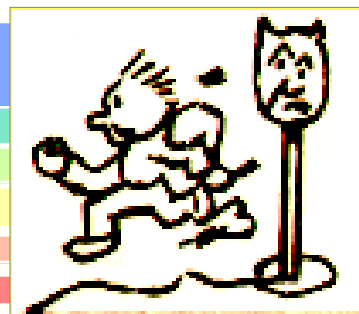




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Upcoming Events

Starved Rock Radio Club
Hamfest - June 6th at the
Bureau Co Fairgrounds in
Princeton IL

Chicago FM Club - June
16th at the Edgebrook Field
House in Chicago IL

Six Meter Club of Chicago
Hamfest - June 20th at the
DuPage Co Fairgrounds in
Wheaton IL

Fox River Radio League
Hamfest - July 11th at the
Aurora Central Catholic
High School in Aurora IL

KARSFEST 2010 Hamfest -
July 18th at the Will Co
Fairgrounds in Peotone IL

Life & Death of a Star

Edgebrook Field House
6100 N Central Ave - Chicago
June 9th 8:00 PM

Life & Death
of a Star
The birth of a
star is a
spectacular
event, as gravity
brings together
massive
molecular
clouds over
millions of years
to create these
enormous
galactic
furnaces. The
Life and Death
of a Star
compresses the
events of

billions of years into minutes, using
computer imagery to show the lifespan of
these massive, heavenly fireballs as they
expand, contract, and finally burn out,
often in stunning supernova explosions.



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Meeting Minutes

by Jim AA9DT

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SRO Regular Meeting - Apr 14th at the Edgebrook Field House

SRO Notes for April 14, 2010: Bring a Friend to Brost-Fest!

By Jim Hawes, AA9DT

APRIL MEETING. Emperor Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF and Grand Vizier Mike Brost WA9FTS raise hands. The roof parts. Twinkling stardust fills our Wide Hall of Condensing Caryatids. Then as custom demands, the senenade begins. WA9EVF takes up a nine-stringed cittern, and WA9FTS accompanies on a harmonious aquaggaswack. We responsively intone the SRO chant...

\\Hey, ho: SRO! / Hey, banana: Raise the antenna. / Hey, hi: In the sky. / Yip, yip yip: Work that skip. / Yo yo sine: 599!//

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mike Brost reveals that our coffer now contains \$2,532.17. The Vizier also invites us to his domicile for a picnic in July or August. Apparently this picnic will be a fete that lasts for two months. Either that, or the club must set a date. I vote for the fete. (\\60 days of fun and music, and nothing but fun and music!//) I'm sure that Mike and Carol won't mind if we drop in anytime. I mean, don't worry about July rain. We can always stop by the next day, next week, or next month. Do I hear a motion on that? Do I hear a second?

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM is the spring auction. Despite fierce bidding by husband and wife rivals, we manage to take in a few dollars. Auctioneer Mike WA9EVF never figures out the sound effects feature on Jean KB9FXL's radio: No sale. Cal Leibovitz WA9KLF posts the winning bid on a handsome American flag.

QCWA. Jim Quinn W9JQ announces the upcoming QCWA meeting at nearby Colletti's on Elston and Central. The meeting date and time are Tuesday evening, April 27 at 6 pm. Dinner is \$25 each. This fee includes your choice of beef, fish or chicken, plus an open bar. The night's program is \\Saving Our National Treasures.// As we go to press, this meeting is just over. If you're interested in future QCWA dinners, contact Jim Quinn. (See the QCWA Web site, <http://www.qcwa.org/chapter002.htm>) QCWA hosts

several dinners per year.

OIL SPILL. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico concerns us all. In a YouTube presentation, CW Roberts contractors prove their offbeat solution for cleaning up the oil. The solution is ordinary hay. This method requires no toxic chemicals. Of course, the aerosol pollution from the oil would still be a problem.

The presentation demonstrates that two varieties of common field hay are magnets for oil. Each successive hay deployment removes more of the floating oil, further purifying the water. One hitch: The cleanup crew must somehow remove the oil-drenched hay. In their video, the contractors pick up the used hay with hand-nets. Whether the Coast Guard or British Petroleum could scale up such hand nets is an unknown. Dispersing a mat of hay over 1,150 or so square miles would be another challenge. Also, the hay wouldn't affect submerged oil.

I've just read that Walton County, Florida might go ahead with the hay solution. Detractors predict that hay might not attract weathered oil. Or that oily hay might just sink to the bottom of the Gulf, killing wildlife. Others insist that corncobs, human hair, or supertankers would do a better job. Meanwhile, the County believes that action trumps argument. The county has stockpiled hay in case the slick swings toward Florida. (See...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5SxX2EntEo>)

MEMORIAL DAY. I'm writing these minutes over Memorial Day Weekend. Stories of two Pearl Harbor veterans inspire me. Lieutenant John Finn, 100, died on May 27. On December 7, 1941, incoming Japanese planes awoke Lt. Finn. He secured a machine gun post and returned fire. Despite taking several hits, Finn remained at his post. Retired Lieutenant Commander Don Raleigh, 91, served aboard the USS Maryland. That fateful morning, the Maryland was in the harbor. Raleigh could see the bombs as they began raining down. At first, padlocks on the ammunition prevented the Maryland from returning fire. Raleigh sawed off the locks and helped to get the anti-aircraft guns going. Although two bombs hit the Maryland, it remained afloat.

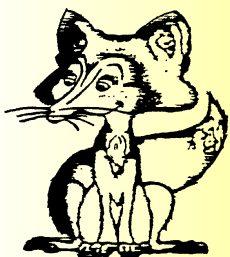
Birthdays

For the months of June - July

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| AA9DT | Jim Hawes | Jun 15th |
| KC9CMO | Tina Odrowski | July 4th |
| N9CBE | Lynne Bosnyak | July 12th |

Foxhunt Report

by Tom N9CBA



For the May 2010 CFAR Foxhunt, the fox, Tom N9CBA, was in a light woods at 41.904603,-88.215591. The antenna was a vertical 3-element tape measure yagi about 20 feet up. It was powered by a transceiver in the 25 watt setting. The fox was moderately well concealed by an olive drab poncho. Fortunately the rain held off during the hunt.

Mike and Paul were the first to drive up to the parking lot that was about 100 ft to the south. About 2 minutes later, Tony and Joanie pulled up. Each went under the nearby power lines, and then, when the next transmission started, headed into the correct wood. Tony quietly scored for the win.

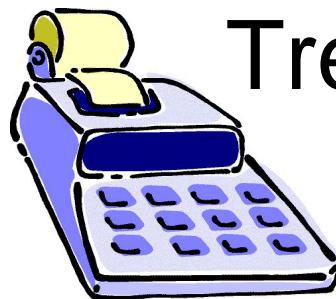
After second place was in, Don pulled in to the lot, followed 30 seconds later by Charlie. Don had been able to get a bearing from the lot after arrival, but Charlie did not get that. So Charlie also checked out the area under the power lines, while Don went directly into the wood.

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=41.904603,-88.215591&sll=41.904603,-88.215591&sspn=0.001581,0.001955&ie=UTF8&t=h&z=17

Munch was at the nearby Steak 'n+Shake at North Avenue and Route 59.

1. Tony AA9CC and Joanie KC9QQY 8:55
2. Mike WA9FTS and Paul N9LXF 9:06
3. Don W9RA 9:12
4. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis N9VRA, & Missy. 9:19

CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Every 1st Saturday at the Elmhurst Crossing Shopping Center. Hunters gather around 7:30 PM and the hunt starts around 8 PM. All are welcome to join it.



Treasurer's Report

by Mike WA9FTS

Balance as of 1/1/10	\$1775.44
Income	\$797.05
Auction	
CFAR Contributions	\$300.00
Hamfest Inc	\$10.00
Membership Dues	\$480.00
Expenses	\$23.27
Annual Report	\$10.00
Meeting Refreshments	\$13.27
Total Income/Expenses	\$756.73
Balance as of 6/9/10	\$2549.22

Meeting Attendance



**Apri 14th
at the Edgebrook Field House**

Mike WA9EVF	Cal KA9KLF
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Regular Meeting Place

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Dinner/Play - Open for 2008
Christmas / Hanukkah Party -
WA9EVF

SRO Web Site

www.w9sro.org
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SRO Repeaters

	In	Out
CFAR (107.2) PL	147.75	147.15
TOOFAR	223.26	224.86

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