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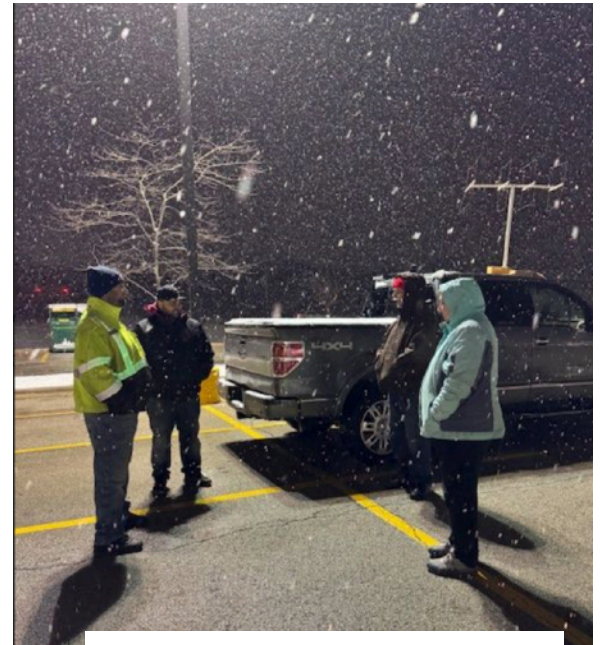
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with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



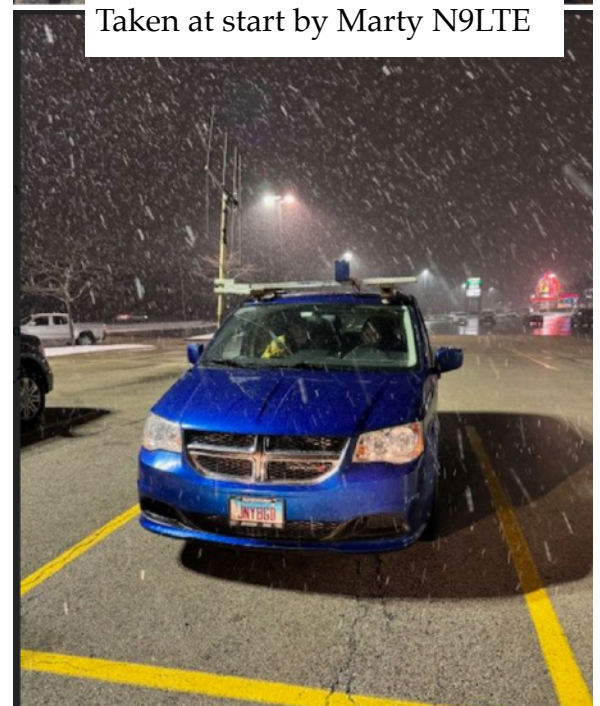
CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Jan 6th, 2023 by Mike WA9FTS

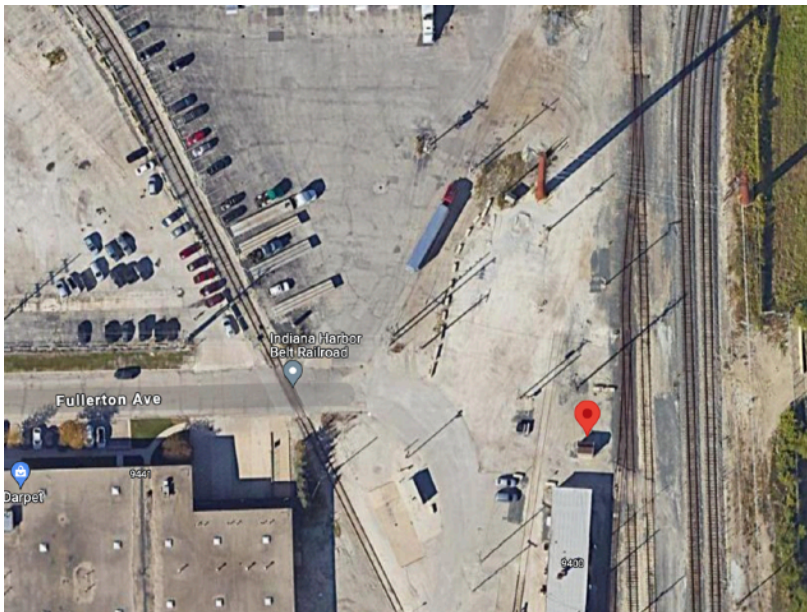
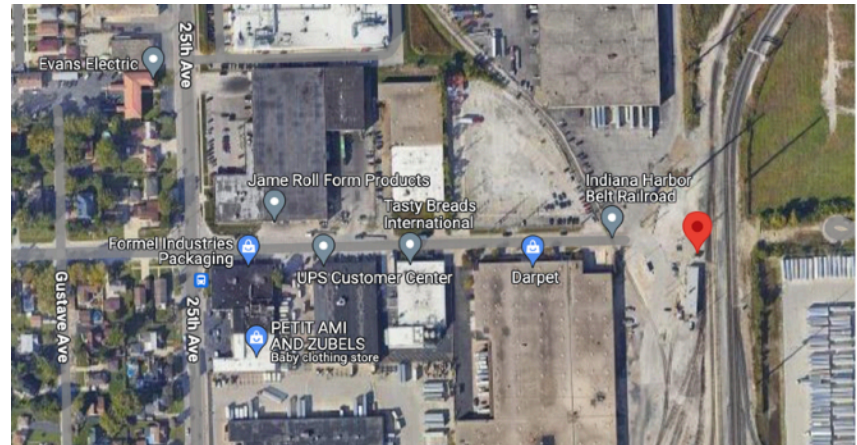
It was snowing very light as the 5 hunters were ready to find me. I was in Franklin Park off 25th St at the end of Fullerton by railroad tracks. I parked my Jeep next to a metal shed and the hunt started at 8:03. At 8:35 John and Janet arrived for the win. They took 83 north to North Ave east to 25 and Grand Ave. They drove past and found themselves east of me. They came back and down Fullerton. Three minutes later Marty arrive for 2nd. Tim, Mike and Michelle were the only ones to not hear me at the start arrived 19 minutes later for 3rd. Tom had problems being east of me and tried to go straight west with no results. Finally he came back west via Grand and east on Fullerton to end the hunt. We met at Culver's off 25th and south of Grand. Carol and Kelsey Schoeder joined us. Matt and Patty worked late and brought Jacob and Mac. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:35PM
 2. Marty N9LTE - 8:38PM
 3. Tim KC9YFI, Mike N0MO, Michelle KD9DGT - 8:57PM
 4. Tom N9CBA - 9:26PM
- DNF Don W9RA - 9:10PM



Taken at start by Marty N9LTE





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Jan 13th, 2024 by John WD9EXW

Was really cold and windy, like -8 temp, with -30 wind chill factor. Snowing a bit, with drifting too.

I would have been ok postponing a month, but ok to hunt also. But I also didn't want to take the hunters far away, or even out of their cars, so I was close, but still interesting spot.

We had 3 hunters, 100% copy at the start point, started at 8:08

The wind even rocked the car a bit as we sat here, parking lot off Western Ave in Lisle. Was 3 mi away as the crow flies, about 4mi by road for a perfect drive.

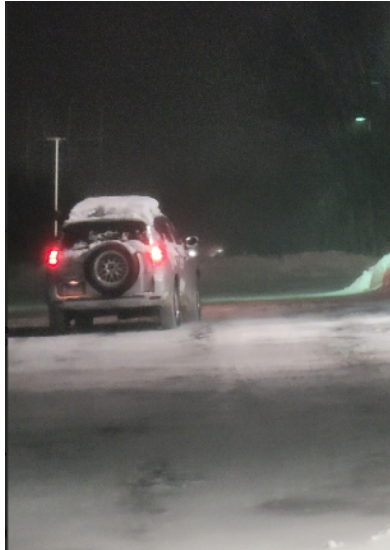
Water tower near by, likely added a couple reflections.

My mobil radio at 5 watts, 5/8 omni magmount at about 8' up.

- #1 Matt KC9SEM and crew at 8:33, crossed the tree line on foot from the apartments to my west
- #2 Tom N9CBA drove up almost immediately at 8:34
- #3 Don W9RA 8:46

I think everyone overshot to the west, and a couple hunter checked north of 88, but not for long

Munched at Portillo's on Ogden, where Michelle joined us.



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Jan 20th, 2024 by Mike N0MO

It was a cold night as Mike (N0MO), Tim (KC9YFI), Michelle (KD9DJT) and Autumn hid along the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, about 10 feet off of Ed Finley Rd. Hunters were advised to watch for icy conditions, as there were portions of the road and the gravel pad they were on that were ice covered. They had a strong signal at the start coming from their 75 watts into a 4 element beam pointed North West. The hunters who found them took longer than they had anticipated to get in. Tom (N9CBA) came in for the win at 9:00.

Mike Wilson
N0MO

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs
Property Custodian and Public Service Chairman

Mike N0MO did not mention above all the hunters who were in the hunt. This is my experience with Matt's family.

It was another cold foxhunt. Five hunters were out to find Tim and Mike. We got a strong signal (2) on the sniffer as most of the hunters headed SE. It stayed a 2 for a longtime and then a 3. Finally a strong signal. They were hiding north of the Sanitary Canal and between Harlem and Central Av on Ed Meyer Rd. How do we get there? Tom did and won with John and Janet 7 min later for 2nd. The rest of us DNFed and we met at Portillo's. Carol & Kelsey joined us. Results:

1 - Tom N9CBA 9:00

2 - John WD9EXW, Janet - 9:07

DNF Don W9RA, Marty N9LTE, Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS



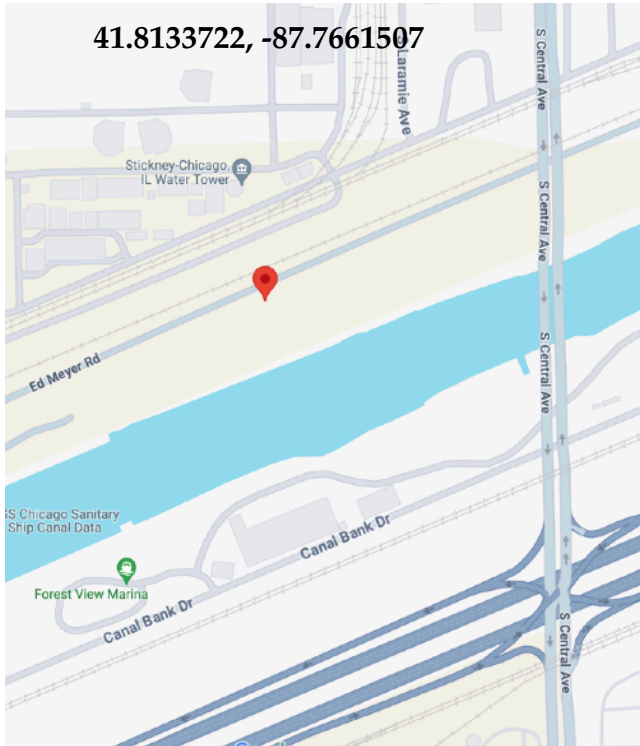
Hunters at the starting pt - Mike WA9FTS



These 3 pix take by Mike N0MO



At Portillo's by Mike WA9FTS



34 2M Foxhunt - Jan 28th, 2024 by Tom N9CBA & Mike WA9FTS

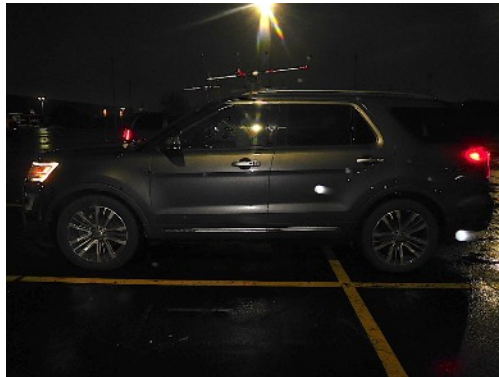
Hiding out of the car on a misty cold evening in a playground structure.

Antenna was horizontal 3-ele tape measure Yagi up 12 ft above the ground. Pointing roughly at the starting point.

1. Don W9RA 8:54
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS 8:59
3. John WD9EXW Janet 9:05
4. Pete K9PW 9:15

Tom N9CBA, who won the last hunt of 2023, was the fox. He got the 4 hunters off at 8:04 with a good signal to the north. It was a strong signal with a 2 on the sniffer for a long time. We finally got to Flick Park north of Glenview Rd. Don got there for the win 5 min before 2nd for the win. Hiding spot: 42.074179, -87.845393

We met at Omega on Golf Rd for the munch.



	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 Pete K9PW Next hunt - Apr 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	1/1/1/1/0	1/1/1/1/1
N9LTE, Bill		1/0
WD9EXW, Janet	1	1
N9CBA	1	1
N0MO		
W9RA	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.

