

# Chicagoland Foxhunters Report

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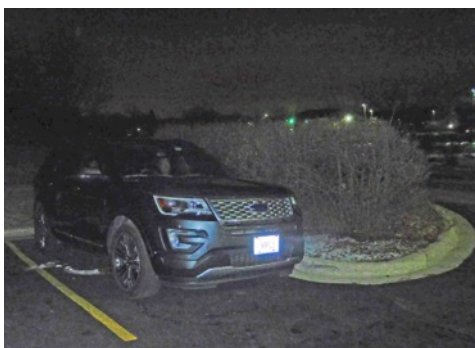
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with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



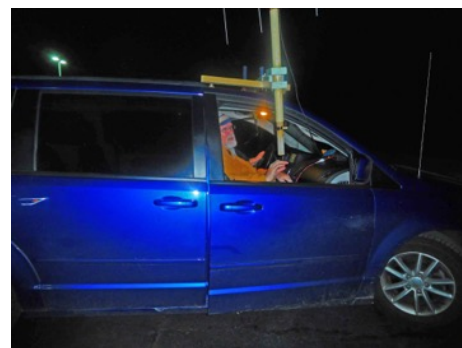
CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Jan 4th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac and I found a parking lot of the Bartlett Public Library at Stearns and Bartlett Rd. We parked behind several bushes. Five hunt teams were ready to find us as all heard us clearly at the start. The hunters were released at 8:02PM. We agreed that a great performance would take at least 30 min. This was proven as John and Janet arrived to find us at 8:34 - 32 min! Four min later Tony drove up for 2nd. Seven min later both Pete/John and Don arrived. John got out at the north end of the parking lot and ran south to us as Don arrived seconds later for 4th. Tom and David also drove to the north end and David got out. Tom realized we were back to the south and drove back to end the hunt. A couple of min later, David walked up to us. We went to Pietanza's at Army Trail and 59. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:34
2. Tony AA9CC - 8:38
3. John K9JK, Pete K9PW - 8:45
4. Don W9RA - 8:45
5. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW - 8:47



Hiding spot behind the bushes



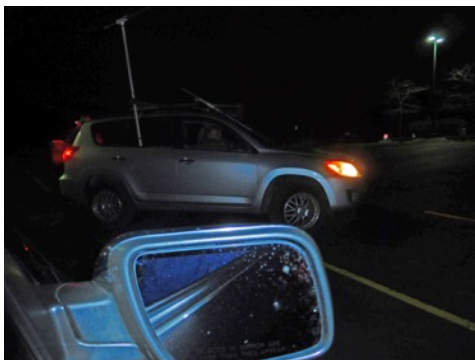
Great performance - John and Janet arrive for the win



Tony arrive 4 min later for 2nd



John got some exercise



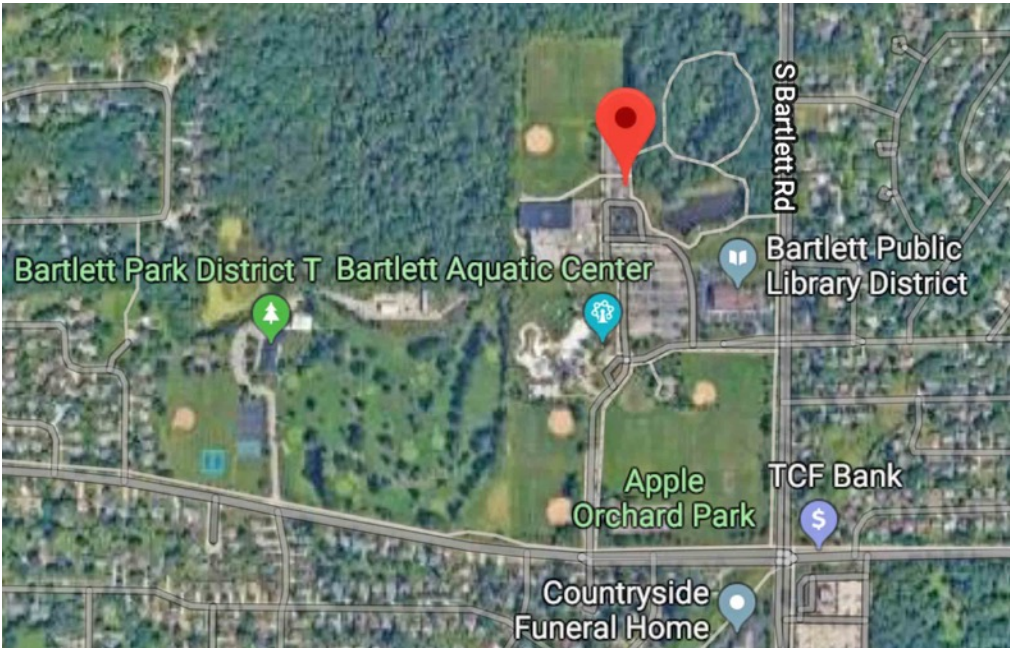
Tom drove back to us



David also got exercise



Good food and service



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Jan 11th, 2020 by Tom N9CBA

The foxes, David KC9VW and Tom N9CBA, hid at 41.755180, -87.955555 in Darien. This was a parking lot for the Indian Prairie Public Library. There were forecasts of snow, and there was fairly light snow in the time preceding the hunt. The foxes hid in a white vehicle to match the snow.

The antenna was a 1/4 wave mag-mount on a door on the north side of the vehicle. Power setting was 25 watts on the battery-powered mobile transceiver. Everybody had a southeast bearing, and turned south out of the lot of the starting point.

First spotted was Tony AA9CC, David saw drive by on Plainfield Road. Tony had taken a largely independent route. Before long, a vehicle and another, and wow. Five vehicles arrived on a hunt with 4 hunt teams.

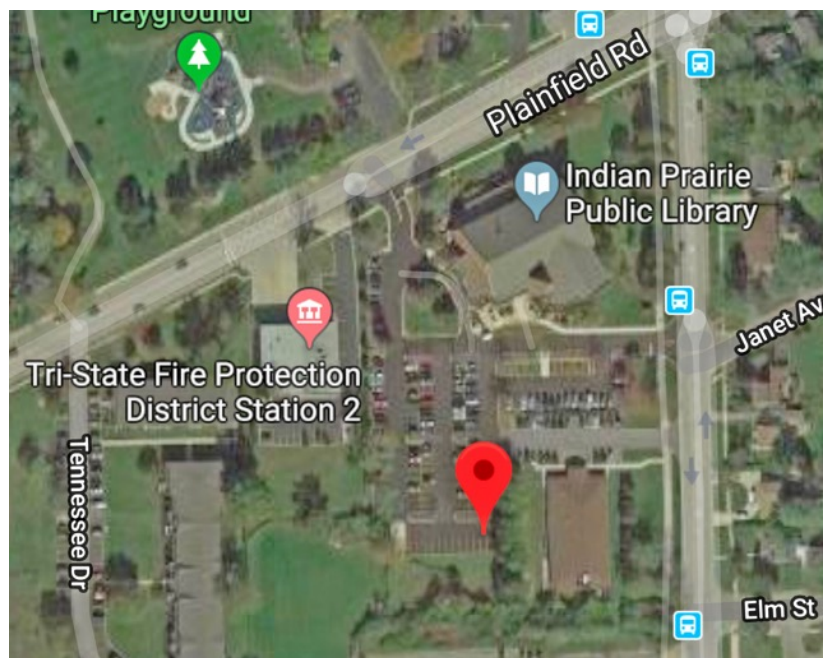
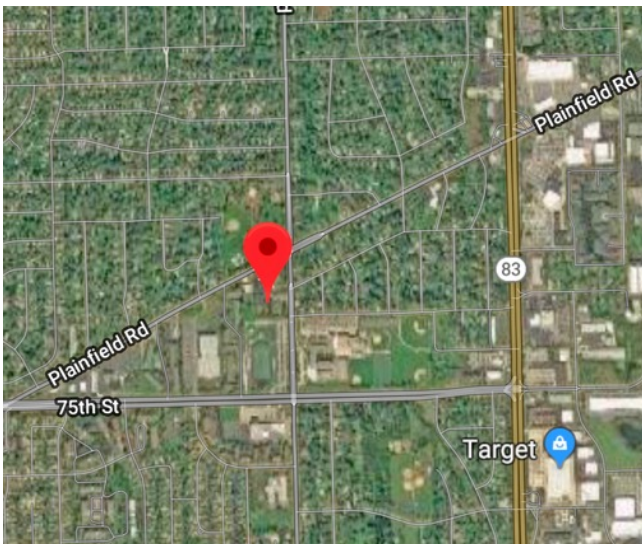
First to grab the ticket was Matt KC9SEM, having driven close to the transmitting Jeep. John WD9EXW took the second shortly thereafter. Matt looked at his ticket, and expressed disappointment of "second". However the ticket started "Second Saturday Hunt..." farther down on the slip was written "1st Place. Another vehicle pointed to the foxes, but did not close the space. That was confusing. Don W9RA pulled in for 3rd. Tony AA9CC was quickly 4th. Everybody finished within about a 3 minute window. I had thought it might be harder. Everybody was efficient.

It turned out the mystery vehicle was Charlie KB9DIM, who had met the hunters at the starting point and followed.

We went to munch at The Patio of Darien. The restaurant was fairly nearby. Charlie told of his fun visit to New Zealand to visit Alexis.

Results:

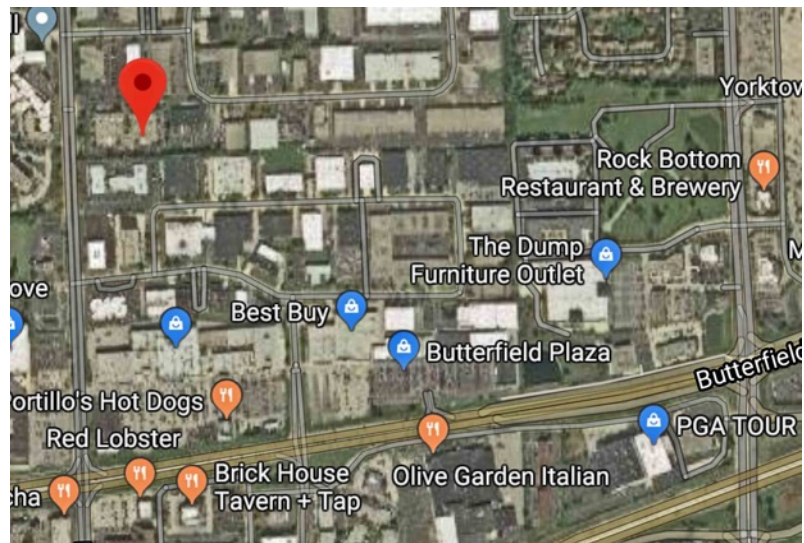
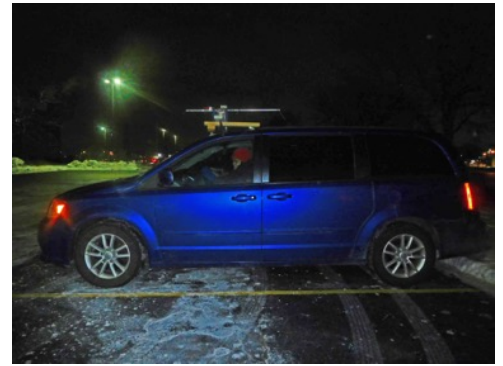
1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mackenzie 8:33pm
2. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:33pm
3. Don W9RA 8:34pm
4. Tony AA9CC 8:36pm



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Jan 18th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Tony AA9CC was the fox and he got the 4 hunt teams off with a good signal to the south. The hunters took 355 south. Tom and David got off at Butterfield and went west. Matt's team past Butterfield and then realized that was the road to take. We were committed to Ogden and then north to Finley Rd. With tall buildings in the area around Butterfield and Finley, reflections played a role in making it hard to zero in on Tony. We finally made it north into an industrial area, parked and saw David. Matt and I got out and headed up a snowy and icy berm to find Tony in his car behind a large building next to a dumpster. David got to Tony 5 minutes earlier for the win. As we pulled out on Finley, We saw John and Janet head to find Tony. Don arrive shortly after to end the hunt. We went to Portillo's nearby. Results:

1. Dave AC9VW, Tom N9CBA
2. Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
3. John WD9EXW, Janet
4. Don W9RA



34 2M Foxhunt - Jan 25th,  
2020 by Mike WA9FTS

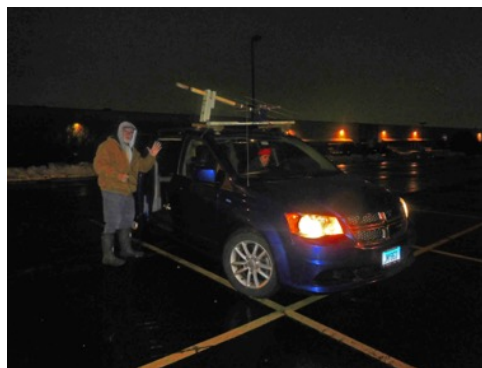
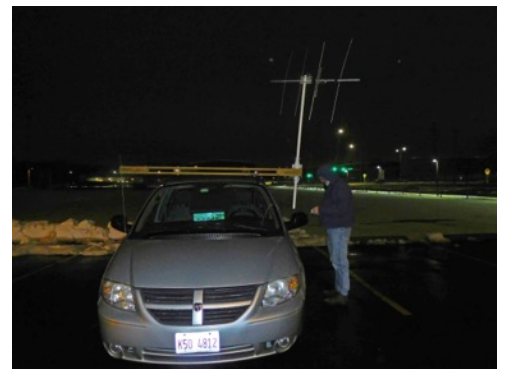
For the second week in a row, Tony AA9CC was the fox. We had 6 hunt teams as Marty and Bill showed up - since the May 34 hunt. Tony got the hunters off with a signal to the south. Most of the hunters took 355 while Tom and Dave went east to 83 and south. Several hunters exited 355 for 75th St and went east. We got a reading to the SW and took Janes Ave south. We drove back to 75th and noticed several hunters at Woodward Ave. Eventually we gave up and joined the rest of the hunters at Baker's Square at the NW corner of 75th and Woodward. John & Janet made the right moves - 355 to 75th to Boughton back to 355 to Woodward to Nancy's and the score for the win. Tony was in a white van he recently purchased. He had a 3 el beam inside. He found an easy drive-up spot at Nancy's Pizza - 71st and Woodward. Results:

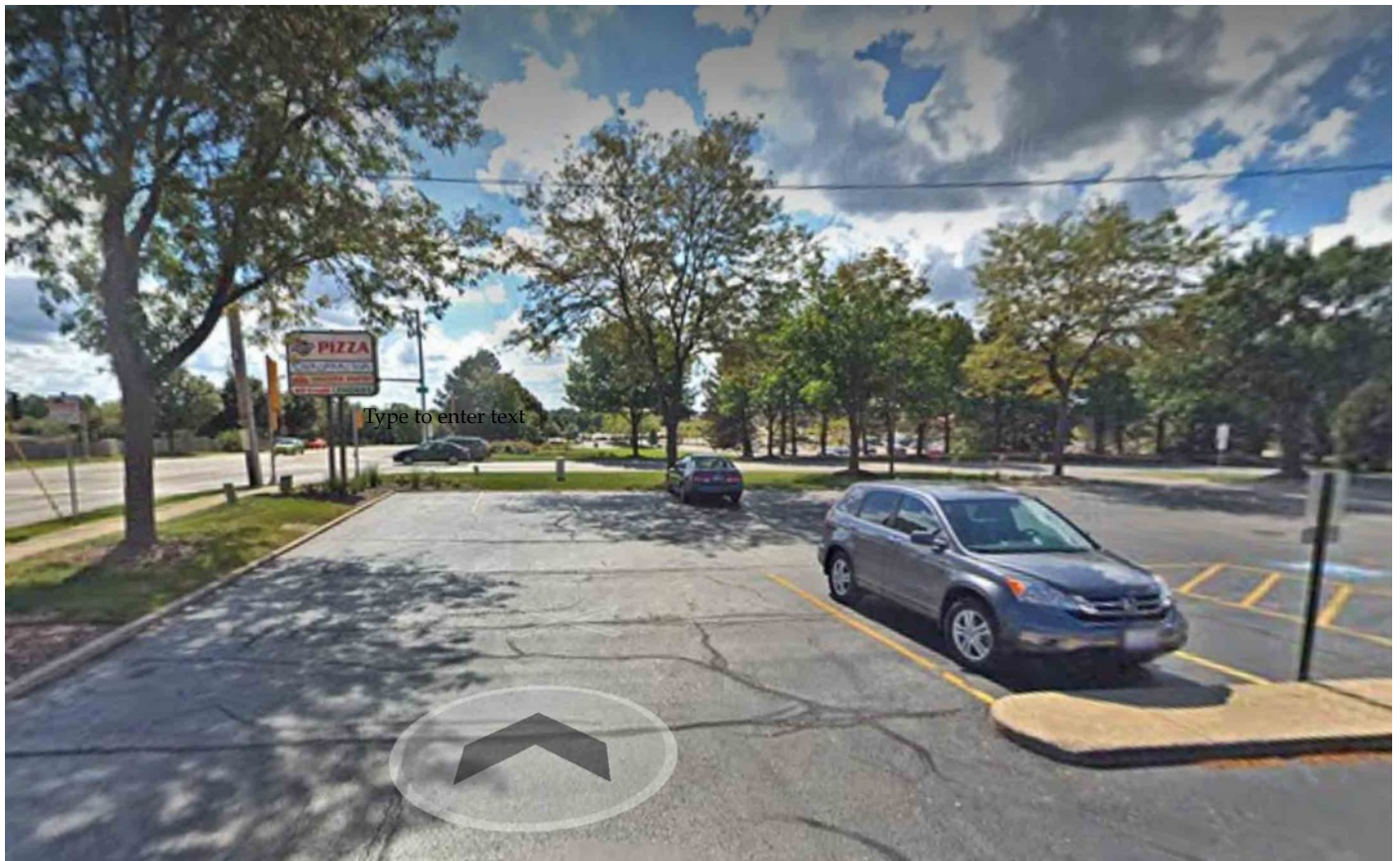
1. John WD9EXW, Janet
2. Tom N9CBA, Dave AC9VW
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill
4. Don W9RA
5. Pete K9PW

DNF Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS,



Tony was in his car at the red balloon.





Tony hide in plain sight near the Nancy's pizza sign.  
He parked in the second spot to the right of the corner.

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	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 N9CBA Next hunt - Feb 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	1/1/0	1/1/1
K9PW / K9JK	0/0	0/0
AA9CC	0	1
W9RA	0	0
WD9EXW, Janet	2	1
N9CBA / AC9VW	1/1	1/1
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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