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Hello Everyone.

This is the last issue of Squelch Tale I'll be doing. I've been the editor for more years than I care to remember. I always enjoyed bringing the newsletter out each month. About a year ago, I found that I was not looking forward to working on Squelch Tale. As time went on, it became more of a drudge each month. I don't think a person should have to do something they are not looking forward to. I would like to thank Tim, WD9DZV, for all the help he provided getting me fill from the ARRL each month. Without him, we would have a 2 or 3 page newsletter. Also, much thanks goes to Mike, WA9FTS, for all his assistance with many jobs I dropped on him. I'll be here for any and all help I can provide the new editor and I'm sure Squelch Tale will be fresher with a new person working on the project. I've always thought that our newsletter should have more pictures than we've had in the past. I hope the new editor has the same feelings. I'm not going anywhere and will be here for the next person working on Squelch Tale



Dick K9FFY

***CFMC March 17th Meeting  
Edgebrook Field House***

Buisness meeting - 6:30 PM to 7PM

NOAA National Weather Service Program to start at 7:30 PM

Bill Wilson (KB9ZXN) from the National Weather Service Weather Forecasting Office in Romeoville, IL will present a "Basic Weather Spotter" talk at the Chicago FM Club's March meeting. Bill is not only an expert at forecasting weather, but he actually has a very strong software development background and continuously works on improving software modeling to better forecast weather. Bill is a very dynamic speaker. This is a program you don't want to miss. Feel free to bring family members, friends, and neighbors that have an interest in Weather. You never know, you might just get them hooked on Amateur Radio, once they learn about the importance of Skywarn.

For more information, see the "Meetings" link on the CFMC web page.

***CFMC 2M Foxhunt  
Feb 20th, 2010***

by Tony AA9CC

We decided to go to Micro Center to look at computer hardware before the hunt, but when we arrived there was no time for shopping and we looked for a hide spot. I saw on google maps that 35th street dead ended into Rt 83 on the east side and when we checked it out we found a developers track of upscale mansions that had replaced the Oak Brook Farm. But due to the recent bubble pop of the housing market, progress was only a mile loop of curbed pavement and numbered lots. With some effort we got the two wheel drive Jeep Cherokee into lot 13. It seems the slightest irregularity would cause the wheels to spin in the 2 inches of snow. (defiantly not a man's car). In place, we waited 15 minutes for the hunt to start and released the hounds with only 5 watts and a quarter wave mag mount. The spot was much better that expected and the winner, Tom, took the most ridiculous route S 355 to N 55 to N 294 to W 88 to Midwest rd. The other hunters followed soon after except for Charlie, who, after another half

hour gave up. We found out later that he lost a filling and was taking pain medication. Post hunt gathering was at Connie's Pizza.

Results:

1. Tom N9CBA
2. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
3. Don W9RA DNF Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis N9VRA

***CFMC Board Meeting Minutes 02/17/10  
Edge brook Field House***

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

Attendance:

WA9FTS, KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, N9KTW, KB9SAR, W9DMW, W9XB, NK9A AND KC9PGJ

Meeting called to order by Ken KA9TRG at 6:32pm.

**Old business:**

Mike WA9FTS proposed some constitution changes again. Tina KC9CMO advised per our constitution we need to abide by the IL Non for Profit Act and per that Act article 10 #805 section 110.30 we need to file any approved changes with the Sec of State on their forms and that needs to be checked into, however we could vote on a change to follow a minimum expenditure for the expo chairman without having to file a change to the constitution. Ken KA9TRG said he will check into not having to go through the State for changes and provide proof as to what the next step would be and to table it to the next board meeting. Tina asked Ken about the club donation presentation and Ken said doesn't have it yet. She also asked Mike about the Helpline Log and the community service ad (Joe WA9KOD was to do) and if he has given them to Dick yet and he said no. Then she asked him if the 2010 Budget for the board to review is done and if the money was given to him for the 50/50 raffle by Tom yet and he said no.

**New Business:**

Steve K9VO advised everyone of the jamming during the 220 net Saturday and suggested Rick tightened the squelch and to form a committee to track down the person(s) doing the jamming. Rick W9XB said if we could get a general location he can open a case with the

FCC and will ask at the general meeting for volunteers to get the location. Tina KC9CMO brought up an e-mail that was sent to her, Ken and Mike regarding the Weather Seminar from Greg and read it to everyone. Rick W9XB motioned that we hold the regular meeting March 17, 2010 from 6:30 to 7pm and let the Seminar be held from 7:30 pm till its completion. Tina KC9CMO 1<sup>st</sup>, Don W9DMW 2<sup>nd</sup> all agreed but Mike WA9FTS whom abstained. Tina agreed to e-mail Greg back. Mike did say he would check the occupancy. Tina KC9CMO then asked who would be taking the RSVP's Tom KB9AJM was not at the meeting so Bob KC9PGJ volunteered to take them. Tina motioned Bob KC9PGJ take the RSVP's. Lynne N9CBE 1<sup>st</sup>, Bob KB9SAR 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. RSVP's will go to Bob at 847-679-7764. Mike also said he will post the information about the National Weather Service Seminar on the Website.

#### **Field Day:**

Ken brought up Field Day and that we need a chairman. Tina KC9CMO nominated Stan NK9A Don W9DMW 1<sup>st</sup>, Rick W9XB 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Stan then accepted Stan made it clear that things will be handled according to the proper standards and is prepared. He also stated he will supply two transceivers. Tina then handed Stan the Field Day suggestions that were e-mailed to her last year by Len N9LEN.

#### **Tech Report:**

Rick brought the repeater diagram to distribute and said until the weather gets better he needs no volunteers from the general membership. Tina said she will scan and e-mail the diagram. The 440 antenna was lost as well as two 2 meter antennas and 3 feed lines. Rick said he will get a quote and Don W9DMW volunteered to check with the insurance company and get back to us by the next meeting. Tina provided Don with the insurance info. 6 meters is up & working but 1/2 of the duplexer is running broad and causing issues he will try and fix it soon. Don also volunteered to help Rick with it if needed. Tina asked about the site switching issue and Rick said can have it fixed by April. Tina asked Don if the old equipment list was found by him or Tom KB9AJM yet and if the new equipment has been tagged and logged, he said not yet.

#### **Expo:**

Don W9DMW went over the contract for the grounds with the board and said there will be a deposit required.

Rick motioned to pay whatever amount is required as a deposit. Lynne 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed. Mike WA9FTS said that he has been busy selling tickets and tables and all is going well so far. Tina KC9CMO asked Don if he has discussed the grounds collecting for the electrical yet and he said not yet then she asked him about quotes for new Expo signs and he said he has also has not done that yet. Tina then asked Steve K9VO how the search for the women item vendors is going and he said it will take a while and to diary that till the Aug meeting.

Tina KC9CMO motioned to close the meeting at 7:56pm, Don W9DMW 1<sup>st</sup> and Steve K9VO 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### *CFMC Meeting Minutes 02/17/10 Edge Brook Field House*

Taken by Tina KC9CMO

#### **Attendance:**

KA9TRG, N9CBE, K9VO, KC9CMO, KB9SAR, WA9KOD, N9LXF, N9KTW, WA9FTS, KC9LRZ, NK9A, K9OB, KB9OOR, N9IHZ, KC9JXJ, K9RCL, KE5NAK, W9GFH, WD9GCN, K9WLS, W9LOB, N9TGR, KA2DRQ, KB9RTP, W9DMW, AB9OP, KC9PGJ, K9OG, KC9RES AND K9ECS.

Meeting called to order at 8:12pm.

Minutes for the last months meeting were approved. Mike WA9FTS 1<sup>st</sup> and Howard N9KTW 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> Readings: Gary KB9OBZ, Robert KE5NAK and Tom NV9U

2<sup>nd</sup> Readings: Jim W9CTO, Mike N9PLG, Bob W9AVB, Randy KC9RES and Eugene K9ECS

3<sup>rd</sup> Readings: Don WJ9M

Mike motioned to vote in Don WJ9M, Gary KB9OBZ and Robert KE5NAK. Howard N9KTW 1<sup>st</sup>, George W9GFH 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed.

#### **Treasurers report:**

Mike WA9FTS announced Chase at \$2538.16 and National City \$1000.00.

#### **Tech report:**

Rick W9XB said the 440 antenna was lost as well as two 2 meter antennas and 3 feed lines, 6 meters is up & working but 1/2 of the duplexer is running broad and

causing issues he will try and fix it soon. He also advised everyone if you would like to be registered to use DSTAR e-mail Rick at [wrickduel@yahoo.com](mailto:wrickduel@yahoo.com) and there will be a \$5.00 yearly charge to add to your membership dues.

**Expo:**

Don W9DMW announced the contract is being secured.

**Field Day:**

Ken announced that Stan NK9A is the Field Day Chairman and Stan asked for volunteers to contact him and his info is in the roster.

**New Business:**

Steve K9VO announced that there to everyone about the jamming during the 220 net Saturday and asked for volunteers to get the location of the person jamming.

**Old Business:**

Tina asked Howard if he contacted Jerry about announcing the meetings on the repeater and he said Jerry was busy and should have an answer by the next meeting.

Tina KC9CMO motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, Don W9DMW 1<sup>st</sup> and George W9GFH 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*\* Special Thanks to our guest speaker Robert Goolsby for the propagation presentation.

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*Treasurer's Report*

Chase Checking - \$2322.52

National City Checking - \$1000.00

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**COMMUNICATIONS LAW:  
NEW GROUP FORMED TO FIGHT  
DISTRACTED DRIVING**

A new group with government support is targeting all forms of distractions while driving. And while amateur radio is not yet in its gun-sights, hams will want to keep a close eye on this one.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has teamed up with the National Safety Council for form a new organization to end distracted driving. This through the creation of a new organization called FocusDriven

which is the first nonprofit organization devoted to combating distracted driving and supporting victims of distracted drivers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines distracted driving as any non-driving activity a person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing. It notes that there are three major types of driving distraction that include visual, manual and cognitive. In simple terms this means any activity that causes a driver to take one's eyes off the road, ones hands off the steering wheel, or one's mind off of driving. While distracted driving has always been a safety issue. Now, with the advent of mobile communication devices and other mobile technologies, it has become what the FocusDriven calls a growing epidemic. The group considers cell phone texting the most alarming of newer distractions, because it involves all three types of distraction. Other forms of distracted driving includes driving while using a cell phone, changing a radio station, eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming, using a CD or Mp3 player, watching a video or reading, or using a PDA or navigation system or other portable electronic devices. So far, a ban against texting while driving has been enacted in 19 states plus Washington D.C. and Guam. Six states plus Washington D.C. and the Virgin Islands have banned the use of all hand-held devices for any reason while driving. Most but not all do have exclusions for users of two-way business communications and some have extended that exclusion to amateur radio. The new FocusDriven organization is said to be modeled after the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving. More is on-line at [www dot focusdriven dot org](http://www.dotfocusdriven.org). (FocusDriven, various news reports)

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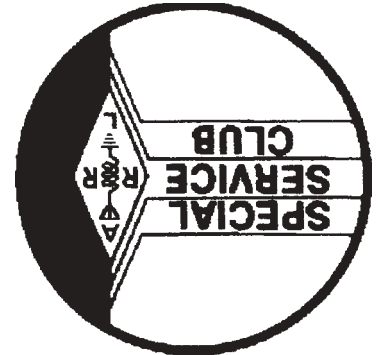
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Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!

\* TBA = To Be Announce

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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.