club needs two 2 meter antennas he has a high band VHF one for the AON site and will test it. If the antenna is good he is willing to donate it to the club as well as check into how much it would be to install if he can't do it himself.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm with a motion from Howard K9KTW and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

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Attendance:

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9LRZ, AB9OP, NK9A, WB9QZB, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, WA9AYQ, K9MF, N9KTW, W9DMW, KB9YEK, WA9EMY, N9VKY, W9KMP, W9WIZ, W9GFN, N9QDO and KC9AJM

Meeting called to order at 8:21pm After the Auction. Minutes for the last months meeting were approved. Ken KA9TRG motioned and Lynne N9CBE 2nd.

1st reading: Matt Starzyk KG9MAT and congratulations to Henry Schleichkorn for passing his test

Treasurers report:

Mike WA9FTS announced the balance of WAMU \$2512.47 and National City \$1000.00.

Old Business:

Ken KA9TRG stated they found out the maximum lease time allowed on the Aon building is five years. Ken closed the meeting at 8:39pm, Howard N9KTW 2nd.

Ken left due to a medical issue. Apologies for the inconvenience and confusion: to all who attended.

Good Shot to Wanda KC9LRZ for winning 7.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

contain information about combating swine flu, but they will be updated with information on other topics as time goes by.

White House New Media Director Macon Phillips explained that the administration will not be able to reply individually to those who send messages via Facebook, MySpace or Twitter. However, people who join these groups can speak to one another, and the White House staff can see what they're saying. (RW)

TREASURERS REPORT WA9FTS

WAMU Checking - \$2523.39 NC Savings - \$1000.00

RADIO LAW: SUPREME COURT SIDES WITH FCC IN CBS WARDROBE MALFUNCTION CASE

The U.S. Supreme Court has ordered a federal appeals court to re-examine its ruling in favor of CBS Corporation in a legal fight over entertainer Janet Jackson's so-called on the air wardrobe malfunction. This, with an eye at having the lower court re-institute a fine against the broadcast entity.

On Monday, May 4th the high court on directed the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia to consider reinstating the \$550,000 fine that the Federal Communications Commission imposed on CBS. This over Jackson's breast-baring performance at the 2004 Super Bowl football championship.

Last year, the appeals court threw out the fine against CBS, saying the FCC strayed from its long-held approach of applying identical standards to words and images when reviewing complaints of indecency. The FCC appealed that decision to the Supreme Court.

The order follows the high courts earlier that narrowly upheld the FCC's policy threatening fines against even one-time uses of curse words during live broadcasts. (Published news reports)

RESCUE COMMUNICATIONS: WHITE HOUSE TO JOIN SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

The White House is going broadband and joining the popular social network sites of Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. This, as a part of its campaign to obtain more insight from the citizenry on matters of national urgency like the current swine flu outbreak.

A spokesman says that access to these sites will be added the features to its main Web page, whitehouse.gov. Initially, the materials placid on the social networking sites will

HAM RADIO ON THE NET: QRZ.COM BANS INTERNET TROLLS

The giant QRZ.COM ham radio website has banned Internet trolls from its cyberspace location. According to Wikipedia.com, an Internet troll, or simply a troll is someone who posts controversial, inflammatory, irrelevant or off-topic messages in an online community. This, with the primary intent of provoking other users into an emotional response or to generally disrupt normal on-topic discussion.

According to QRZ owner Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, until now the site has dealt with trolling on a case-by-case basis. However Lloyd says that it has become apparent that a concrete policy statement is needed. Therefore, effective immediately, QRZ's policy on trolling will be to ban first time offenders for 90 days, and repeat offenders permanently.

Lloyd notes that an policy of intolerance towards trolling is common in major online communities like MySpace, and others. He then asks rhetorically as to why QRZ should be any different? In his front pager posting he answers by saying that it wont be any different on QRZ. He also advises readers to prepare to say goodbye to a few of what he terms as the wise-guys who have contributed nothing but misery and discord to an otherwise enjoyable web xperience. (AA7BQ via QRZ.COM)

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: INSTANT CHARGE BATTERY

Well, you wont find it at Dayton, at least not yet but a new form of battery is being developed with what's being called instant charging. Jeff Clark, K8JAC, reports: Materials researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have announced that they have developed a new form of LiON battery. One could discharge and recharge in seconds rather than hours. Gerbrand Ceder is a Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT. Along with his graduate student he discovered a way to build LiON batteries with a performance level more like that of Ultra Capacitors. These are caps that store less energy but can store and release it very quickly.

THAT FINAL ITEM: FLOAT IT AWAY

And finally this week, the story of a tower that needed a new home but no way to get it there. Well no way until a couple of hams came along. Jim Linton, VK3PC, has the rest of the story:

An amateur radio tower stood in the backyard of a suburban home long after the resident radio amateur became a silent key. His widow wanted it removed but with house extensions over the years it seemed to be a very expensive proposition indeed.

It could be lifted out by a crane that would require the cutting of power lines, permits, insurance and other hassles, or maybe a helicopter was an option. Either way it was going to be far too costly.

Along come a couple of radio amateurs who used their ingenuity to solve the problem. The tower was put on the ground, fitted with brackets on to which were mounted empty 44-gallon drums. Through an opening in the rear fence and then slid into a creek.

Just like Davie Crockett and Daniel Boone the radio amateurs paddled the floating tower downstream to a location accessible by vehicle and loaded it onto a trailer. A win-in situation for the widow who was pleased to see the tower gone and for a ham who acquired it for transplanting in a new location.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Jim Linton, VK3PC.

The bottom line to all of this? That's simple. When you have a problem that seems insurmountable, simply call on a ham. (WIA News)

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A reminder that the nominating period for the 2009 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award is now open. Complete details are on our website at www.arnewsline.org. Just scroll down to the words

"2009 YHOTY Nominations Now Open" and click for more information and an official nominating form.

For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk from Hamvention 2009, I'm Don Carlson, KQ6FM, saying 73 and we thank you for listening.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The 220 mhz guys brunch meets every Saturday morning 8:00 am at Brandy's Restaurant.

Amateurs and any one interested in becoming an amateur radio operator, please join us.

It is at Cicero/Archer at 52nd street.

It is close to Midway Airport.

Brandy's Restaurant 5200 S. Cicero Ave.

Chicago, IL 60638 773-767-0400

Any questions, contact Kelvin at w9bbq@sbcglobal.net

hope to see you there! The 220 mhz guys

Kelvin-W9BBQ Julius-W9GHZ Steve-KB9DSQ

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NEWSCAST CLOSE

With thanks to Alan Labs, AMSAT, the ARRL, the CGC Communicator, CQ Magazine, the FCC, the Ohio Penn DX Bulletin, Radio Netherlands, Rain, the RSGB, the Southgate News and Australia's W-I-A News, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. Our e-mail address is

BURGHARDT NO LONGER SELLING HAM RADIO GEAR RADIO

Call it a sign of the tough economic times we live in. This, with word that South Dakota-based Burghardt Amateur Center will no longer be selling ham radio gear.

As reported by the ARRL, on March 16, Jim Smith, W0MJY, the current owner of Burghardt, announced that his enterprise will no longer sell amateur radio transceivers and accessories. The company, now called Burghardt Radio Repair, has canceled all backorders and will concentrate on providing repair to ham radio gear.

Jim Smith's son Mike, KC0FTM, told the ARRL that even though the company has had to lay off a number of employees in the past couple of months, it will continue to operate and will concentrate on service. This, as it has done since 1973.

Burghardt Amateur Center was founded in by the late Stan Burghardt, W0IT, as Burghardt Radio Supply. In 1982 he sold the company to Smith, but he remained active in it until January 2002. Stan Burghardt passed away in 2004 at the age of 93.

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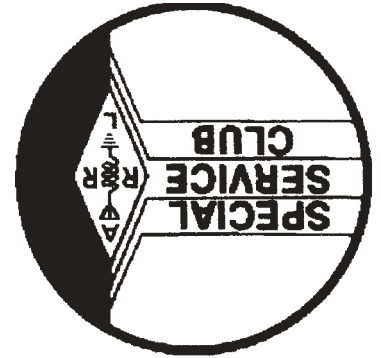
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

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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.