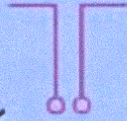


# **SQUELCH TALE**



*Chicago FM Club*

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# Radio

**Next General Meeting  
Edgebrook Field House  
Sep 21st - 8 PM**

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# Expo 2011

**Sept 10th & 11th  
Boone Co  
Fairgrounds  
Belvidere IL**

**Door Prizes - Kenwood TS-590S  
10 Dual Band HTS - 5 on SAT and 5  
on Sun**

**Misc door prizes each hour both days**

**VE Testing -  
Both Days  
9 AM to 1 PM**

**D-Star Sminar**





## Meeting Minutes

This is the rest of the July 20th minutes left out in error.

Bob/KB9SAR says Expo mailings are still going out. He brought up the possibility of having a program on the truth about 9/11. The program will be scheduled. Any more ideas? Field day needs to be addressed as early as possible. A new chairman has to be appointed. A new site has to be researched. Reservations need to be made. Amateur Awareness has been tabled for now. The Holiday Party may be cancelled and the money used for equipment maintenance. Don/W9DMW has at his own expense put together a 6m and a 10m package. He will install them if he can be assured reimbursement for loss or damage. The Red Cross will have a vehicle on site for injuries at expo. The Salvation Army will be contacted. Gerry/WA9KXZ is making his annual plea for hams to assist in the Chicago Marathon. This race is one of top in the nation bringing in about 45000 attendees. Club members may volunteer as individuals or teams. More info is available at the Chicago Marathon web site. You can also connect to Gerry at [wa9kxz@arri.net](mailto:wa9kxz@arri.net). The date of the race is October 9, but you need to commit as soon as possible. The race is sponsored by The Bank of America, which also donates money to volunteer clubs. Full information will be available at [Chicagofmclub.org](http://Chicagofmclub.org). Tony/N9VVO felt he had to thank the club for such a warm welcome he and his wife Lisa got at the field day site. That caused him to want to join the club. Don/W9DMW moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynne/N9CBE second. Tina/KC9CMO closed the meeting at 9:56 p. Submitted by Leroy/KF9MY

17 August 18, 2011 general Meeting at the Edgebrook Field House  
Tina/KC9CMO called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. In attendance were. Leroy/KF9MY, Tom/K9MF, Jerry/WA9KXZ, Phil/N9PA, Mike/WA9FTS, John/KC9QIO, Gary/KA9OBZ, Vern/K9VRT, Tom/N9IHZ, Carl/K9CKJ, Chris/NB9A, Lowell/AB9UU, Daniel Halazonitij, Wanda/KC9LRZ, Lynne/N9KBE, Gianna, Guest, Don/W9DMW, Howard/N9KTW, Tim/WD9DZV, Tom/KB9AJM, Elton/WA9AYQ, Tony/N9VVO, Jan/NE2AR, Pete/WV9P, George/W9GFH, Jeff/KC9TCT, Paul/N9LXF,

Orson/AB9WQ, Ben/NN9S, Tina/KC9CMO, Steve/K9VO, Bob/KB9SAR, Mike/W9MJH, Tina/KC9CMO called the meeting to order at 8:08 p. Mike/WA9FTS asked to be put on the agenda.

Approval of the minutes as published by Tom/N9IHZ second by Elton/WA9AYQ.  
Third reading for K9JGA —WB9WGA —WB9JFR —N9TCQ —KD9AU —Congratulations guys. 1st reading for Carl/K9CKJ, sponsored by Steve/K9VO and N9SRA. Motion by George/W9GFH TO admit and second by Chris/NB9A. Mike/WA9FTS some of his friends have not gotten applications. It is being looked into. Don/W9DMW thanked Bob/KB9SAR for getting Kenwood to donate a 590s for Expo. This has made people buy extra tickets to win it. Way to go guys! Members!!! Please remember we need assistance at Radio Expo. Any time you can give to help, see Steve/K9VO or Bob/KB9SAR. This is our lifeblood to help buy new equipment to keep our systems on the air. Don't forget the Chicago Marathon. See the web site for more info. Ben/NN9S is involved with a tech group and would like old ham equip antennas etc to help this group be hams. Contact him on the discussgroup or e-mail. Tony/N9VVO accepted the position of Marathon Chairman for the people who volunteered to man a booth. Steve/K9VO moved to adjourn, Howard/N9KTW second. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.  
Submitted by Leroy/KF9MY

17 August 31, 2011 Board meeting at the Edgebrook fieldhouse  
In attendance: Leroy/kf9my, Bob/KB9SAR, Tina/KC9CMO, Tom/KB9AJM, Lynne/N9CBE, Gianna/GUEST, Steve/K9VO, Paul/N9LXF, Mike/WA9FTS, Tony/N9VVO, Jan/NE2AR, Tom/N9IHZ, Pete/WV9P, Elton/WA9AYQ, Carl/K9CKJ, Howard/n9ktw. Tina/KC9CMO called the meeting to order at 9:35 p. Let it be known that Mike/WA9FTS is retiring as editor and publisher of the newsletter. He has volunteered to assist the incoming person as to software and computer interface to make the transition as easy as possible. MIKE/WA9FTS has been as asset for so long we forget how long he has been the publisher

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## MEETING MINUTES

Continued from Page 2 of SQUELCH TALE. He was here long before I was. Here is someone who was dedicated to making CFMC the pride of the repeater crowd. In the past he has put off vacations and other pleasures to contribute to the future of the club. No one has ever spent the time to keep the tickets coming in to keep us operational. Here is a person we all would like to call our friend, as he has a bunch to rely on. My hat is off to Mike/WA9FTS for having such a love for the club and what it stands for. Mike, it is a pleasure to have known you, and I hope you succeed in whatever you may attempt. I hope we will have a volunteer to attempt to fill his shoes, as well as he has. Mike you're "the Greatest". Lynne/N9CBE and Tom/KB9AJM moved to accept the resignation. Steve/K9VO and Howard seconded to attempt to get a new editor. Motion carried. Howard/N9KTW moved to adjourn. Bob/KB9SAR second, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22p.  
Submitted by/leroy/KF9MY

## Foxhunt Report

CFMC 2M Foxhunt  
Aug 20th, 2011  
by Mike WA9FTS

Tony AA9CC and Joan KC9QQY were expected to be hiding south of the starting point. They did not disappoint! Tony did, however, have a very weak signal but it did indicate they were directly south. He was running 5w to a beam pointed to the starting point. Most of the hunters took I-355 south and got off at 159th St. Don got off much earlier. Paul and I went east to Gaugar Rd and south to find Tom and John parked on the I-355 overpass. We continued south to 167th St and west. "Wait! Turn around and go back to that gravel road just west of I-355", I said to Paul. It did not go very far so we got back on 167th St west to Farrell Rd and north to 159th St. We went east to a deserted parking lot and followed it east and south to 3 parked trailers. We found them but not before Tom and John were there minutes earlier and had driven off to CiCi's located at 159th and Farrell. Don dropped out after finding out he was still not very close.  
Results:

1. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet (the driver)
2. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF DNF Don W9RA

## Fun With Words

To write with a broken pencil is . . . Pointless.  
When fish are in schools they sometimes . . .  
Take debate.  
A thief who stole a calendar . . . Got twelve months.  
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles , . . . U.C.L.A.  
The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes . . . Was on Shaky ground.  
The batteries were given out . . . Free of charge.  
A dentist and a manicurist married. . . . They fought tooth and nail.  
A will is a . . . Dead giveaway.  
If you don't pay your exorcist . . . You can get repossessed.  
With her marriage, she got a new name -And a dress.  
Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you . . . A-flat Miner.  
You are stuck with your debt if . . . You can't budge it.  
Local Area Network in Australia : . . . The LAN down under.  
A boiled egg is . . . Hard to beat.  
When you've seen one shopping center . . . You've seen a mall.  
Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was . . . Resisting a rest.  
Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? . . .  
He's all right now.  
If you take a laptop computer for a run you could . . .  
Jog your memory.  
A bicycle can't stand alone; . . . It is two tired.  
In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, . . . it's Your Count that votes.  
When a clock is hungry . . . It goes back four seconds  
The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine . . .  
Was fully recovered.  
He had a photographic memory . . . Which was never developed.  
Those who get too big for their britches will be . . .  
Exposed in the end.  
When she saw her first strands of gray hair, . . .  
She thought she'd dye.





### KB9AJM'S Corner

Guess what!!! It is that time of the year again! Radio Expo. which will be held September 10th. Saturday and also September 11th. Sunday. As most of us know we will have a Grand Prize, a Kenwood TS-590S worth \$1,964.00 The more tickets that you buy, the better chance of winning!

Check the website to see a picture of the radio and also get other info. on the other prizes. The tickets are going fast, I have sold over 20 tickets myself. There are still plenty of tickets left. Look under [www.chicagofmclub.org](http://www.chicagofmclub.org)

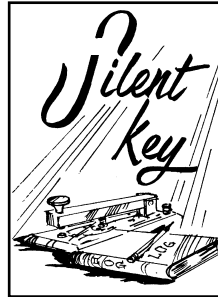
I am sure that a lot of you Hams have heard on Newline or The Rain Report about that Ham Christina I think K6RX or K6RS or something close to it, who has a Repeater in the L.A. area. I was listening live to her repeater system, I could not believe the vulgarity that these hams were using! My friends and I heard it on 145.435 2 meters. We found it on the Abts 5.0 Radio. A couple of good hams came in on the system and and told Christina that she is wrong for what she is doing, they swore and keyed on them. I cannot see why the FCC does not take the repeater off of the air and fine them!



Congratulations to Vern (K9VRT) and Carol on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

## Let The Secretary Know

If you change your address because you moved, or if you change your call or class license, or if you change your email, or want to include your birthday in the calendar, let the Secretary know about it.



## Helen Knopp KA9IFK

It is with sadness that I must report the passing of Hellen Knopp KA9IFK. She was the wife of Bill WA9ERC, who was the club's President in 1980 and trustee from the early 80s to 1997. Bill and Helen lived in Lincolnwood and Art WB9JIT and I visited them a number of times. They moved to Merritt Island near the Kennedy Space Center. Bill passed away shortly after the move. In 2002, Carol and I visited her in Florida shortly before she moved to Texas. She was a friendly and wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her.

Mike WA9FTS

## Squelch Tale Editor Needed

Mike WA9FTS will be stepping down as Squelch Tale editor. The new editor should have computer, Word, Excel, email and newsletter experience. If you know someone who fits these requirements, let the Board know.

- Mike WA9FTS



# October 2011

## What's Happening This Month at CFMC!

						1 A B D WA9FTS W9GFH
2	3	4 W9BBB	5	6	7 C NV9U	8 A B D
9 KC9LRZ	10 KA9OBZ	11 W9BMK	12 SRO Fall Auction KB9SAR	13	14 C	15 A B D
16	17 NB9A	18	19 CFMC GENERAL MEETING	20	21 C	22 A B D
23	24	25	26	27	28 C	29 A B D
30 K9VO	31		KC9AVM			

Calls listed above have birthdays this month.

A - Ham-get-together at Brandy's - 5200 S Cicero Ave - 8 AM to Noon

B - 220 MHz Preservation Net - 8PM - CFMC 220 North - 224.100 MHz

C - Ham-get-together at the Rose Garden - 111 E Higgins - Elk Grove Vlg - 9:30AM to Noon

D - Ham-get-together at the Pine Grove Restaurant - 6508 N Mannheim Rd, Rosemont - 2PM

SRO Fall Auction - 8PM - Edgebrook Field House

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# Radio Expo 2011 Sep 10th & 11th Boone Co Fairgrounds

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### Repeaters

#### 146.760/ 146.160 MHz PL 107.2

The 250 watt transmitter on the AON Center 8 receive sites. Echo link is available node # 62478.

#### 443.75 / 448.75 MHz PL 114.8 (P-25 System)

Quantar Aon Center Analog and Digital P-25 modes

**Note: Analog mode is priority at all times.** Monitor in (decode) PL 114.8

#### 224.10 / 222.50 MHz- Carrier Squelch

25 watt transmitter at 500 feet in Chicago

#### 224.18 / 222.58 MHz- Carrier Squelch

25 watt system 125 foot tower in Worth

#### 29.660 / 29.560 PL 107.2

250 watt 10 Meter Transmitter 200 ft in Park Ridge

Receiver downtown Chicago at 500 ft (split site)

The system is under construction.

#### 51.110 / 52.810 Mhz PL 107.2

100 watt 6 meter transmitter on the Aon Center

#### 441.90625 D-Star reflector 1C

25 watt D-Star machine Aon Center