

Chicagoland Foxhunters Report

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Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with a simplex hunt sponsored by the RAMS on 146.34 MHz. Now the lineup is on CFAR, CMFC and two simplex hunts.



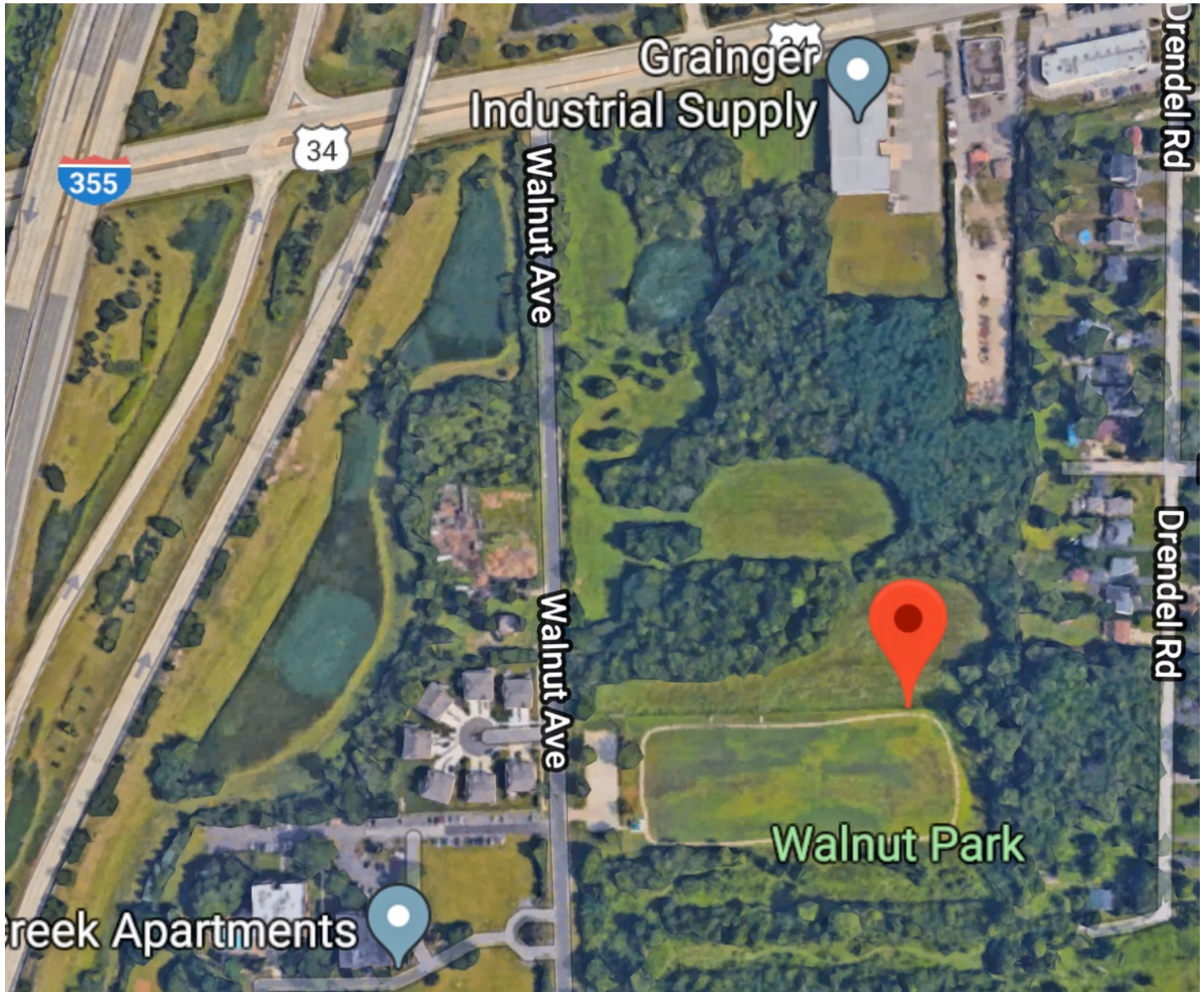
CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Jan 6th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

The first hunt of the year brought us a small increase in temp - the low teens and no snow. Four hunt teams awaited Charlie's test transmission and it was a good one to the SW. The hunters took 83 south with Tom going past Ogden and John and Pete's team taking Ogden west. Pete overshot 355 and headed north to Warrenville Rd and then back south. John's team was in the right spot and took Walnut south to a small park and then left toward Burlington Av. John got out to head north into the woods as Jane and I went back to Walnut Park. I got out and headed into the woods and out to Drendel Rd. Tom passed me by and then, in the opposite direction, Pete and John stopped to offer me a ride. I declined and headed north into the woods again thinking I would not make it through. Finally an opening appeared and I saw Charlie's Jeep. I was very surprised to get 1st place card. I got in to the Jeep to get warm and 5 minutes later, Pete and John arrive for 2nd. Another 5 minutes later Tom secured 3rd. Don found out he would be last and asked for the location of the restaurant. Charlie said it would be Emmett's in Downers Grove. I forgot to take a picture of Charlie in his car. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
3. Tom N9CBA



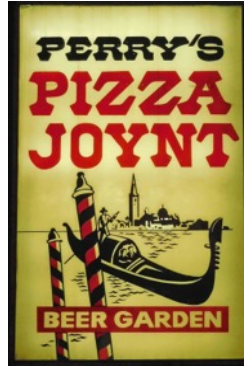
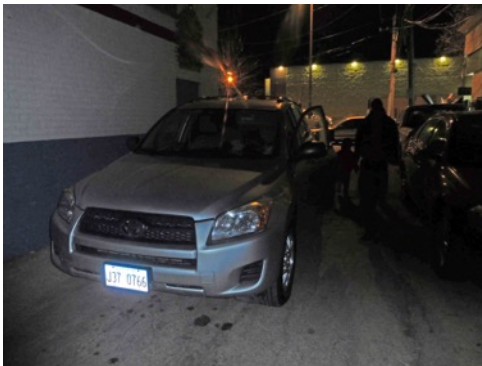
John K9JK enjoying the craft beer selection.



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Jan 13th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

Four hunt teams awaited the test transmission from Tom N9CBA. It was a reasonably strong signal to the NE - a surprise direction. Marty and John and Janet headed east on North Av while Matt's and Pete's team took 355 to Army Trail Rd. Marty got to 25th St and then back to Wolf. This was a good move as Tom was in his car on the east side of the Citgo gas station next to another building. Marty beat John by two minutes for the win. About 10 minutes later, Matt's team arrived after heading east and south to North Av. Pete and John arrived minutes too late to capture 3rd and the hunt was over. We all gathered close-by at Perry's Pizza on North Av. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE - 8:46 PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:48 PM
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:56 PM
4. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:58 PM



Tom's car was represented by the grey rectangle between the buildings.

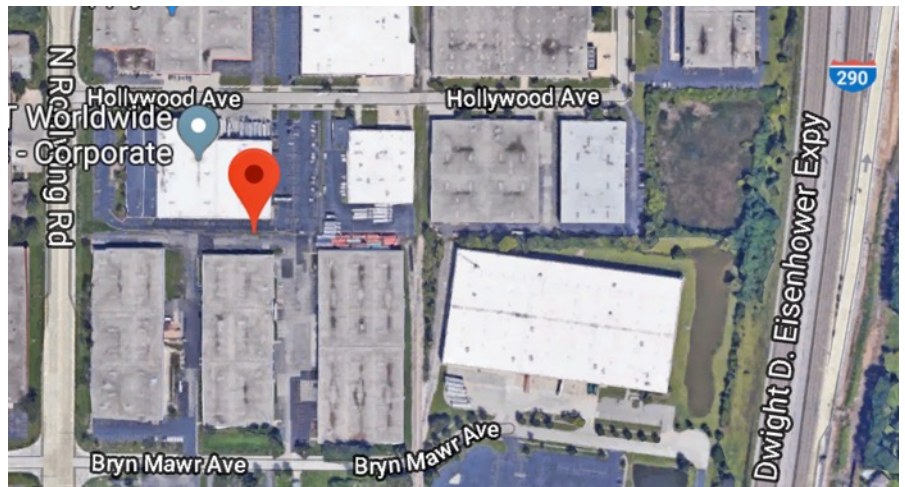
CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Jan 20th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox Team - Matt KC9SEM, Pattu N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac

Even though the weather and temp was moderate, we decided to host a close-in hunt for the hunters. We found a spot between Rohlwing Rd and the Ike. The location was south of the AIT

Corp HW next to several semi-trailers. We were not disappointed as several hunters arrived less than 20 minutes into the hunt. Don turned to the west and then back east to us for the win. About 90 sec later Janet walked up to us for 2nd place. Then seven minutes later Tom drove up for third. Marty showed up about 5 minutes later to end the hunt, We headed to Giordano's for the munch. Results:

1. Don W9RA - 8:23:50PM
2. Janet, John WD9EXW - 8:25:20 PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 8:31:00 PM
4. Marty N9LTE - 8:36:40 PM



34 2M Foxhunt - Jan 27th, 2018 - by Mike WA9FTS

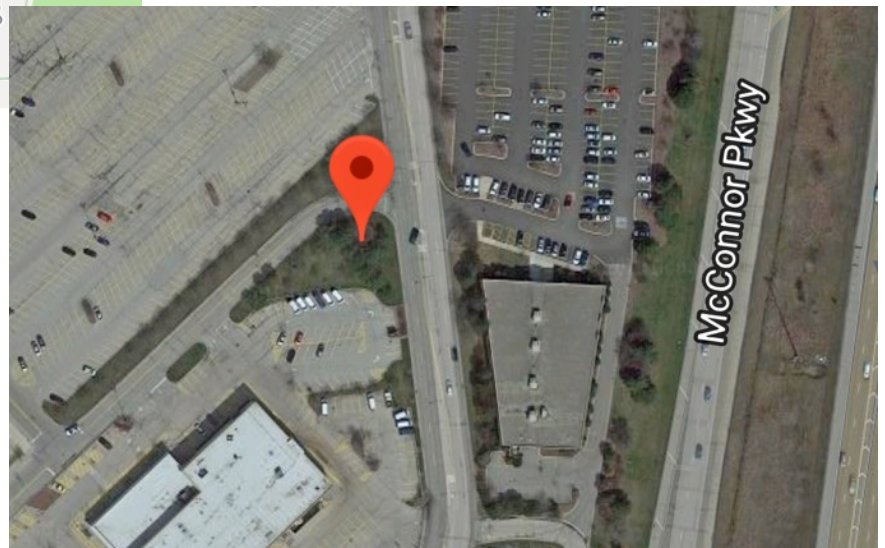
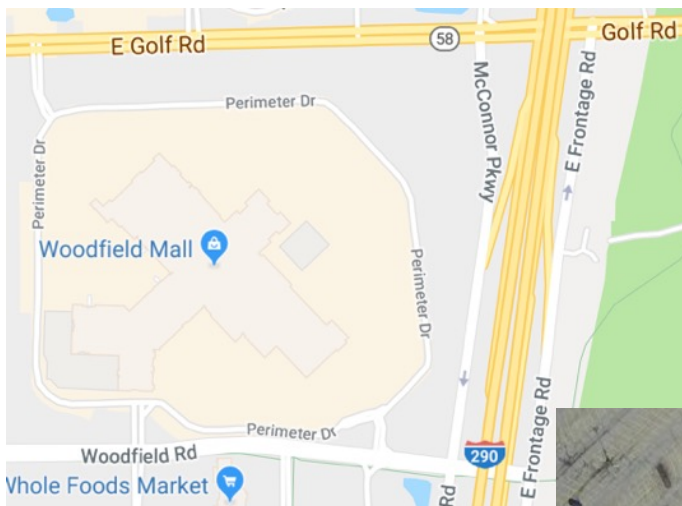
Several hunt teams had company and did not participate. Marty N9LTE, with Bill, was the fox and got the 5 hunt teams off with a strong signal to the north - a surprise direction considering Marty lives in Oswego. A good route did not achieve a win as Tony AA9CC took a terrible route going back and forth but did very well when he got close to the repeater. Marty set up in a tree at the WoodField Mall. Pete K9PW sent me his route and it was much better but spent lots of time close by but let Tony sneak into the win. I took a relatively good path and drove right by the repeater but went to Meecham Rd and then spent too much time heading back east and then got back readings. In the mean time Don W9RA secured 3rd and then Ton N9CBA - 4th. I finally

found the repeater and took a picture of it hanging in the tree. We went to Portillo's after the hunt. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
3. Don W9RA
4. Tom N9CBA
5. Mike WA9FTS



PORTILLO'S HOTDOGS
BARNELLI'S PASTA BOWL



	Start Time	Starting Location	Foxhunt Frequency
1st	8 PM	Rt 83 north of St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst across from Whole Foods	147.750 MHz CFAR input
2nd	8 PM	Downers Grove Fitness & Rec Center parking lot off Belmont Rd south of Odgen Av	146.565 MHz
3rd	8 PM	Centennial Park, Addison 0.4 miles south of Lake St	146.160 MHz CFMC input
4th	8 PM	WoodDale Jr HS parking lot, south of Sievert Rd between Thorndale Rd and Irving Pk Rd,	146.340 MHz
5th	8 PM	TBD by the fox K9PW / K9JK Next hunt - Mar 31st	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	0/0	0/0
N9LTE	1	0
AA9CC/KC9QQY	1/0	0/0
W9RA	1	0
WA9FTS	1	0
WD9EXW. Janet	1	2
K9PW / K9JK	0/0	2/2
N9CBA	0	0
KB9DIM	0	0

5th Saturday hunts are not included in hunt results

VK3YNG Sniffer

All of our hunter use the VK3YNG Sniffer when we have to get out on foot to find the fox. We all use one in the vehicle also and W9RA uses his from start to finish.

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