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Presidents Message

Hello CFMC Members,

I hope everyone has made it through our recent cold spell.

While the world may feel a little crazy at times, I want to assure you that here at CFMC, we remain steady, connected, and committed to our shared passion for amateur radio. We strive to make every day a fun, uplifting, and educational experience for our club members.

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's time to get back outside! We're looking forward to possibly having our Friday night social gatherings on the patio as soon as the weather allows.

I also want to take a moment to recognize everyone who participated in Winter Field Day. It was great to see our members braving the cold to test their skills and enjoy some radio fun. Events like this remind us of the resilience and camaraderie that make CFMC such a great club.

And speaking of great clubs, this year marks CFMC's 60th anniversary! That's six decades of dedication to amateur radio, and it's something worth celebrating.

A special thank you to Nate, N9BBM, our education instructor, who continues to put together engaging presentations for our monthly meetings. Remember, our Officers, Board members, VE team, and instructors all take time out of their busy schedules to make these meetings happen—so let's show our appreciation by attending and participating. The more members who show up, the better the meetings!

If you have ideas for club events, do a little research, bring them to a meeting, and consider leading an event yourself. We are all more than capable of giving back to the club and helping each other grow.

Thank you all for being part of the finest amateur radio club in Chicago! -----

73,

Paul Gris | N9JZY, Chicago FM Club President

Upcoming CFMC Events

****Please check on the air for the most up to date info****

Fri - 2/21 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
D'Agostino's Pizza & Pub
3131 Thatcher Ave
River Grove, IL 60171

Wed - 2/26 | 7:30 PM
CFMC Monthly Meeting
16th District Police Station
151 N Milwaukee Ave
Chicago, IL 60630

Fri - 2/28 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
Ricobene's
252 W 26th Street
Chicago, IL 60616

Fri - 3/07 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
Gullivers Pizza & Pub
17W517 Roosevelt Rd
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Fri - 3/14 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
Portillo's Harwood Heights
7308 W. Lawrence Ave.
Harwood Heights, IL 60706

Fri - 3/21 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
D'Agostino's Pizza & Pub
3131 Thatcher Ave
River Grove, IL 60171

Fri - 3/28 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
Ricobene's
252 W 26th Street
Chicago, IL 60616

Fri - 4/04 | 7:00 PM
Friday Night Social
Gullivers Pizza & Pub
17W517 Roosevelt Rd
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Winter Field Day 25



Today is Sunday February 2, 2025. Both Winter Field Day and (statistically), the coldest month of the year are behind us. We all know how the weather went in January, but for those of you who couldn't attend Winter Field Day at Camp Bullfrog in Willow springs, here's a recap.

As you probably know, the club moves into a heated two room cabin for Winter Field Day, WFD, weekend. We arrived at the cabin on a beautiful, sunny, "refreshing" Friday afternoon. The volunteers stocked the cabin and began setting up the radios and our modest antenna farm. As the saying goes, and as Alan KC9IMF reminded us, "Many hands make light work".

As appetites grew, the WFD/Friday Night Social pizzas were ordered. Now normally we pass-the-hat to give the pizza delivery man a good tip, but Nate N9BBM wouldn't hear of it. He dug deep into his own pocket and gave a generous gratuity to the pizza guy. Thanks Nate.

By the time the pizza party was over, we had a nice campfire going in the firepit. Mike KD9SJC provided and delivered a half-cord of wood to camp. As it turned out, that was enough to get us through the entire weekend with only a few pieces of firewood left over. This is the second WFD that Mike has supplied the firewood. Thanks Mike.



Only a few Hams spent the night but come morning the group's numbers began to swell. They probably smelled the camp breakfast that club President Paul N9JZY was whipping up. Hot coffee, eggs, sausage, English muffins, juice, and doughnuts.

During the day we had a steady flow of operators cycle through the cabin, some licensed, some not. It was great to see so many Ham-curious folks show up at our WFD event.

There was no shortage of food. Everyone took to heart our request that attendees bring something to share with the group. Gourmet coffee, doughnuts, cookies, brownies, cheese platter, chips, vegie platter, and 807's. And I thought the Holidays weren't kind to my waistline!



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Oh, and some radio too. The official WFD Assn. results aren't in yet. We'll announce them as soon as they're in, but in the meantime, we made close to 300 contacts by voice (phone), CW, and JS8Call digital.

If we were giving a prize for Most QSOs, Kevin KD9ZDR would far and away be the winner with more than 80 QSOs, and Kevin was only here part of Saturday. Kudos Zeee-dee-arr. The rest of the phone QSOs were rounded out by too many operators to mention, including two YLs who are yet to be licensed.



Dan W9SAU and David W9AIL teamed up to provide the club with 44 CW contacts. As you'll recall, Dan and David ran the club's CW net a short time ago. We also logged over 40 digital QSOs using JS8Call, a keyboard-to-keyboard digital messaging mode. Thanks to Bill N9WRP. JS8Call is one of the few digital modes allowed by the Winter Field Day Association.



By the club's education and Ham promotion

standard, I feel like we did pretty good. As you know CFMC doesn't approach WFD as an In it to win it contest. Our objective is to meet the goals of the Winter Field Day Association, improve our individual skills, and to promote the hobby. To that I say, "mission accomplished".

What, it's lunch time already? Paul again put on his apron and chefs' hat and grilled Brats, Italian Sausage, and Burgers. All the fixin's too. Paul N9ISP again provided the beef for the grill. Delicious! Thanks Paul.

Yada, yada, yada. More visiting, more radio, more campfire, more snacking. Gregory K9OY set up his Yaesu FTDX10 radio which included a 27" monitor which was mounted on the foot of a top bunk. The large screen made it easy for people to stand around the room and see exactly what was going on with the radio's display and waterfall. A great learning tool.



After some more operating one of the members showed up with a couple of large pizzas. A perfect appetizer for our main course of the day, Swedish meatballs. President Paul was again slaving over an electric skillet preparing a huge batch of Swedish meatballs and egg noodles. For this feast Alan KC9IMF supplied the meat. It's amazing how much better fresh quality meat makes for a dish as simple as Swedish meatballs. Yum! Thanks Alan. And thanks President Paul...you can take the rest of the weekend off.

Thanks, from the Officers and Board members to everyone who "played radio", contributed to WFD, and just plain ol' came to visit. Winter Field

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Day is in the books and was a great success. You made it happen.

Looking to make Summer Field Day a success? We would like to stand-up a Field Day committee to help take some of the workload off the Officers and Board. Drop us a note at wa9orc@gmail.com if you're interested. -----

73,
Bill Deans | KD9TWA, Director

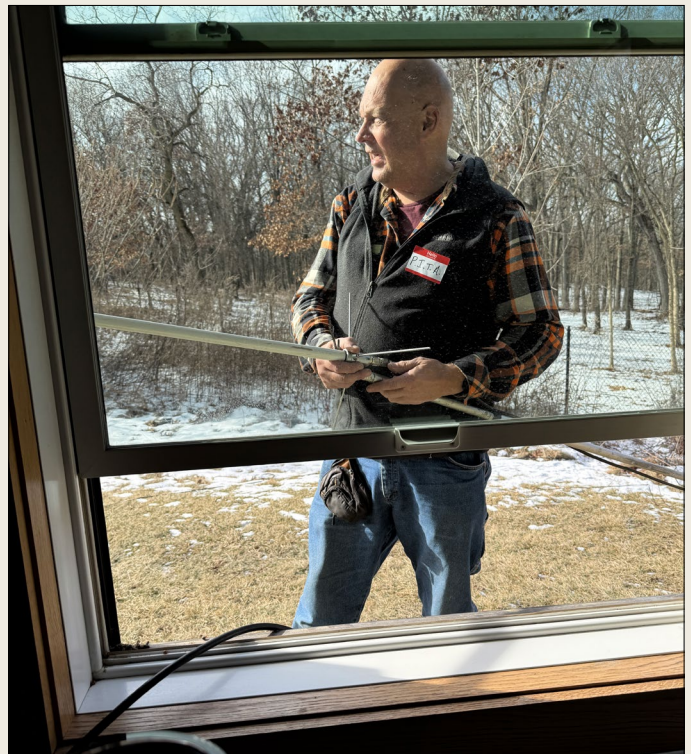




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REPEATER INFO

440 Mhz Repeater

443.750 (+5Mhz) PL 114.8

Echolink: 62478 or WA9ORC-R

Allstar: Node 555492

2M Repeater

146.760 (-0.6Mhz) PL 107.2

Allstar: Node 555491

220 Mhz North

224.100 (-1.6Mhz) PL 110.9

Allstar: Node 555490

220 Mhz South

224.180 (-1.6Mhz) PL 110.9

WIRES-X (System Fusion)

145.350 (-1.6Mhz) DCS 072

CFMC Emergency Frequency

146.760 Mhz

(2M Repeater Output Freq)

All Licensed Amateur Radio Operators are welcome to use the CFMC Repeaters for normal station-to-station calls. If you like using them, and the people you hear consider joining our Club. -----

CFMC NETS

THE NIGHT WATCH

443.750 - Every Night @ 10pm

The Night Watch Net is dedicated to all fallen Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, and First Responders. CFMC's most attended net. This is a great net for first time check-ins. Come for the Knowledge, stay for the fun! -----

2 METER INFO NET

146.760 - Tuesdays @ 9:00pm

The 2 Meter Info Net is a rag chew style net which includes club info about upcoming club events and activities. -----

220 ROUND TABLE

224.100 - Wed @ 7:30pm

(Except Meeting Nights)

Grab your 220 radio and join the 220 rebels on a social net focused on keeping the 220 band alive. Don't have a 220 radio? Don't worry, you can still join with allstar on Node 555490. -----

NET CONTROL

Sunday

Night Watch - 10pm

Bill Deans | KD9TWA

Monday

Night Watch - 10pm

Paul Gris | N9JZY

Tuesday

2M Info Net - 9pm

Tom Stobble | KB9AJM

Bob Sunden | N9XCD

Night Watch - 10pm

John Cerza | N9SRV

Wednesday

220 Round Table - 7:30pm

Jim Fanning | KD9WNR

Night Watch - 10pm

Kevin E Suddoth | KD9ZDR

Thursday

Night Watch - 10pm

Craig O Talley | KD9UQE

Friday

Night Watch - 10pm

Marc Holland | AA9HM

Saturday

Night Watch - 10pm

Joshua Hamlett | KD9MXV

The Chicago FM Club is a not-for-profit amateur radio club operating the WA9ORC repeater systems. Membership is open to all licensed amateurs and is encouraged of those who use the repeaters often. For more information, send us an email at wa9orc@gmail.com. -----

NIGHT WATCH NET STATS

January Check-In Stats			
	Call	Name	Check-Ins
1	N9UDN	Larry	24
1	WI9HF	Chad	24
2	AA9KO	Tony	23
2	KC9KXG	Jim	23
3	W9BAZ	Mikey	21

Monthly Check-In Stats		
Month	Call Signs	Check-Ins
Aug	91	616
Sept	99	609
Oct	87	706
Nov	95	504
Dec	99	549
Jan	85	501

RADIO of the MONTH

Yaesu FTM-500

NOTE: An updated version of this radio was announced after this article was written. Please reference the HamCation Recap section for more details.

The Yaesu FTM-500 is a modern dual-band transceiver that has captured the attention of amateur radio operators with its robust performance, advanced features, and seamless integration with Yaesu System Fusion (YSF). Designed for versatility and reliability, the FTM-500 is perfect for both mobile and base station use, offering operators an all-in-one solution for analog and digital communication.

At its core, the FTM-500 supports both traditional analog FM and Yaesu's cutting-edge System Fusion digital mode, making it a flexible choice for today's amateur radio operator. Whether you're chatting locally on analog repeaters or exploring the digital voice modes, this transceiver adapts effortlessly. Its dual-band capability allows simultaneous operation on VHF and UHF, giving you the freedom to monitor and transmit on two bands independently!

The FTM-500 features a bright, high-resolution color display that provides essential information at a glance. Its interface is intuitive, ensuring that operators can navigate modes and settings with ease. Beyond its display, Yaesu has integrated a high-quality speaker system into the FTM-500, designed to deliver clear and powerful audio. Unlike many transceivers that require external speakers for optimal sound, the front-facing speaker ensures that transmissions are loud and clear, even in noisy environments like a moving vehicle.

Another standout feature of the FTM-500 is its full support for Yaesu's Wires-X system. Operators



can easily access Wires-X rooms, link repeaters, or connect with other hams around the globe. This integration opens up a world of possibilities for digital communication, making it a top choice for those who enjoy exploring the global reach of amateur radio.

The detachable front panel allows the control head to be mounted separately from the main radio unit. This flexibility makes it ideal for mobile installations where space is limited or where optimal positioning of the control panel is needed for easy accessibility. -----



FTM-500

FREQUENCY COVERAGE

- RX: 108-999 MHz
- TX: 144-148 MHz 430-450 MHz

OUTPUT POWER

- High - 50 Watts
- Medium - 25 Watts
- Low 5 - Watts

Meeting Minutes

Chicago FM Club (CFMC) Meeting Minutes				
Date		Wednesday, January 22, 2025		
Location		16 th District, Chicago Police Department		
Meeting Called to Order		07:40 PM		
Officers Present			Board Members Present	
President	Paul, N9JZY	Present	Bill, N9WRP	Present
Vice President	John, N9SRY	Present	Dave, KD9JHF	Present
Secretary	Jim, KD9WNR	Present	Vern, K9VRT	Present
Treasurer	Barry, N9FMB	Present	Bill, KD9TWA	Present
			Doug, KD9YFR	Present
Member Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recitation of the Pledge of AllegianceRoll Call of All Present<ul style="list-style-type: none">Total of 27 Members and two guests were present				
Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paul, N9JZY announced Thanks for coming out to the meeting in spite of the cold weatherJim, KD9WNR announced there were 9 New Members; Signed Up Online<ul style="list-style-type: none">Will, WD7WDS (Montana)Gary, W9AGWDean, KD9REA (POTA event participant)Michael (Associate), 75 Years old and studying for ExamJiang, KE9BWM (Student)Nick, KC9UCIJon, KB9JVQBill, N9WJPDavid, KD9CVI (Bristol, WI)Jim, KD9WNR announced the status of the Renewal Drive<ul style="list-style-type: none">Renewal notices sent to all Members 12/22/24Checks were last retrieved today (01/22/25)Membership stands at 171 total of which 110 have paid for 2025 as of 01/22/25<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bob, N9XCD made a \$120 DonationAnonymous Member made a \$70 Donation<ul style="list-style-type: none">Same Member donated \$20 toward Winter Field DayNate, N9BBM made a \$10 DonationJim, N9ZGT made a \$10 DonationEmail Renewal Reminder Messages went out 01/12/25<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final Notices will go out mid-FebruaryMembers who have not renewed by March 1st will be removed from the Roster				
Reading and Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members were polled to confirm receipt of the Minutes from the previous meeting as published in the Squelch Tale. A motion was made to accept the Minutes by Nate, N9BBM and seconded by Bill, N9WRP; The December Meeting Minutes were accepted by voice vote.				
Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Barry, N9FMB presented the Treasurers Report; The Treasurers Report is available for review by any Voting Member.A motion was made to accept the Treasurers Report by Bill, N9WRP and seconded by Nate, N9BBM; The Treasurers Report was accepted by voice vote.				

Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports

- VE Team:
 - Vern, K9VRT – There were 7 new Ham examinees – 6 passed with 1 passing their Tech and General.
- Radio Expo:
 - John, N9SRY – Radio Expo will be Sept 28, 2025 confirmed for Boone County Fairgrounds... Need volunteers to help organize.
- Tech Committee:
 - John, N9SRY – The 220 South Repeater was inspected by John, N9SRY and Alan, KC9IMF; The repeater hadn't been visited in a while, but was found operational and clean. John, N9SRY will order a new switch for the downtown repeater site.
- Website:
 - Jim, KD9WNR
 - Privacy Policy updated to include Roster distribution policy.
 - "Renewal" option removed from Online Membership Application; For new Members only.
 - No application needed for Membership renewal.
 - The Official CFMC 2025 Field Day T-Shirt is now available in the CFMC Store.
 - We received our first Royalty/Commission Check from Zazzle for \$120.71 and will be deposited in the Club Account.
 - Swap & Shop will be disabled due to non-use and security risks.
 - New "Education" page on the Website; Past presentations will be published there.
 - <https://chicagofmclub.org/club-resources/education/>
- Squelch Tale:
 - Jeff, KD9RVJ – Will sustain Swap & Shop in the Newsletter; Something to Sell... Contact Jeff, KD9RVJ.
 - A membership renewal notice will go out in the next Squelch Tale.
- Winter Field Day:
 - Bill, KD9TWA announced the details... We will be at Camp Bullfrog Lake. Setup will begin on Friday, 1/24/25 @ 2:30 PM, followed by the Friday Night Social. Operating begins 10 AM Saturday... Members are encouraged to attend and **PARTICIPATE ON THE AIR!** Bring a Dish for the CFMC Picnic on Saturday! <https://chicagofmclub.org/winter-field-day-2025/>
 - Paul, N9ISP and Alan, KC9IMF have donated the meat for the Burgers on Saturday.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjourn

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bill, N9WRP and seconded by Nate, N9BBM. The motion was passed by voice vote.
- The meeting was Adjourned at 08:30 PM.

50/50

- Dave, KD9CVI ran the 50/50; The Winner was John, N9YII.

Post Meeting Presentation

- Nate, N9BBM gave a presentation on DMR: <https://chicagofmclub.org/club-resources/education/>

HamCation 2025 RECAP

For over 75 years, Orlando HamCation has been a cornerstone event in the amateur radio community, growing from a small gathering of enthusiasts to one of the largest hamfests in the world. Hosted annually by the Orlando Amateur Radio Club (OARC), HamCation has earned its reputation as a premier destination for hams to connect, learn, and explore the latest in radio technology.

This year, HamCation 2025, held from February 7–9 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. With thousands of attendees, a bustling flea market, and major manufacturers unveiling new equipment, the event was a true showcase of the enduring passion for amateur radio. A significant highlight

of HamCation 2025 was the showcasing of new transceivers by leading manufacturers Kenwood and Yaesu.

These product launches underscore the event's significance as a platform for major announcements in the amateur radio industry.

As always, HamCation 2025 served as a vibrant hub for learning, networking, and celebrating the enduring hobby of amateur radio.

HamCation 2026 will take place at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park from February 13–15th 2026. -----

Kenwood TM-D750A:



Kenwood introduced the *TM-D750A*, a highly anticipated tri-band transceiver featuring advanced capabilities and robust performance. Attendees had the opportunity to get a first look at this new offering.

Transmit:

- 144–148 MHz (2m)
- 222–225 MHz (1.25m)
- 430–450 MHz (70cm)

The *TM-D750A* is designed to enhance mobile communication experiences, offering versatile features suitable for various operating preferences. Its combination of tri-band capabilities, digital modes, and modern connectivity positions it as a significant addition to Kenwood's lineup of amateur radio transceivers. -----

Yaesu FTM-510DR ASP:

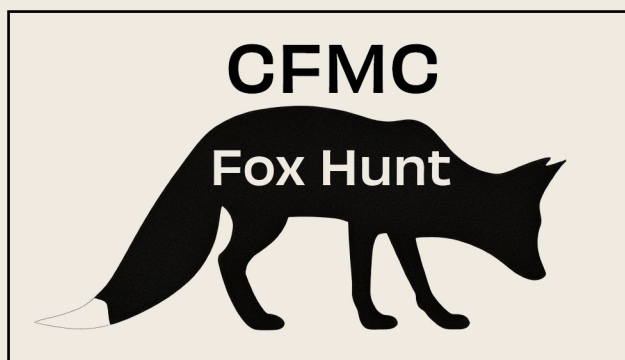


Yaesu unveiled their latest mobile transceiver, the *FTM-510DR ASP*. This new model is an upgrade to the *FTM-500* designed to enhance the mobile amateur radio experience with advanced features and improved performance.

Transmit:

- 144–148 MHz (2m)
- 430–450 MHz (70cm)

The *FTM-510* introduces an advanced Audio Digital Signal Processor (ASP) designed to enhance audio quality, especially when receiving weak FM analog signals. It also adds Yaesu's Super-DX function which increases receiver sensitivity capabilities. This heightened sensitivity aids in expanding your effective communication range. -----



CFMC 2M Fox Hunt

Feb 15, 2025

Fox;

Matt | KC9SEM

Jacob | KD9VLF

Mac | KD9VVU

Matt started off at 8:02 with a strong signal to the SW. Was he close or far away running lots of power? We soon found out he was close. All of the hunters got in the area quickly but who was going to find them first? It turned out to be Tony with Tom right behind him. Third thru fifth ended the hunt. The fox was in a parking lot south of St. Charles Rd and west of Main St. We met at Culver's on Schmale Rd.

Story by:

Mike | WA9FTS

Fox Hunt Info

-1st Sat Hunt - Across from Whole Foods, Elmhurst, Rt 83 north of St Charles Rd - CFAR input 147.750 MHz

-2nd Sat Hunt - Downers Grove Fitness & Rec Center parking lot, off Belmont Rd south of Odgen Av - Simplex 146.565 MHz

-3rd Sat Hunt - Centennial Park, Addison, Rohlwing Rd, 0.4 miles south of Lake St - CFMC input 146.160 MHz

-4th Sat Hunt - WoodDale Rd & Sivert south of Thorndale - Simplex 146.34 MHz

5th Sat Hunt - Contact Mike WA9FTS at phone number below as hunt info and rules may vary.

For more info contact Mike WA9FTS or call at 708-983-9288

Hunters gather about a half hour before the hunt. Everyone is invited to participate or ride along (call in advance). All hunts start at 8PM.

Results:

1. Tony | AA9CC

2. Tom | N9CBA

3. Marty | N9LTE

4. John | WD9EXW, Janet, Mike | WA9FTS

5. Don | W9RA

Official Merch

Head over to our online club store to find everything you need to stay warm and represent your club in style. From cozy hoodies and beanies to insulated mugs for your coffee during those chilly operating sessions, we've got you covered. -----



Celebrating

60 Years of the Chicago FM Club



On February 25th, we celebrate a monumental milestone—the 60th anniversary of the Chicago FM Club! For six decades, CFMC has been a vital part of the amateur radio community in Chicago and beyond, bringing together hams to share their passion, knowledge, and camaraderie.

Throughout the years, CFMC has been known for hosting a wide variety of events that keep amateur radio alive and thriving. From the camaraderie of Friday Night Socials to the teamwork of Winter Field Day and Summer Field Day, we've connected operators while honing our skills in challenging and fun environments. Our annual Radio Expo has consistently been a highlight in the midwest, providing a hub for buying, selling, and connecting with fellow hams. And of course, our club meetings have been a space for learning

and sharing ideas, complemented by the many other social gatherings and special events we've organized.

Each of these events is a testament to our mission: to foster community, advance amateur radio technology, and support operators of all experience levels. CFMC wouldn't be what it is today without the dedication and enthusiasm of its members—past, present, and future.

Join us at our February meeting as we honor this incredible milestone and look back on 60 years of memories. Together, let's celebrate the legacy of the Chicago FM Club and continue to build a bright future for amateur radio. Here's to 60 more years of exploration, friendship, and reaching new frequencies! -----



Reminder: Don't miss out!

All member dues were due by **January 1st**, and we want to ensure you remain an active part of our community. Any member who has not paid by March will unfortunately be removed from the Squelch Tale mailing list. Additionally, we're excited to announce a Members-Only feature launching soon, and you won't want to miss out on this exclusive benefit! Stay connected and enjoy all the perks of being part of the Chicago FM Club. Renew your membership today! -----

February Meeting

The February meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 26th, at the 16th District Chicago Police Department, located at 5151 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60630. Attendance is open to everyone—you do not need to be a club member to join us. -----

Net Controllers

We are always looking for Net Controllers. If interested, let one of the controllers know, and they would be happy to assist you in feeling comfortable doing it. Make it your net. As amateur radio operators, communication is our primary tool. Running a net is simply an extension of talking to friends on the air. -----



W9C Now Officially Ours!

This year's Field Day came with a slight disappointment as we were unable to use the special event callsign W9C. However, we're thrilled to announce that as of now, the Chicago FM Club has officially received administrative rights to W9C! This means that moving forward, we can proudly use W9C for future events and special operations. A big thank you to everyone involved in securing the call—this is a great milestone for our club! -----

Swap and Shop

Due to increasing security concerns, the Swap and Shop section on the Chicago FM Club website has been suspended. Club members who have items to sell are encouraged to send a brief description and photos to WA9ORC@gmail.com for inclusion in the Squelch Tale. -----

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something to contribute to next month's edition of the newsletter, please send it over to WA9ORC@gmail.com. -----

CFMC on the WEB



Check out our website
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Conect with us on Group.io
<https://groups.io/g/CFMC/>



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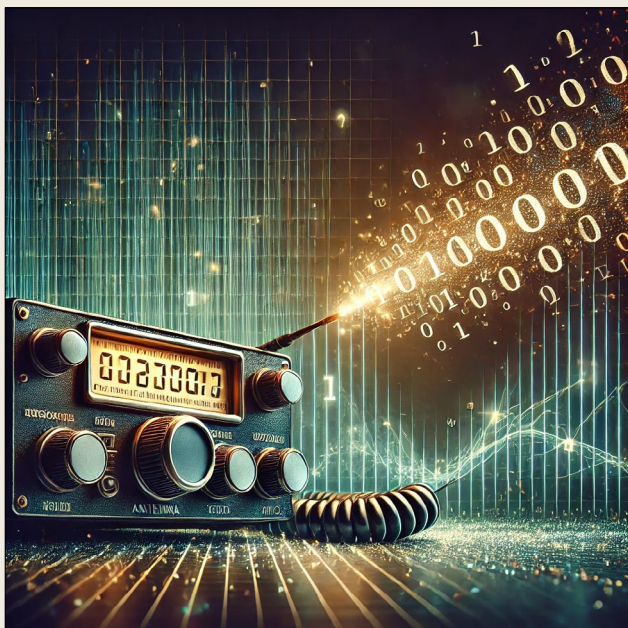


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Member Stats

Total Club Members: 176

Tech Talk



Exploring Yaesu System Fusion and Wires-X Digital Modes

In the ever-evolving world of amateur radio, Yaesu System Fusion (YSF) and Wires-X have emerged as powerful tools for modern operators. Together, they offer seamless integration of analog and digital communication, opening the door to a global network of hams while maintaining the flexibility to operate in traditional modes.

What is Yaesu System Fusion (YSF)?

Yaesu System Fusion is a digital communication mode that provides amateur radio operators with the benefits of both analog FM and digital voice. Unlike purely digital systems, YSF incorporates Automatic Mode Select (AMS), which automatically detects whether a transmission is analog or digital, allowing smooth communication between operators using different technologies. This dual-mode capability makes YSF an excellent choice for clubs, repeaters, and individuals looking to bridge the gap between analog and digital.

What is Wires-X?

Wires-X (Wide-coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System) is Yaesu's internet-based linking system that connects YSF-compatible repeaters, nodes, and individual users worldwide.

It enables operators to join virtual “rooms,” which are essentially digital meeting spaces for specific interests, topics, or regions. Whether you want to chat with hams in your local area or join a group halfway across the globe, Wires-X makes it possible with just a few button presses.

Wires-X also allows operators to create their own nodes and rooms, giving them control over how and where they connect.

How YSF and Wires-X Work Together

YSF and Wires-X complement each other by providing both local and global communication options. A typical setup involves a YSF-compatible transceiver, such as the Yaesu FTM-500, and a Wires-X node or repeater. When connected to the Wires-X system, users can seamlessly transition between local FM or digital communication and worldwide linking, ensuring they're always part of the action.

The integration of YSF and Wires-X is more than just a technical feature—it's a revolution in how amateur radio operators connect. For traditionalists, it provides a bridge to modern technology without leaving analog behind. As digital communication continues to grow, tools like YSF and Wires-X are ensuring that amateur radio remains vibrant and accessible.

The CFMC Wires-X Enabled Repeater

If you're interested in exploring YSF and Wires-X, the Chicago FM Club operates a Wires-X enabled repeater on 145.350 MHz (-1.6 MHz) with DCS 072. This repeater provides local access to YSF communication while linking to the Wires-X network, allowing members to participate in global conversations or join rooms of shared interest.

Whether you're trying out YSF for the first time or connecting to a Wires-X room, the CFMC repeater makes it easy to dive into the world of digital amateur radio. -----

Chicago FM Club

Club Officers

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