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EFR Class Emergency First Responder

Feb 12th at the Salvation Army - Norridge

6:30 - 9:30 PM

See details on Page 6 and in the web page - www.w9sro.org

[Call Mike WA9EVF if you want to take the class.](#)

President's Message

QST DE WA9EVF

I hope the holidays were a Joyous time for you. We had our SRO Holiday party at a different venue this past December and 16 members came out to enjoy good food (all you could eat) and 3 hours of camaraderie

. Mike WA9FTS and Carol held a raffle for a box of chocolates.

Elections were held and your current board was re-elected to their current posts. Under new business there was a request that the February meeting be a CPR and AED refresher class. There were enough votes for and none against so that will be our next program. Training materials cost will be \$30 per person. Please reserve your seat before January 21 so I can order ample training materials.

Wally W9BEA suggested that members take free online classes in National Incident Management System (NIMS) communications.

IS-700.A: National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction <http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a> and

IS-800.B: National Response Framework, An Introduction <http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.b> .

Taking these online classes fulfills Part 97.1 "(a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications."

The benefit of aligning our club with local Emergency Services providers would be to enhance our ability to help during disaster communications and may bring recognition to our club. Other clubs that have done this have found their local Emergency management provided them with locations for their repeaters, radio stations and meeting rooms.

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SRO Notes for December 10, 2014 (Or: An egg roll comes with this meeting)

By Jim Hawes AA9DT

TONIGHT'S MEETING is the Hanukkah and Christmas party, plus a few words of business. Amid delightful smells from the Chang Jiang kitchen, we begin at 6:30 p.m. Here with us are many guests and friends (Are they mutually exclusive? You decide). Welcome, one and all! ENTERTAINMENT for tonight is dessert. If you desire a second (or third) helping, please loosen your belt first. Keep your eyes on Captain Leibovitz in case he lights the "SERVICE PIGGY BANK SOON" sign. This indicates that he's paying the tab.

TREASURER'S REPORT. We're solvent. The cost for tonight is \$11.88 each. (Pop is an extra \$1, and not an included expense.) Further details are private and only for club members. Treasurer Mike Brost will give a complete report of our finances at the next general meeting in February.

PAST EVENTS. The club auction took place on Thursday, October 9. Unfortunately, the turnout was low. We were short on bargain hunters. A hot project at work demanded that I should leave early, so I can't report on the club take. The Chicago Marathon was the next day. SRO made our two-meter repeater CFAR available for use during the run.

UPCOMING EVENTS. The February meeting program will be our CPR class. The location for the class is the Salvation Army Citadel in Norridge. Members and friends are welcome to attend. You may observe for free. Those who plan to take the course must pay a fee for the course study guide, instruction and exam. Only a limited number of people (12 max) may participate in the course. Please contact Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF for your study guide and to reserve your place in the training room. You must do this by Jan 26th in advance of the meeting. Members who want to take the course should dress in comfortable clothes (jeans, for example). The course involves kneeling on the floor. (We'll try to accommodate those for whom kneeling is difficult.)

Save those white elephants for the club's spring auction! The auction will be our April meeting program.

OLD BUSINESS. At the October meeting, President Leibovitz WA9EVF requested nominations for a trustee to replace outgoing trustee Don Moriarty W9RA. Don has been a trustee since capacitors were condensers. He

wants to rest his electrolyte. As of tonight's meeting, we've received no nominations. "Please" submit the name of some deserving soul who is your favorite (or least favorite) SRO member. This lovely person must

"not" already be a board member, trustee or officer. (Sorry, but we can't accept Elvis and Donald Duck again. They've already served.) If that only leaves you, then using Morse code, secretly write in your own name: Dah—dit—dah—dah / dah—dah—dah / dit—dit—dah. On behalf of the board (every grain of it), thank you.

NEW BUSINESS. Please tell Mike Leibovitz or one of the other board members how you like the dinner tonight. Soon we'll be planning next year's party. Would you like to return? There must be something that you just couldn't fit on your plate tonight. Wouldn't you like another opportunity to eat it?

ADJOURNMENT. The business portion of our meeting ends at 6:40. Time to recharge! With three (or is it four) buffet lines, Chang Jiang provides plenty of joules. Take care: The markers on each dish don't necessarily include an energy rating.



Foxhunt Report

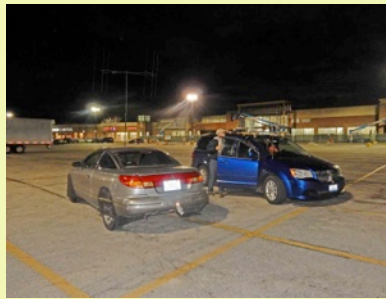
CFAR 2M Foxhunt -

Dec 6th, 2014

by Mike WA9FTS

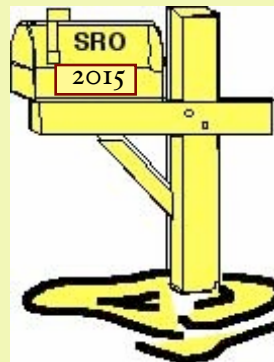
Matt KC9SEM started the hunters out with a strong signal to the SW of the starting point. All of the hunters took North Ave west. Marty and Bill took I355 south to I88 west to Orchard Rd and went west on Orchard Gateway Rd to Deerpath Rd around to a parking lot. Marty and Bill were off on foot north to a small hill and found Matt hiding on the east side with his 3 el tape measure beam up about 8 ft. Matt was running around 75 w. It was good for the win. Tony and Joan got off North Av south on Prince Crossing but got back on Rt 59 to Butterfield and across the fox River using Orchard Gateway Rd and in the same way Marty for 2nd. A transmission later John came in across the field from the east for third. They took North Ave to 25 then south. Paul and I went south off North Ave to Butterfield. We found 2 dead ends for Airport Rd before getting back on Orchard Gateway Rd and walking across the field for 4th. Less than a transmission later, Don arrived to end the hunt. We met at Chili's nearby. Results:

1. Marty N9NTE, Bill, Janell, Kayla
2. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
3. John WD9EXW, Tom N9CBA, Janet
4. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF
Don W9RA



Upcoming Hamfest

WCRA Annual Mid-Winter Hamfest
Sunday Jan 18th at the
Kane County Expo Center
525 S Randall Rd - St. Charles IL
8 AM to 1 PM



If you move, let the Editor know your new mailing and email addresses. It is our way of getting Mike Shy to you each time.

Meeting Attendance

Holiday Party Meeting
Chang Jiang Buffet - Dec 10th



WA9EVF
KA9ZWZ
WV9P
Jeffrey Pfister
KC9LRZ
WA9FTS
Carol Sparacio
W9BEA

AA9DT
KB9FXL
Jim Barnard
N9FA
Lorraine Edelstein
W9RA
N9CBE
K9VO

Microsoft filed a lawsuit against one tech support firm for deceptive business practices and misusing the Microsoft name.

Microsoft has had enough. Last week, Microsoft filed a lawsuit against Omnitech Support -- a division of Customer Focus Services -- cracking down on tech support scams. The suit accuses Omnitech of unfair and deceptive business practices and trademark infringement.

It's about time. Microsoft claims it has received more than 65,000 customer complaints related to fraudulent tech support scams just since May of this year.

"Omnitech utilized the Microsoft trademarks and service marks to enhance their credentials and confuse customers about their affiliation with Microsoft," declared [Microsoft in a blog post](#) announcing the lawsuit. "Omnitech then used their enhanced credibility to convince consumers that their personal computers are infected with malware in order to sell them unnecessary security services to clean their computers."

As if that's not bad enough, Omnitech actually introduced security issues that weren't previously there in some instances. After granting Omnitech access to their PCs for the fraudulent tech support, some victims had malicious software installed, such as password stealing utilities that can compromise the user's personal and financial information.

How does a tech support scam work? It's sort of an old-school version of a fake antivirus scam. Instead of a strange pop-up message alerting you about a malware infection you don't really have, a "support technician" calls you on the phone. The scammers are generally

intimidating and use scare tactics like telling victims that if they do not pay for support and deal with these non-existent issues immediately, they will lose data, attackers will get their personal and financial information, or their PC will crash completely.

If someone called you out of the blue, claiming to be a doctor, and started asking you medical questions, would you answer him? If he then told you that you had some illness you didn't know you have -- even though you have no symptoms and feel fine -- would you pay him money to "cure" you?

Of course not. So, why would you do that with your PC? Instead of falling for the pressure tactics and assuming that the person on the phone must know more about PCs than you do, you should question how he got your number and why he's calling you out of the blue to solicit tech support services when your PC has no symptoms and appears to be running fine.

Microsoft has some advice to help customers avoid becoming a victim of a fraudulent tech support service:

- Do not purchase any software or services
- Ask if there is a fee or subscription associated with the "service" -- if there is, hang up
- Never give control of your computer to a third party unless you can confirm that it's a legitimate representative of a computer support team with whom you are already a customer
- Take the caller's information down and immediately report it to your local authorities
- Never provide your credit card or financial information to someone claiming to be from Microsoft tech support

If you, or someone you know has been a victim of a tech support scam, you can report the event to Microsoft online at this site: support.microsoft.com/reportascam.

Foxhunt Report



Mike Shy



CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Jan 3, 2015 by Marty N9LTE with Bill, Jeanell and Kayla

We decided to hide near Mike's WA9FTS house to finally give him a chance for a short ride home. We hid behind the shopping center on Foster and Harlem, right next to Chicago Police Credit Union. Weather conditions were not the best so we stayed in the truck running 5 watts on a 5/8 wave mag mount. All hunters said they were able to copy at the start point. We saw several hunters drive by north on Harlem about 1 hr later and eventually Tony/Joanie drove up for first with Matt/Patti right on their tails by about 5 min. Yes Tony said he drove to Mike's house only to find no one there (that was the predicted). Tom walked up for 3rd looking exhausted and we found out he was on foot all the way from Harlem and I90 weaving through the neighborhood. Finally Don DNF'd soon followed by Mike. We retreated to Bakers Square on Harlem and Foster for munchies and some well earned desert.

Results:

- 1) Tony AA9CC, Joanie KC9QQY
 - 2) Matt KC9SEM, Patti/ N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
 - 3) Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet
- DNF Don W9RA
DNF Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF



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Help save the lives of your

family, friends and neighbors

Get prepared with Emergency First Response



Recent world events have proven that the ability to manage medical emergencies is critical when disaster strikes and emergency services are overwhelmed or nonexistent. Now you can get prepared to save the lives of your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors by taking Emergency First Response CPR and first aid courses. Please sign up before the next meeting to assure we have enough training materials.

Contact your local Emergency First Response Instructor:

Michael Leibovitz

WA9EVF@COMCAST.NET

Home 773-465-0981, Cell 773-251-7463

Class Date: Thursday February 12th .6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

This will be a Emergency First response CPR and AED class

Cost: SRO Members \$30 Class will last about 3 hours.



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DT 412 Call Mike WA9EVF if you want to take the class. He needs to know to have enough class material on hand.

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Regular Meeting Place

Salvation Army every even month at 7:30 PM unless other-wise indicated in Mike Shy and SRO web site. Check for exact date & time.

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SRO Repeaters

	In	Out
CFAR (107.2) PL	147.750	147.150
TOOFAR (110.2) PL	223.260	224.860

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Regular meetings - Salvation Army
- 8354 W Foster Av, Norridge

Board Meetings - 5th Wed at QTH
of K9JQ - 6189 N McClellan -
Chicago - 7:30PM

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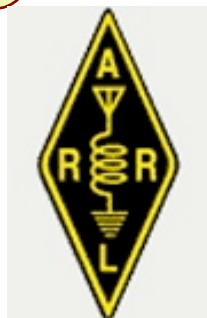
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