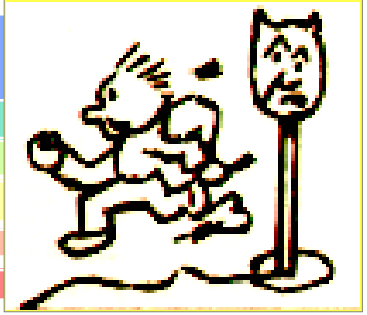




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Upcoming Events

For hamfests, this is a quiet time of the year.

We start 2011 off in January with:

West Allis Radio Amateur Club's 39th Annual Midwinter Swapfest
Jan 8th in Waukesha WI

Mid-Winter Hamfest Jan 23rd sponsored by the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles IL

Details and directions can be found on the club web site - Hamfests

SRO/CFAR Holiday Party

Edgebrook Field House
6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
Dec 8th 6:30 PM



The Christmas / Hannukah Party is planned and in place. All we need is SRO members and CFAR contributors to join us and celebrate the holidays together. Brown's Catering will provide us with: Polish sausage & saurkraut, chicken & beef, cole slaw, baked beans, mostaccioli, cake, soda (reg & diet) and holiday punch. We hope to have live piano music as we had last year and Lynne and Carol will do the decorating. Join us for a wonderful evening.



SRO Regular Meeting - Oct 13th at the Edgebrook Field House

SRO Notes for October 13, 2010: Edge Brook Field House: View from Above

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

JAMES BOND'S ASTON MARTIN. At the recent auction, Mike Brost WA9FTS bet the treasury. But James Bond's silver, 1964 Aston Martin DB5 was just too rare for our bid. Instead, this famous car sold for 4.6 million dollars to SRO member Harry Yeaggy. (Harry is an American. Maybe he'll park the car in the Edgebrook lot. Keep your eyes open.) A dealer from RM Auctions oversaw the sale for our club. The previous owner, American journalist Jerry Lee, had purchased the car for \$12,000 in 1969. He sold the Martin to raise money for charity.

GOLDFINGER. Bond's vehicle is the same car that appeared in both Goldfinger and Thunderball. Under the hood is a 3,995cc, short-stroke, straight-six gas engine with double overhead cams and two valves per cylinder. The three carburetors produce 282 BHP (210 kW). The famous rear-wheel drive coupe has a ZF five-speed manual transmission from German ZF Friedrichshafen AG.

During a break in the auction, Mike invites me to have a sneak peek at the Martin. He admits that before the auction, he borrowed the vehicle for a little shakedown. He carefully reparked the vehicle in an undisclosed location nearby. We're on our way there now.

Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT



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INSIDE THE CHARIOT. While Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF continues with the auction inside, WA9FTS points out a dense thicket in the Edgebrook woods. We cast a quick glance over our shoulders. Then he and I quickly remove some branches. There's the renowned Bond chariot! Mike keys a code into some sort of handheld device. Locks click. Then we slip inside the Martin.

DEMO. WA9FTS promises to demonstrate how the spy equipment works. With Mike at the wheel, we slip out of the Field House driveway. Now on Central Avenue, Mike is in for a surprise. Despite the splendid hardware, he can't get the Martin going past 145 kilometers per hour (87 mph). Later I read that the Martin won't go any faster. As I hang onto the dashboard, I'm surprised that Mike isn't worried about a ticket. Yet the Chicago police just wave. Everybody loves the Martin. Before long, we have an escort.

CONTROL SYSTEMS. Inside, Mike checks out the amenities. The car still contains this standard equipment directly from Q at MI6: + Aircraft-style Browning machine guns that pop out of the turn signals. + A bulletproof windshield in front, and a retractable blast screen in the rear. + A radio transponder for tracking. (This system only works in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Mike has offered to retrofit it for local foxhunts.) And then there are these features that no ham must be without...

+ Revolving number plates with valid plates valid in all European countries, but unfortunately not including Illinois. (The spinning, three-way plates include GOLD FINGER, JB007 and BMT216A.) + Tire-slashing hubcaps. + Nail-firing catapult. + Hydraulic ram bumpers + Oil-slick sprayer. + Control console on the center armrest for the guns, windshield, slicks, tracker and plates. + Radar and a car phone in the driver's door. + Eject seat: Mike casually mentions that he can operate the ejector from the red control button in the gearshift. I must insist that United Artists would never

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have sprung (get it?) for a real ejector! Why, everybody knows that thing was just a...



SOFT LANDING. At last, I'm back on the ground. I've just hiked back to the Field House. Fortunately, I expected some sort of tomfoolery (or standard behavior). I packed my SRO commando parachute. Mike pulls up. Immediately, he begins reinstalling the ejector hatch that his police escort retrieved. Since it's some kind of bulletproof plastic, the hatch hasn't suffered even a scratch. SRO-member Q knew what he was doing. (Those one-letter callsigns are quite desirable, too.) Maybe he'll show up at the next meeting. I have a few questions to ask him. I'd like to install that joystick steering mechanism that Pierce Brosnan used to control the Audi in Tomorrow Never Dies. I'm wondering what to order at the local O'Reilly's Auto Parts shop in Niles. Do you think O'Reilly might have something for a '94 Subaru Legacy?



Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

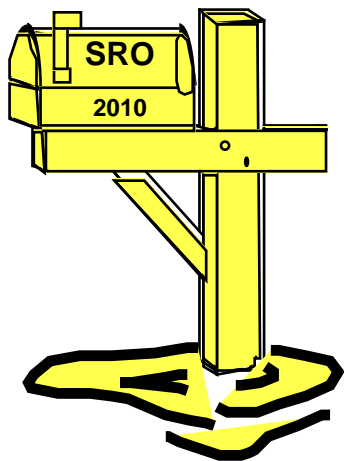
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Income	\$847.95
Auction	\$12.95
CFAR Contributions	\$300.00
Hamfest Inc	\$15.00
Membership Dues	\$520.00
Expenses	\$400.64
Annual Report	\$10.00
Meeting Refreshments	\$26.54
SRO Insurance	\$160.00
CFAR Insurance	\$160.00
Misc Exp	\$44.10
Total Income/Expenses	\$447.31
Balance as of 12/8/2010	\$2222.75

Birthdays



For the months of
December & January

WA9BST	Dave Lieb	Dec 8th
W9EVT	George Ulm	Dec 4th
WA9FPT	Jim McLaughlin	Dec 25th
KB9FXL	Jean Pressell	Dec 23rd
N9GF	August Ffiebigh Jr	Jan 22nd
K9IQF	Jon Tammen	Dec 6th
W9JUV	Joe Schroeder	Jan 13th
N9LUI	Mike Berkowitz	Dec 12th
N9TAJ	Orville Wattles	Jan 4th

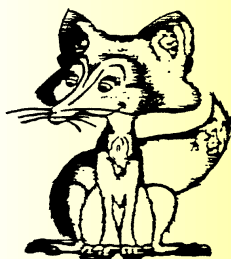


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Foxhunt Report

by Mike WA9FTS



CFAR 2M Foxhunt

Oct 2nd, 2010 - Report submitted by Tom N9CBA

The foxes, Tom N9CBA and John WD9EXW hid in southern Wheaton along a drainage canal just north of a Chipotle. The vertical 3-element Yagi was 11 feet up among the upper branches of a small tree. The antenna was pointed toward the Elmhurst starting point. The transceiver was in the 5-watt position, so the signal was weak but adequate.

The release was at 7:40PM.

Munch was at the nearby Chipotle. Janet joined us.

1. Tony AA9CC and Joanie KC9QQY 8:30.
2. W9RA Don 8:45

CFAR 2M Foxhunt

November 6, 2010, CFAR Foxhunt Report submitted by Tony AA9CC

I found this spot while lost, cycling from the Wheaton hamfest to the jewelers in Elmhurst last summer, looking for the prairie path. What's not shown on the map is a drivable berm extending from Shady lane to the apex of the arboreal triangle, parallel to the river. The northwest bank of the east branch of the Du Page river is covered with the typical long matted grass found around wetlands, which makes perfect concealment for the fox and his equipment. I placed the 2x2 sniffer array about 4 feet off the ground in a small tree and treaded 50 feet of coax under the mat to a spot under a grass

covered fallen tree trunk that beavers had chewed down a few seasons ago. The array was fed out of phase with the front null aligned toward the start point, at 72 degrees and 4 miles distant. The rear null was pointing at the berm entrance at Shady lane and transmitter power was set to low, 5 watts. I was waiting for Charlie to call so I could null the antenna on his signal, but after waiting 5 minutes or so I found that radio was 15 kHz off frequency and the slight noise I heard was Charlie's sideband. The 5 hunt teams had a horizontal signal at the start, which is strange since the antenna was set vertically. After the second transmission I found the timer was not set to repeat mode and I had missed a transmission. Tom and John were the first in the area, Tom following the tire tracks in the fallen leaves along the berm, found the car and was mulling around the grassy field yelling for John. John kicked the tree branch I was under and walked by, stepping just a few feet from my head. Charlie by this time had also found the car and had checked out the far apex, where the fence meets the river. Both teams now had found the antenna, but Tom was hesitant to pull the coax, which I had tapped firmly to a log. Charlie was calling out "are you the fox, KB9DIM" at various places in attempt to throw the other team off. Charlie saw the direction of the coax and assumed correctly that it ran straight. After stepping on my legs and torso about 7 times he tapped my on the shoulder. John stepped on me a few moments later, saying this is too soft for a log. Charlie gave the girls a tour of the site.

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A few transmissions later Don sniffed me out of the grass and told me Mike had quit hunting. He spotted flashlights and left before Matt and Patty and ?? showed up on the far side of the river. They asked if the could score from that side, since it was a .7 mile hike through untamed wilderness from rt 53 and would take another 20 minutes to get around. I agreed and packed up. We met after word at Alfies Inn on Roosevelt.

CFAR foxhunt results:

- 1 KB9DIM, N9VRA, Missy
- 2 N9CBA with WD9EXW & Janet
- 3 W9RA
- 4 KC9SEM and Patty

DNF WA9FTS with N9LXF

Meeting Attendance



Oct 13th at the Edgebrook Field House

Mike WA9EVF

Cathy KA9ZWZ

Jean KB9FXL

Pete WV9P

Jim AA9DT

Joe N9HIN

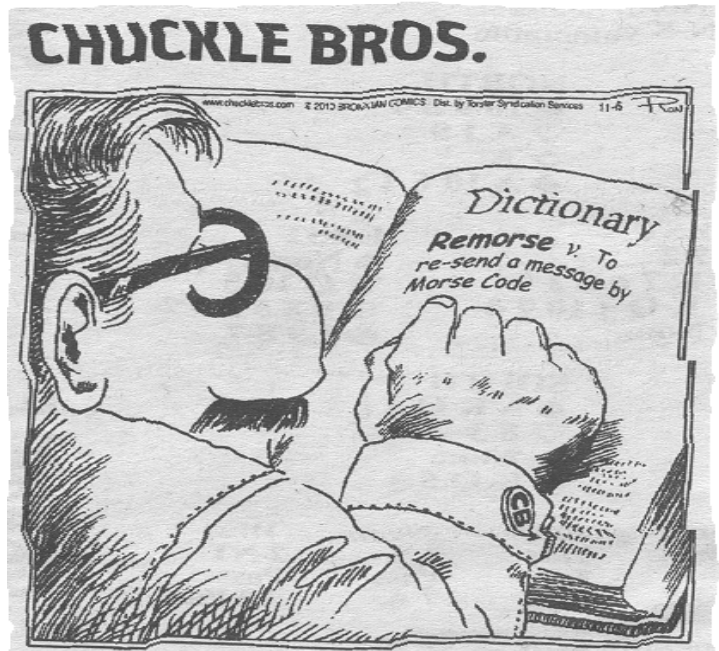
Mike WA9FTS

Ed N9JNZ

Jim Barnard



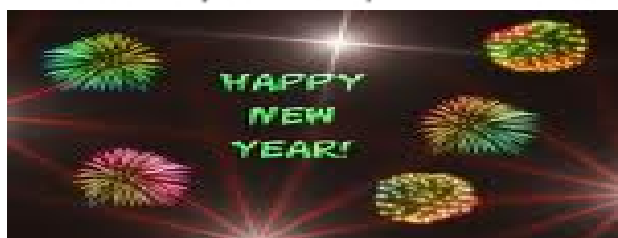
"What do you mean they all have swine flu?"



CFAR Hunt Info

CFAR foxhunt is scheduled every first Saturday of the month. Hunters gather at the shopping center at Rt 83 and St Charles Rd in front of the Sears Essentials store. All are welcome to participate in finding the fox..

The December hunt will be included in the next issue of Mike Shy.



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TOOFAR	223.26	224.86

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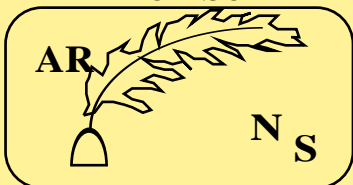
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