

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 2nd, 2021 by Tony AA9CC

I strapped the poles on loaded battery, antenna, radio, and coax up in the back pack and hiked a mile from home. I hid behind the coach residence outside Katherine's house, now abandoned. Kathrine was the wife of a tug caption who suspiciously disappeared. Local legend says his body is inside the basement walls of the old stone mansion. It's now owned by a Hindu sect who was going to use it as a retreat, but has since built the temple site at Bluff and Lemont roads. I looked into buying the property in 2005, but with 13 acres it was out of my price range. Vandals now have destroyed the interior.

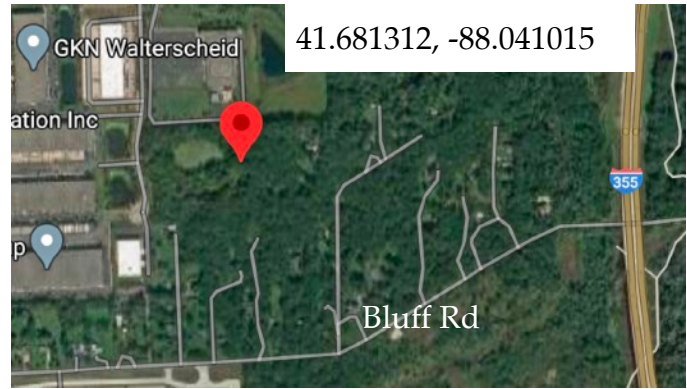
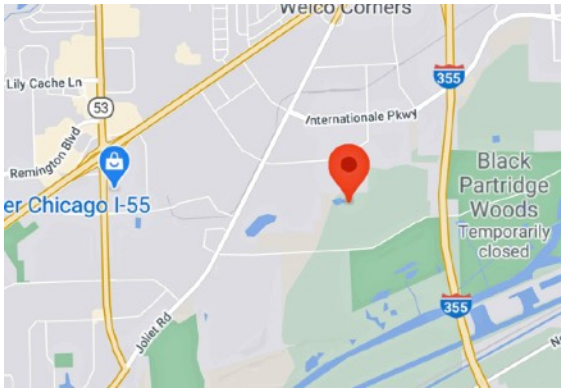
It was hovering around freezing, a light drizzle, overcast with 2 inches of wet snow that had fallen over the previous days. I had a little trouble setting up the 35 foot mast, it fell over once. I did not have a good signal at the start, surprising, considering the height. The signal possibly couldn't penetrate through the forest of large soaking wet oak trees, scattering as evident when the hunters, entering from the north, headed to the trees in the beam path and not toward the null of the broadside antenna. No one saw the bulls eye on the for sale sign at Katherine's crossing. John was the only one to walk that way in. I thank John and Janet for giving me and equipment a ride home. I had no munch spot picked.

Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM,
Patty N9PLS, Jacob,
Mac
2. Marty N9LTE
3. Pete K9PW
4. John WD9EXW,
Janet

DNF Tom N9CBA,
John K9JK





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Jan 9th, 2021 by John WD9EXW

As you know, I worked with Patty on her route in Dec. I noticed a potential spot in Batavia. It's a former bank branch, closed for a couple years. The parking lot is being used by a construction crew as a staging area, and there were some concrete water drain pipes stacked around. I hopped into one at the red pin shown below.



This spot was about a block west of the river, and higher elevation, 20 mi from the start. I thought to use it now, because it will be gone when Rt 31 construction finishes.

Yaesu 2900 10 watts into my vertical oriented tape measure beam at about 8' high, pointed east.

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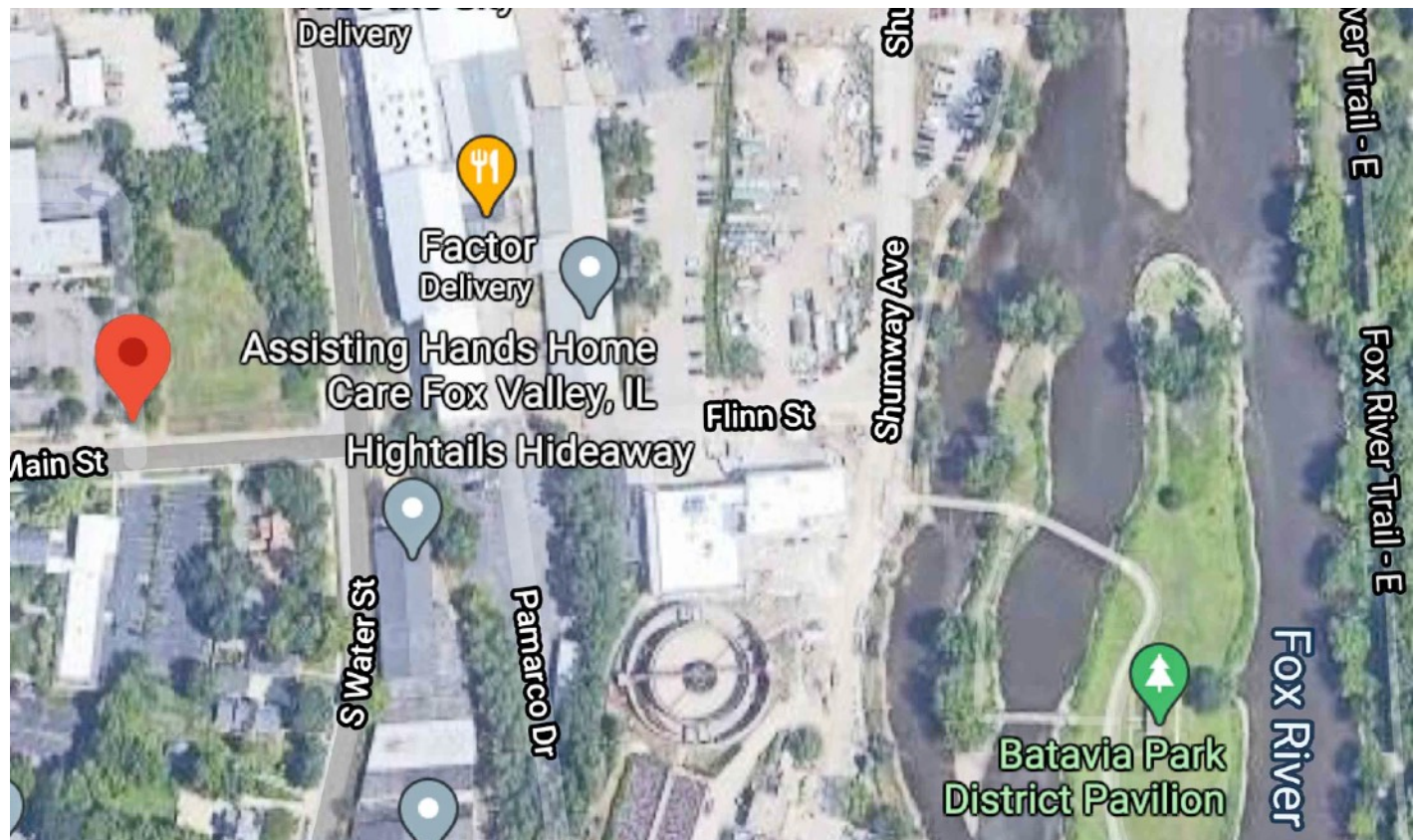
- 1- Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:30
- 2 - Tony AA9CC 8:31
- 3 - Dave AC9VW 8:32
- 4 - Tom N9CBA 8:45
- 5 - Pete K9PW 8:55
- 6 - Marty N9LTE, Bill 8:57

We munched from Charlie Fox's Pizza across Rt 31, shown on the picture above. and we parked at the parking lot just across the street (south) from red pin

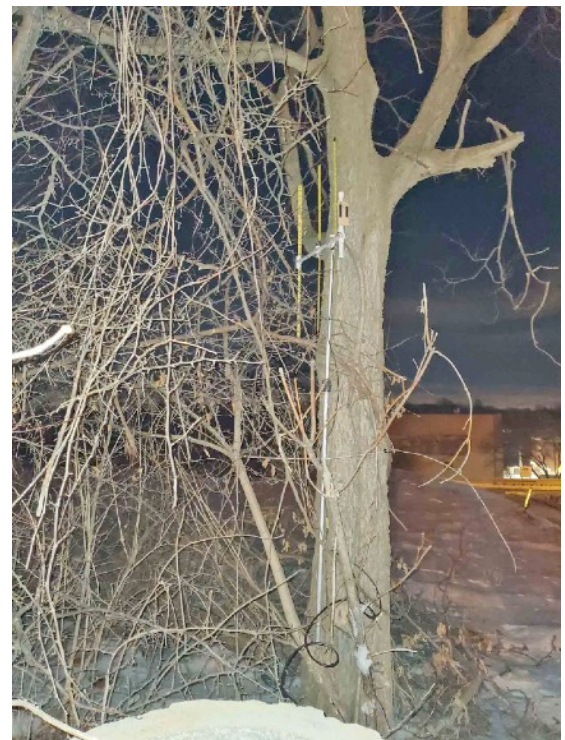
Pizza was recommended by a local lady who strolled past with her dog.

Our review: It was good - but they somehow 'lost' Pete + Tony's orders! Pete and Tony got their payment back, and others shared a few slices

So all hunters heard me, + all scored.



Matt took these two of John hiding in a sewer. He told me that Jacob and Mac spotted the antenna and were the first to find Grandpa.



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CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Jan 16th 2021 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac

The weather was cold near freezing but no snow in the forecast. I joined Matt and crew. Matt found a place in Glendale Hts behind the Jubilee Furniture. I parked next to Patty's car thinking the hunters would not recognize it. I did not at first and drove around again to finally spot them. Six hunters started at 8:04 to find us. Jacob was given the mike and did a great job of conducting the hunt. He was the first to see his Grandpa drive by. John came back to get the win with Marty closely behind for 2nd. Shortly Pete appeared for 3rd and several minutes later Tom drove up to score. It was 6 min later and Tony walked up to find us. David drove up 5 min later to end to end the hunt. 5W was used to a vertical on the roof. We all headed to Culver's nearby. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:24PM
2. Marty N9LTE - 8:24PM
3. Pete K9PW - 8:25PM
4. Tom N9CBA - 8:28PM
5. Tony AA9CC - 8:34PM
6. David AC9VW - 8:39PM



Matt and Jacob in the front.



Patty's car and my Jeep on cement. Google pix is from earlier.



Picture to left and above as we settle for food at Culver's.



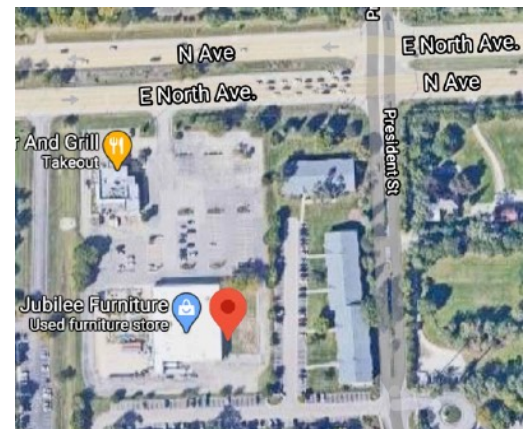
John WD9EXW walks away after win.



Marty N9LTE appears seconds later.



David AC9VW arrives to end the hunt.



34 2M Foxhunt - Jan 16th, 2021 by Marty N9LTE
Fox - Pete K9PW

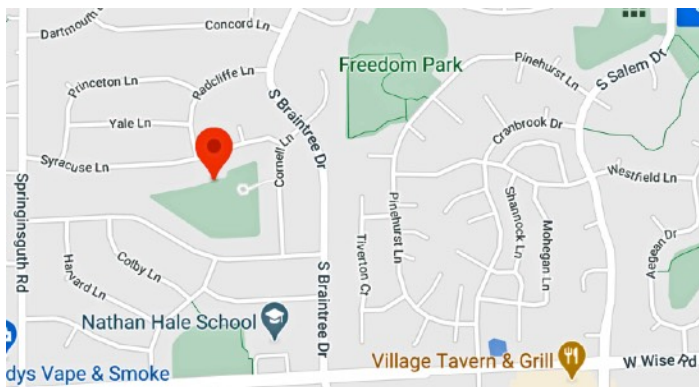
Enclosed are a couple of photos (day & night) of the fox location. The fox was sitting in the reeds behind & to the right of the playground. Marty has additional photos which he should be sending to us.

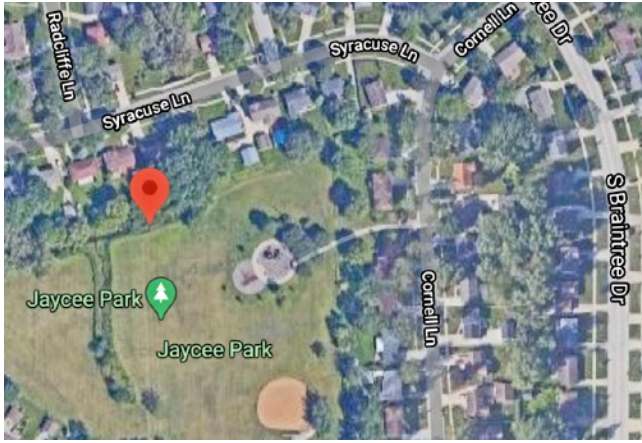
The fox (Pete, K9PW) was located in Jaycee Park in Schaumburg, IL. That park is large, but it only has one small entrance which is located between two houses on an isolated side street. Last week, Mac had suggested that the fox hide near a playground, so the hunters were primarily looking for parks. But there were at least 13 additional parks within just one mile! So several hunters got out and explored the wrong parks when getting a 4 on their sniffers. Signals were 5 at the entrance to the correct park.

The fox was running 60 Watts to a homemade quarter wave vertical located just a foot above the ground. The location was on a down slope next to a small creek at N42.00861 W88.11343 All seven teams heard the fox at the starting point 7.2 miles away. After being released at 9:09pm, the hunt went very quickly.

1 Tom N9CBA 8:25
2 John WD9EXW, Janet 8:28
3 Marty N9LTE 8:37
4 Tony AA9CC 8:46
5 Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac 8:48
6 David AC9VW 8:51
DNF: John K9JK

Munch was at the nearby Culver's.





5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - by Mike WA9FTS

Due to the snowstorm - 5-9 in, the foxhunt has been reschedule to May 29th.

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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 WA9FTS Next hunt - Mar 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	2	
N9LTE		2
AA9CC		1
WD9EXW	1	1
N9CBA	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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