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SRO Holiday Party

Chang Jiang Buffet - Dec 10th - 6:30 PM



1223 Oakton St, Des Plaines - Corner of Oakton & Lee/Mannheim
Since the Salvation Army is unavailable during the month of December, we have chosen an alternative solution. We will have a room to ourselves and have a great selection of food from the buffet tables. As in the past, the tables will be decorated and we should have a great time. All SRO members and a guest are invited.

President's Message

Wow, where did the time go? It seems yesterday it was warm and green and now the leaves are falling.

I was listening to the Bank of America marathon medical channel A which was on the CFAR repeater and it sounded pretty good. It is satisfying knowing that a Radio Club that has a repeater can help provide the infrastructure to others doing public service work just as well as a repeater club. Listening to the traffic they sounded very professional, a job well done. I understand our treasurer WA9FTS manned one of the medial tents. Kudos to you Mike

We had our fall auction and it was well... disappointing. Beside the officers there were only two others that showed up. The SRO mascot ended going back home with WA9FTS. Too bad it could not find a new home. It might be time to rethink auctions.

We are approaching the time to elect club officers and directors. The current board has been in place for quite a long time, it time for change. We need nominations from the members, either of themselves or their fellow members. All nominations are welcome. The current board will be there to help and guide in any way needed. You can email or call anyone of the board members with your nominations. We would like to get them before the Board meeting on October 29, 2014

On the computer front you may have heard about the security breach found in the BASH shell. This shell is used in Unix operating systems including Linux, Red Hat, Solaris, Ubuntu, Android, and Apple IOS. I have had the pleasure of previewing Windows 10, (I know... Windows 9 isn't out yet) and it is intriguing for me. The first thing Microsoft wanted to know was how hard was it to find the start button? No problem. And yes, you press the start button to select the shutdown button. Think of it as start shutting down. I had no problem doing administrative work and finding the procedures to administer the computer. Now for some really good news!

We will have a holiday party on December 10, at 6:30 PM.

It will be held at Chang Jiang Chinese Buffet at 1223 Oakton Street, Des Plaines IL.

The Club will pick up the tab but if you want Pop there will be a \$1 and Beer will be at prevailing prices.

We will have our own room. I need an email or call from those who are planning attending to make sure we have enough tables and chairs.

Email me at: wa9evf@comcast.net or call 224-400-9574 and leave a message (your message will be converted to a email and sent to me automatically)



SRO Notes for October 9, 2014 (Or: *Want foam with that Chinese beer?*)

By Jim Hawes AA9DT

TONIGHT'S MEETING opens at 8:01 p.m., according to Mike Leibovitz' chronograph. We never question the president's watch. It's a Rolodex. (No, I don't mean Rolex.)

THE AUCTION. Tonight is auction night. The infamous SRO toucan is here. He's our auction mascot. (I regret that I can't stay for the festivities.) Tonight, I count six members in attendance. There are no guests. If we had some, Mike would try to interest them in buying pieces of foam. This is a good time to practice your auction barker act. Read these words aloud in your best Linn Burton For Certain voice: \ \Incredibly low-low-low-bargains! Folks, they're way-below-wholesale prices! You'd expect to pay much, much more. And the quality! Have you ever seen foam like this anywhere before? Be honest! There's no time to lose. We just can't keep the prices this low for long. Buy now and save big!!!

HOW'D YOU DO with your Linn Burton impression? Did the dog or cat stop snoring and prick up its ears? Anyway, the foam sale is another legend from our SRO history. And yes, Mike closed the deal!

APPENDIX. My wife Jean KB9FXL receives a standing ovation for surviving her burst appendix. Thanks, folks!

COMPUTER BUSINESS. President Mike Leibovitz WA9EVF comments about the new Windows operating system. He's testing a "Technical preview" copy of Microsoft Windows 10. Imagine being that far ahead of the curve! (I'm writing this on Win 7.) Mike likes Windows 10's user interface better than the one in Windows 8. He also mentions that the Windows 9 general release is coming out soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Mike Brost WA9FTS discusses the club's financial situation. The club is solvent. This isn't a public report. Mike will present updated details at the next meeting.

SRO EVENTS. The Bank of America run (Chicago Marathon) is coming up. This event uses CFAR, our SRO two-meter repeater. For non-members who might be unfamiliar with the repeater, the frequency is 147.15 MHz. Please enjoy it and send in your dues!

ANNUAL PARTY. The Hanukkah and Christmas party will take place this year on Wednesday night, December 10. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. and runs until 10 p.m. There's a change of venue, because we're not using Edgebrook Field House anymore. The club will gather at Chang Jiang in Des Plaines. This is a Chinese restaurant with a mammoth buffet. The location is 1223 Oakton at Lee/Mannheim, Des Plaines. U.S. Bank occupies the same complex as the restaurant. (There are also banks on two adjacent corners. K-Mart is across Mannheim in another mall.) There is ample parking at the restaurant location. Overflow parking is available at K-Mart to the west or at The Oaks to the north.

COST. Folks, we have a good deal here. For 25 people, a buffet-style dinner with the salad and dessert bar will run \$11.88 each. Pop is an extra \$1. Coffee and tea are free with dinner. You can buy Chinese beer. That's cheaper than Brown's, our usual caterer. Competitor Portillo's charges \$17 per guest plus tax and gratuity, or about \$22 each. A round of applause to Mike WA9EVF for scouting out this new location!

NEEDED: TRUSTEE. Mike WA9EVF asks for a nominating committee to help us elect a replacement for Don Moriarty W9RA, a trustee of long standing. Don is resigning this year. Nobody volunteered for the committee or for the trustee spot. The meeting ends at 8:14.



Foxhunt Report

CFAR 2M Foxhunt -

Oct 4th, 2014

by Mike WA9FTS

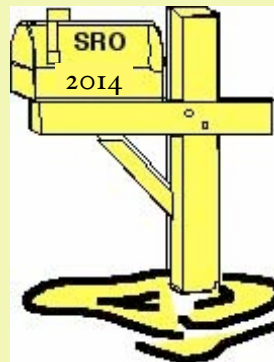


Five hunt teams were ready to find Tom N9CBA and John WD9EXW. The antenna was a mag mount atop a steel framed gate. The gate was swung to try to best orient the pattern to the starting point. Tom did give an A / B / C indication as the gate was swung,. There was no feedback from the starting point. They used B (the middle of the 3), but Marty reported later at the munch that C gave a stronger signal. They were running 30W. I was the only one not to hear the fox and headed north not knowing the route of the other hunters. I took I290 to I355 and north to Euclid - then west to Roselle Rd south to Alginquin Rd and then to Barrington Rd. It was then I was surprised to see Matt KC9SEM pass me heading south. I found Don W9RA off Shoe Factory Rd walking into the Poplar Creek Forest Preserve. I drove away and took the Greenspoint Pkwy around to Higgins Rd. Little did I know that I was only a few hundred feet away from Tom and John. They were hiding in a garbage corral. The original plan was near there but lower and more concealed. Tom left the yagi in his driveway by mistake, so the backup antenna was used. They did have backups for radio and batteries. Don gave up and I did also. We met at Buona Beef on Higgins nearby.

Results:

1. Marty N9LTE, Bill, Janelle - 8:43PM
2. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY - 8:43PM
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:44PM

DNF Don W9RA



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

Regular Meeting
Salvation Army Oct 9, 2014



WA9FTS

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KB9FXL

WA9EVF

WV9P

“Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014” Attracts More than a Dozen New Co-Sponsors

The list of co-sponsors for the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, [H.R. 4969](#), has grown to 63. Sixteen new co-sponsors signed aboard as the 113th Congress re-convened for its final session before adjournment. ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, is urging ARRL members to keep in contact with their Congressional representatives and to encourage them to become co-sponsors to the bill. “We are excited about the addition of 16 new co-sponsors when Congress reconvened after the November mid-term elections,” Henderson said. “Each new co-sponsor brings us one step closer to achieving our goal of getting HR 4969 enacted. We have a long way to go – but we are definitely moving in the right direction.” H.R. 4969, which was introduced in the US House of Representatives with bipartisan support in late June, would call on the FCC to apply the “reasonable accommodation” three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions regarding antennas. The limited PRB-1 pre-emption currently applies only to state and municipal land-use ordinances. The FCC has indicated its reluctance to provide the same legal protections from private land-use agreements — often called covenants, conditions, and restrictions or CC&Rs — without direction from Congress.

Planet-forming lifeline discovered in a binary star



For the first time, researchers using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) have detected a streamer of gas flowing from a massive outer disk toward the inner reaches of a binary star system. This never-before-seen feature may be responsible for sustaining a second, smaller disk of planet-forming material that otherwise would have disappeared long ago. Half of Sun-like stars are born in binary systems, meaning that these findings will have major consequences for the hunt for exoplanets. A research group was observing the distribution of dust and gas in a multiple-star system called GG Tau-A. This object is only a few million years old and lies about 450 light-years from Earth in the constellation Taurus the Bull.

Upcoming Hamfests

Waukesha Swapfest - Saturday Jan 10th at the
Waukesha Co Expo Center Forum
1000 Northview Rd (Co Trunk FT)

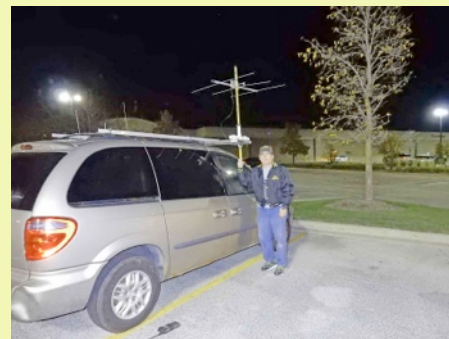
WCRA Hamfest - Sunday Jan 18th at the
Kane Co Fairgrounds

Look for details in the SRO website.

Foxhunt Report



CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Nov 1st, 2014 by Marty N9LTE



We started out with a little more of a secluded spot but once we drove up to it, we found it to be private property so had to drive a short distance to selection 2. Decided to do a remote cross band repeater setup and sit about 100 yards away just far enough to monitor the hunter's activity. Transmitted on an HT at 442 Mhz which in turn cross banded to the CFAR repeater. We used 5 watts into a quad beam using vertical polarization pointed in a NE direction towards downtown Chicago. The majority of hunters all had a pretty good start signal but it took almost an hour to see the first activity. Matt and Patty were first to roll up with Tony on their heels. Rumor has it that Tony tripped and fell leaving Patty to strike for first place. Tony took second with Tom and John coming in about 10 min later for third. First and second place went directly to the transmitter, while third walked up to the truck only to learn that was not the transmit location. Mike and Paul rolled up about 20 minutes later to score fourth and Don DNFed shortly before that. We then headed to Red Robin on Weber road in Bolingbrook for munchies.



Fox
N9LTE/Bill/Jeanell

Hunters

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
2. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY
3. Tom N9CBA, John WD9EXW, Janet
4. Mike WA9FTS, Paul N9LXF



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Regular Meeting Place

Salvation Army every even month at 8 PM unless other-wise indicated in Mike Shy and SRO web site. Check for exact date & time.

Standing Committees

Membership - K9JQ
Program - AA9DT
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Foxhunting - WA9FTS
Repeater - K9IQF
Field Day - WA9EVF
Education - WA9EVF
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Picnic - WA9FTS
Dinner/Play - Open for 2013
Christmas / Hanukkah Party - WA9EVF
Webmaster - WA9FTS

SRO Web Site

www.w9sro.org
Mike Brost - WA9FTS

SRO Repeaters

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

Repeater Personnel

Trustee - K9JQ
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K9IQF, TBD
NW Maintenance
W9JEM
Northeast Maintenance
K9IQF & TBD
Lisle Maintenance
WA9AEK

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

Board Meetings - Jan 29th at QTH
of K9JQ - 6189 N McClellan -
Chicago - 7:30PM

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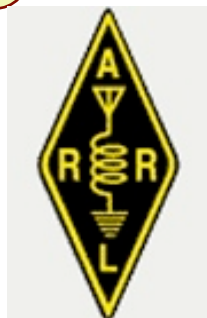
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