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***HALLOWEEN  
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## Presidents Corner

By the time you read this, Radio Expo will have come and gone. This year like the economy, Radio Expo had its hardships. I was not at Radio Expo for good reasons, but was I listening on the radio and did not hear many people asking for directions. Most of the ham community probably knew how to get there without asking directions, but did not attend. Weather played a big part in the success of this venture, and Mother Nature did her best on the opening , and closing day of the fest. The club suffered losses as any adventure, is a gamble. This month at the general meeting, we will ask for nominees to run for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations will close at the end of business at this months meeting. Elections will be held in December. So if you have a favored candidate please show up and put a vote in for them. As always after the ham fest there will be some kind of a dinner for the workers. Mike tells me that all the bills have not been received for the ham fest, so we don't have all the totals of the entire cost yet. We could use some good ideas on how the ham fest might bring in some revenue on our slow day, that would be Sunday. Ron (WB9EXL) was here from AZ. to help us get some of the repeaters up, but no word from the technical committee, so he has left to go back home.



Sincerely Jim WA9EMY

**SILENT KEY**

We were just informed that one of our long-time members passed away. Frank Jackowiak WY9U is no longer with us. Our sympathies go out to his wife, family and freinds

**September 17th, 2008 – CFMC Minutes  
Taken by Andy N9TGR**

The meeting was called to order by Ken KA9TRG – 8:01 PM – the roll call reading of new members / new applicants. N9QDO was voted in a new member. The reading of the last minutes were not read due to a lack of paperwork. Rick W9XB had D-Star 2M/440 up and running from his house. Steve K9VO says that a lack of club participation at Radio Expo was disappointing. Rick W9XB suggests the club should get insurance for next year's Radio Expo in the event of adverse weather conditions. Ken KA9TRG says club should have various committees to work on different club projects – eg ticket sales, hamfest organization etc. Mike WA9FTS made some suggestions on procedures for next year's Radio Expo. Ken KA9TRG suggested giving away free tickets to next year's Radio Expo to various radio stations as part of a promotion. Ken also says he has a fridge full of leftover food from Radio Expo. He suggests having a Radio Expo workers dinner at the Field House. Tom KB9AJM suggested if there is any food left over from the party the club should have another cook out. Mike WA9FTS presented the Treasurer's report and it looked bleak. So far we have spent \$13k more than we took in. Radio Expo took in \$10, 819 so far and spent \$11,741 with a possibility of spending \$6-\$7K more when other expenses are tallied up. Andy N9TRG suggested raising club membership dues by \$5 annually. Membership approved and the Board will vote on it. Ken KA9TRG called for membership comments and suggestions. Bob KB9SAR asked how long you have to be a member before you can run as a Board member or a club officer. Mike WA9FTS says, considering recent experiences, it would be best to have a club member with at least 1 year and preferably 2 years experience. Mike explained that we have had new members as Board members and Officers and it created problems due to their being unfamiliar with the running of the club. Bob KB9SAR has identified a "LID" who is interfering with the repeater. Mike WA9FTS agreed to help. Ken KA9TRG made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. There were 25 members in attendance.

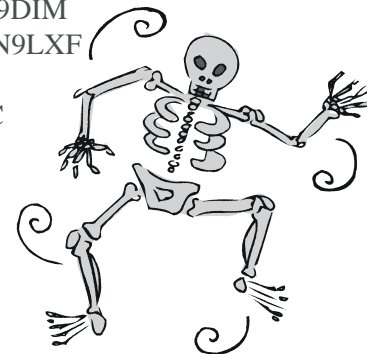
**CFMC Foxhunt Report September 2008**

It was a perfect night for hiding and I found a good spot, except for one thing, the explosion of mosquitoes that followed last week's rain forced me back into the car. I drove and found this spot, (Link to Map) which looks like a slimy green waste water pond, but is actually terra ferma of recent fill a few feet above the surroundings. I broke off a box elder skeleton tree and braced it with several bulldozer mangled limbs 40 feet from the car and placed in it the Moxon rectangle facing west, about 8 feet high. This would reduce the signal by 20 dB in the expected approach direction. Joanie joined me around 7:30 after phone directions with french fries, a chocolate milkshake and spray on deet repellent, which worked well when applied around the open windows. I checked and could make several repeaters including Elgin on low power. There was some prehunt chatter about a jammer, I could not hear Charlie in the input which concerned me, but at the start in Addison all four had a direction and the hunt was off. The hunt was going smoothly but to our dismay, the car lights we saw poking around the school drove up the gravel road and right at us during a transmission, it was Tom and the time was only 8:26. He had made only one overshoot to Park ave. Another hour passed with unfamiliar sheep like noises emanating from the woods before Charlie and then Don asked for a extra transmissions. Don drove up and was surprised to find us for second place. Charlie through in the towel but was persuaded into continuing with access from the east. Mike and Paul were on foot when Charlie drove in, as in a wild rodeo, keeping Mike on the far side of the car. It was intentional interference, Charlie had a laugh, Mike was pissed off whipped the beam to the ground and skipped munchies at Partillo's. Tom reported the signal was only level 2 at I-355 and rt56.

Score:

1 8:26 Tom N9CBA                      2 9:20 Don W9RA  
3 9:40 Charlie with Lex ,KB9DIM  
DNF Mike WA9FTS & Paul N9LXF

Fox: Tony and Joanie AA9CC



**SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING**

Attended: KA9TRG, WA9FTS, W9XB, K9VO, AB9OP, NK9A, KB9SAR, KC9CMO, N9NJM.

Minutes taken by Don W9DMW.

All Board members attended except for Jim WA9EMY, Tom KB9AJM and Any N9TGR. The meeting started at 8PM. san NK9A wants to withdraw from VEC testing to comcentrat on teaching of Ham Radio courses. Mark AB9OP will take over VEC testing and link to VEC testing with MAC group. Mark will do the testing from 6-8PM on the 3rd Wed of the month with Rick W9XB teaching only. It was agreed that no other VEC testing will be conducted without CFMC Board approval or without the approval of Mark AB9OP. Norm N9NJM from CSRA acked to use the CFMC 2m repeater on Monday nights at 8 PM for their club net. This was approved by the Board. We agreed on Oct 26th at the Edgebrook Field House for the Expo worker's dinner. Khriiss7 & Jamal and Don will do the cooking. Time will be 2:30-6PM. Mike WA9FTS and Don W9DMW will get side dishes. This is for Expo workers and family members only. (Last minute change- Oct 26th not available - new date is Oct 19th - everything else is the same). All Expo tickets are accounted for per Mike WA9FTS. Rick W9XB states that the new 2M antenna will be installed within the next 2 wks. He will also check on the 6M antenna. The 6M repeater will be installed soon. Rick will tune the 6M duplexer and wire to main cnltrroller. Barrington receive site is down - reason not known. Worth is turned off due to IM problems. We need to update the membership due dates for renewals. Mike WA9FTS and Steve K9VO are working on it. The Board reaffirmed that Mike WA9FTS is the web master. The Board meeting was closed at 9:10PM.

**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

**HELP HELP**

Because of the problem in getting the updated Club database from the former Secretary, we are asking ALL of our members who renewed or joined after May of this year to give the treasurer the date, amount payed and the form of your payment. We received the database at the beginning of June and nothing after that. The Information can be left on the Ham-Help line (773) 262-6773 or my e-mail (dick6614@sbcglobal.net)

**Here is the members who attended the Sept meeting at the Edgebrook Field House:**

WA9FTS, WB9PTA, K9FFY, KB9OOR, N9LXF, KB2UTG, N9QDO, K9MLM, K9QLC, NK9A, KC9LRZ, W9XB, KA9TRG, KB9RGI, N9KTW, N9HIN, KB9JV1, W9KMP, KB9AJM, N9TGR, W9RLI, K9MF, W9GFH, KC9GRH, N9VKY, WD9BIC, KD7VDU.  
MIKE WA9FTS

**E-MAIL VERSUS REGULAR MAIL**

If you are receiving a print version of this newsletter, and you think you should be getting the e-mail version there is something wrong with your address because your e-mail was returned as not being able to deliver. When I get a notice of non-deliverable, I turn off your e-mail flag and move you to the print version. Please send me an e-mail to dick6614@sbcglobal.net and I'll correct our data.

**TRUSTEE'S CORNER**

Hi all This is going to be an occasional piece that I submit when there is something that I need to say. This month, I want to give a VERY big round of thanks to several people that gave the club and me a great deal of help for RADIO EXPO. First and foremost I want to thank Gerry Migely, WA9KXZ, for the many hours of time that he spent assisting me in getting echolink up and running for RADIO EXPO. He also called upon the assistance of his daughter Catherine, KC9CKC, to get the announcement for RADIO EXPO professionally produced and onto our dvr on the repeater. Without these 2 people we would not have had the professional and great sounding announcement on our repeater or echolink. THANK YOU I also want to thank Eric, N9MCS who graciously loaned us the use of his personal UHF repeater and took the time to setup his echolink so that his repeater and ours were seamlessly linked together so that we had total coverage from the fairgrounds throughout the entire Chicagoland area. THANK YOU Finally I want to thank Phil, WN9KMA for handling talk in traffic early on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Thank you to all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes helping us to put on RADIO EXPO. Howard Goldberg, N9KTW Trustee

**MESSAGE FROM THE EXPO CHAIRMAN**

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank those who gave time to help support our efforts at Radio Expo 2008, It was most unfortunate the weather did not co-operate, But no one can predict that. Even so I have had many emails from vendors and fellow brother hams commending our efforts. The most applause was for our "FOOD COURT", Everyone said it was great, And hope that it will return next Expo. If I have anything to do with it, IT WILL !!! Those of you that gave of your time, I hope you will continue to support our club cause. Those of you who did not help, Please consider helping out next year. This will help reduce club spenditure and help keep the cost of Expo down.

There will be a small get together for "RADIO EXPO WORKERS ONLY" On 19-Oct-08. (Sunday) It will be held at the Edgebrook field house, Same as our club meetings, Between the hours of 2:30 to 6:30 PM. Hope to see all the workers attend. Please contact Steve, K9VO to tell him that you will be coming. Or contact Don W9DMW. Once again, Thanks to all of our workers. God Bless You All.

"SUPPORT CFMC", WERE NUMBER ONE AND LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.

W9DXCC Conference was attended by CFMC members on September 20 and 21 in Chicago. "Over the years W9DXCC has grown to include an expanding group of DXers, both "Big Guns" and "Little Pistols", all united in the common interest - a love of the art and sport of DXing." Those attending: Andy N9TGR, Ramsin NR9RLI, Pat W9DPS, Martin AC6RM, Melissa K9MLM, Dean K9RLC, DW9IC, and Chuck KB9RGI. More information can be found at [www.w9dxcc.com](http://www.w9dxcc.com) 73 de Chuck from Lansing kb9rgi@arrl.net

**WORLDBEAT - EUROPE: NI-CAD BATTERIES TO BE BANNED IN EUROPE**

Ni-Cad batteries will soon be a thing of the past in Europe. On September 26th a new European Union directive comes into force preventing the importation of Ni-Cad and certain other batteries into Europe.

In April of 2004 the European parliament voted to ban Nickel-Cadmium batteries based on them being an ecological hazard. At that time the parliament also adopted restrictions on the use of lead in batteries.

It says the lead content can be fully replaced by environ-

mentally preferable Alkaline Manganese batteries.

And what about the impact of this ban on ham radio gear? According to information from Icom U-K, Ni-Cd batteries for their equipment will only be available until its stocks are exhausted. Icom says that alternative types of battery for current equipment have been available for some time, so there should be no problem in finding an substitute.

But Icom U-K says that for older equipment where Ni-Cd was the only type of battery available, replacements may not be available. (Southgate, European Public Health Alliance)

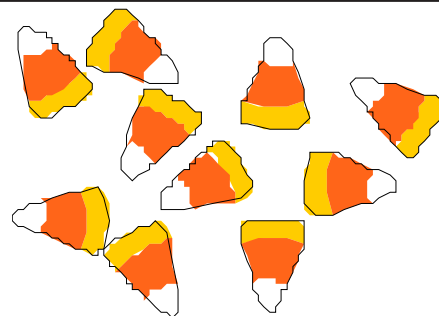
**RADIO LAW: BROADCASTERS SOON TO CLEAR PARTS OF 40 METERS**

Ham radio should soon have less interference to contend with on 40 meters. This if all goes as its supposed to in about six months time when those powerful shortwave broadcast stations are supposed to move away from 7.1 to 7.2 MHz as that spectrum fully reverts to the Amateur Service.

By way of background, before 1938 there was an exclusive amateur allocation of 7.0 to 7.3 MHz. But due to world unrest that band parcel was taken away to accommodate propaganda broadcasting in the lead up to World War II. It had been thought it would be returned to the Amateur Service afterward, but its use for broadcasting continued due to the Cold War. In fact broadcasting increased the size of its primary allocation. While in some parts of the world radio amateurs managed to retain 7.0 to 7.3 MHz only the bottom third was amateur exclusive and the remainder shared with shortwave broadcasters.

So, the International Amateur Radio Union mounted a campaign for the 40m band to be return globally to the Amateur Service. Its case stated that such as change would ensure effective communications support particularly in the event of natural disasters.

The I-A-R-U pursued the issue at the World Radio communications Conference in 2003. There its work gained 7.1 to 7.2 MHz worldwide for the Amateur Service. It also got an extra 100 kilohertz added on the exclusive allocation, while sharing between 7.2 and 7.3 MHz continues. (WIA News)



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## What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

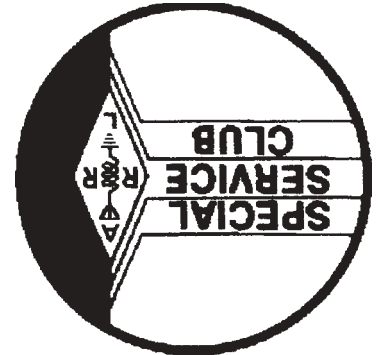
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**Members Celebrating Their Birthdays This Month!**

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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).

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.