

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 - Oct 3rd, 2020 by the fox Pete K9PW

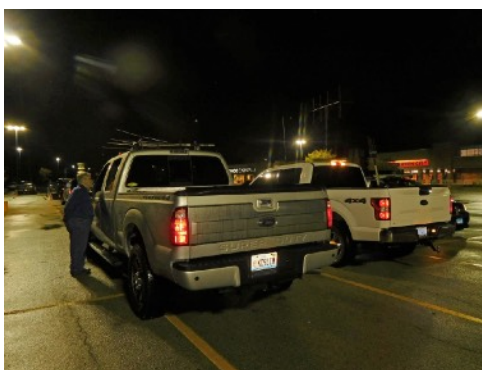
With light rain and temperatures in the upper 40's, the weather was not ideal for the hunt. Water has been known to mess up the performance of some yagi designs. This might have contributed to the difficulties some hunters experienced.

The hiding location was a picnic table under the pavilion at Belle Park in Schaumburg. The transmitter was set to 10 Watts to a 5/8th vertical mag-mount on top of the pavilion's metal roof. With 100% of hunters hearing the fox, eight vehicles were released at 8:06AM. After the third transmission, the fox actually saw a real fox walking through the park! Was this a good omen?

The hunt progressed at a fairly typical pace. The fox was located less than 80' from the road, however at least half of the hunters got out of their cars at Meadows Park (which closed at dusk) to walk 1000' in the rain to find the fox. Tony snuck up on the fox to be first. John & Janet drove by 5 minutes later for second place. After another five minutes, Marty spotted the fox's empty car parked 100 yards away. After a few minutes, he located the fox & claimed 3rd place without stepping out of his truck! The remaining hunters trickled in not much later.

The rain did not prevent some from using the playgrounds. Many of the hunters went to the nearby Portillo's drive-thru & returned to the pavilion hiding spot to eat & chat while staying dry. The groups left for their homes just before 11pm (the park's official closing time).

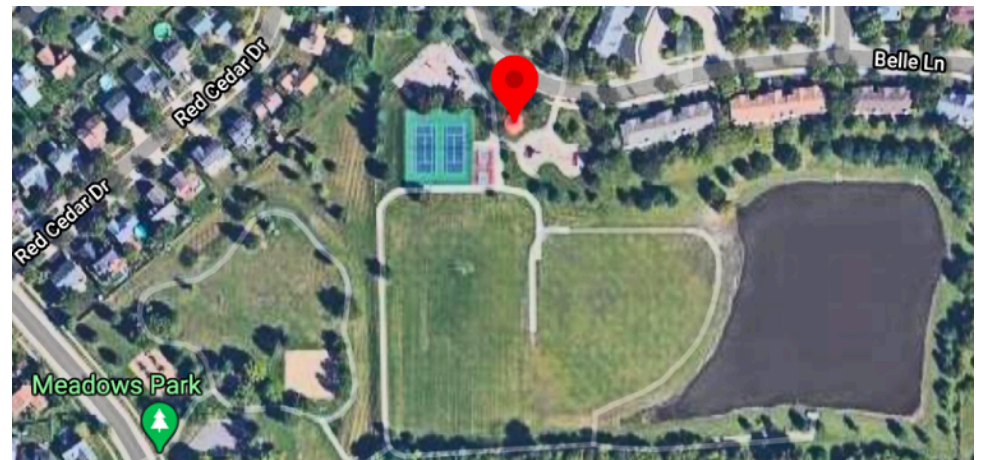
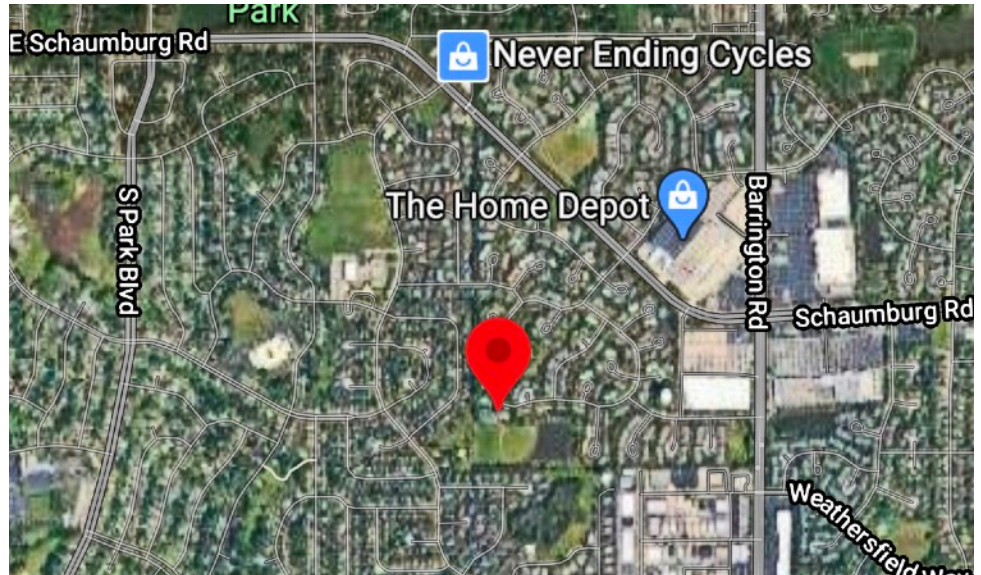
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 2. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:46
 3. Marty N9LTE, Bill 8:53
 4. Mike WA9FTS 8:57
 5. Don W9RA 8:57
 6. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, N9PLS, Jacob, Mac 9:03
 7. Tom N9CBA 9:08
- AC9VW DNF



Fox location:

N42.02239 W88.15351

13.3 miles from the start.



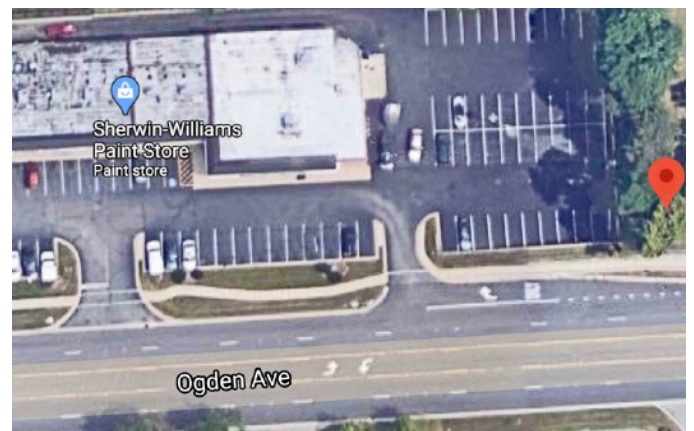
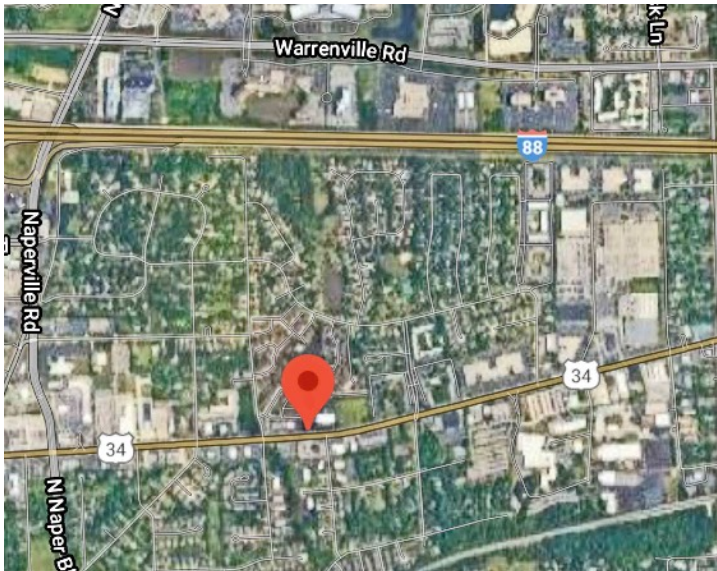
The picture above was taken by Pete well before the hunt when it was light out.

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Oct 10th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Tony AA9CC

Tony got the 6 hunt teams off with a signal that some thought was SW. John and Janet headed west at Maple and I went down to 63rd. All the hunters had problems with bad readings but we all made it to Ogden and Fender Rd east of Naper Blvd. Tony's car was in the parking lot but he was not in it. Tony was above the wall and hiding in the trees near a tombstone of the Beaubien family. Tony took a pix with Mac next to it. Five of the hunters found Tony with Don arriving but did not want to find Tony. We got food from Lucano's Pizza a few hundred feet away. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
 3. Pete K9PW
 4. Mike WA9FTS
 5. David AC9VW
- DNF Don W9RA



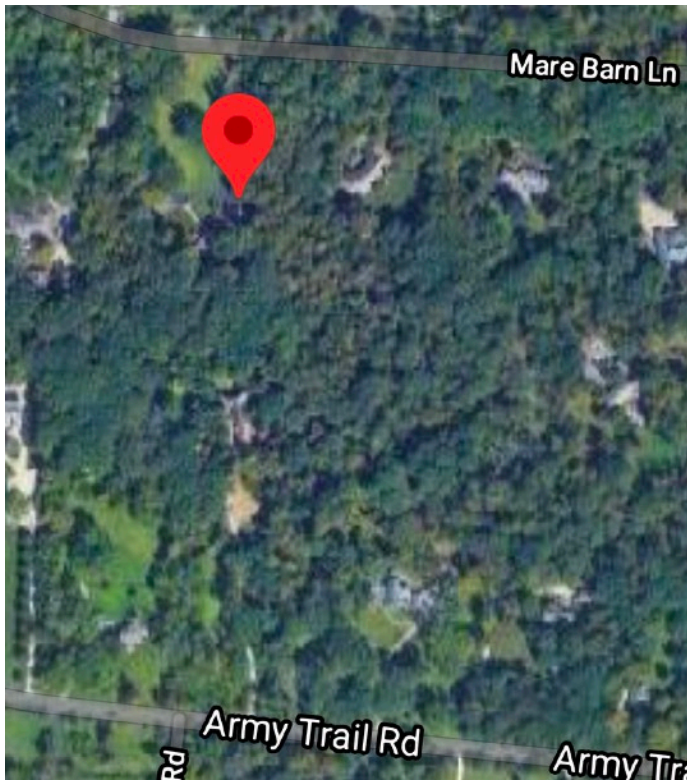
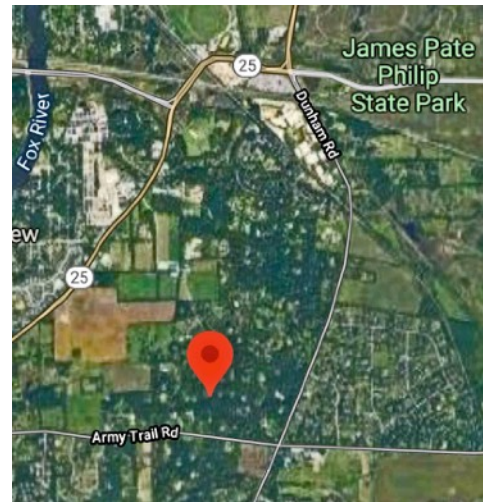


CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Oct 17th, 2020 by
MikeWA9FTS - Fox Matt KC9SEM Patty N9PLS

We had 9 hunt teams and the fox started us off to the W with a weak but hearable signal. I had problems and followed several hunters. We got in the area but I got poor readings. I told Matt I was going home. Matt provided the results of the other 8 hunters. He hid at his cousin's house hid in the backside of an outhouse. Restaurants were close by and they settled at Matt's cousin's house. Results:



1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:37PM
 2. Tom N9CBA - 8:43PM
 3. Pete K9PW - 8:47PM
 4. Marty N9LTE - 8:51PM
 5. Tony AA9CC - 8:51PM
 6. John K9JK - 9:00PM
 7. Don W9RA - 9:04PM
 8. David AC9VW - 9:10PM
- DNF Mike WA9FTS



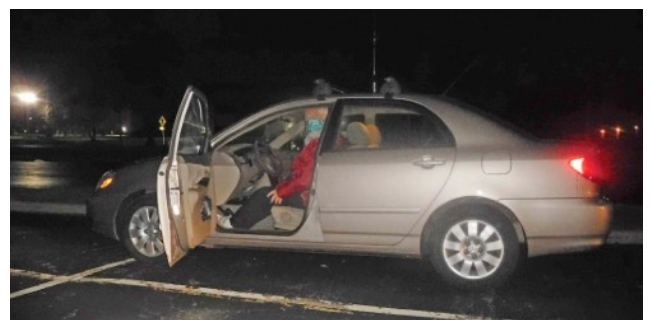
Matt, Patty and the kids were at the red balloon.

4th at 2M Foxhunt - Oct 24th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Contributed info from Tony AA9CC, Tom N9CBA, Pete K9PW & David.

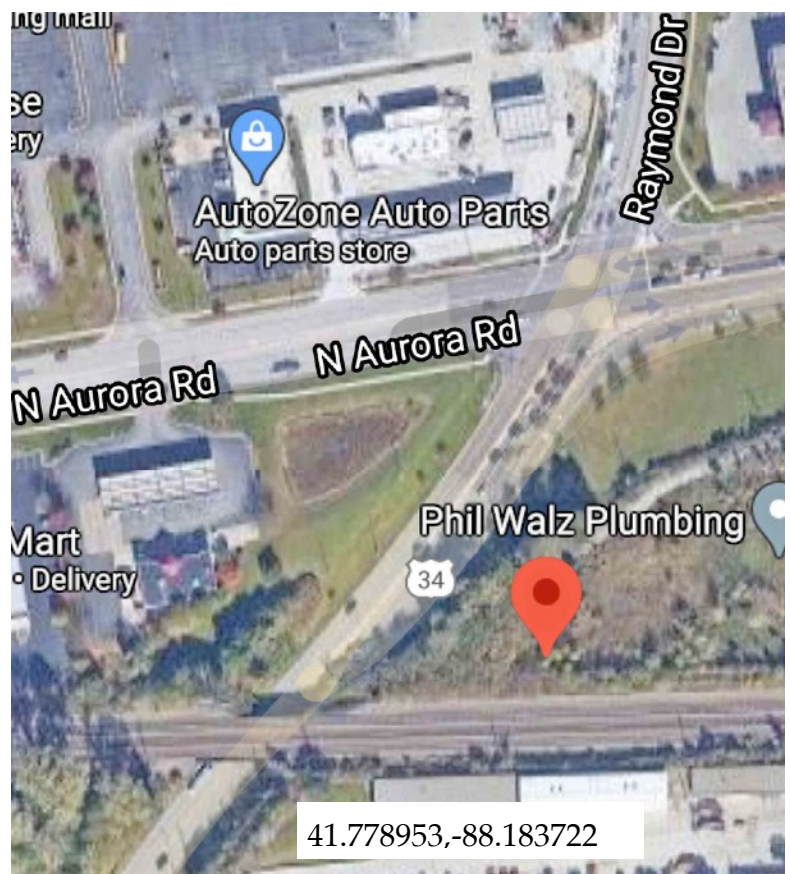
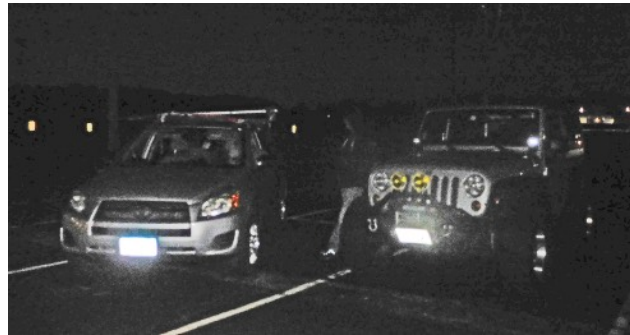
It was cold but no rain or snow. Tony got the nine hunt teams off with a hearable signal to the S-SW. Most of the hunters took 390 west

to 355 south and 88 west. David took a really good route. He went south on 355 and took Butterfield west to Ferry to Raymond south to Aurora Rd. He parked in the Thornton gas station and went off on foot to find Tony for the win. Eventually many of the hunters arrived at Aurora Rd and Raymond Dr. Several hunters parked in the Thornton gas lot with Pete and Marty taking a long route east of the intersection on a dirt road to a utility building surrounded by a wire fence.

Tony was south of the building in heavy weeds north of the RR tracks. Several restaurants were in the area and the hunters got food from several of them. Since I went home, there are no pix of the hunters after the hunt. Results:



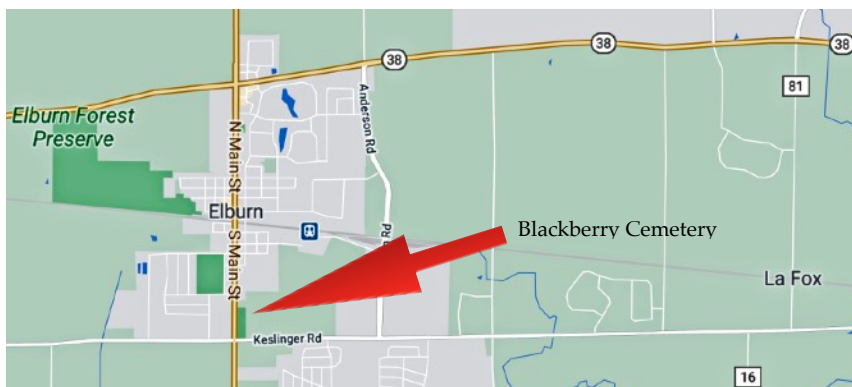
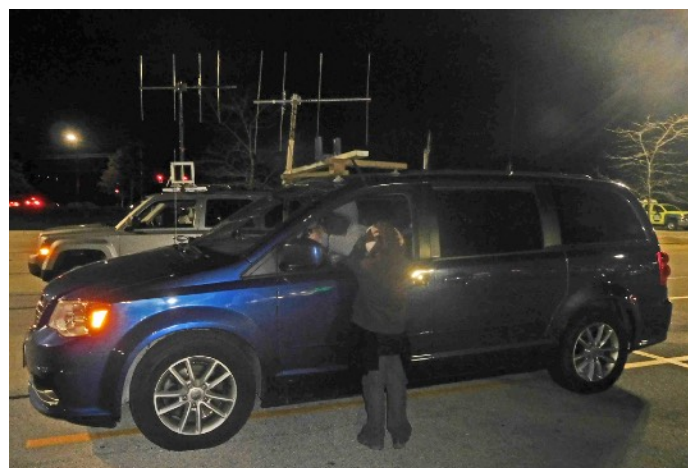
1. David AC9VW - 8:55PM
 2. Tom N9CBA - 8:57PM
 3. John WD9EWX, Janet - 9:00PM
 4. Marty N9LTE - 9:03PM
 5. Pete K9PW - 9:05PM
 6. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 9:05PM
 7. Mike WA9FTS - 9:06PM
- DNF John K9JK Don W9RA

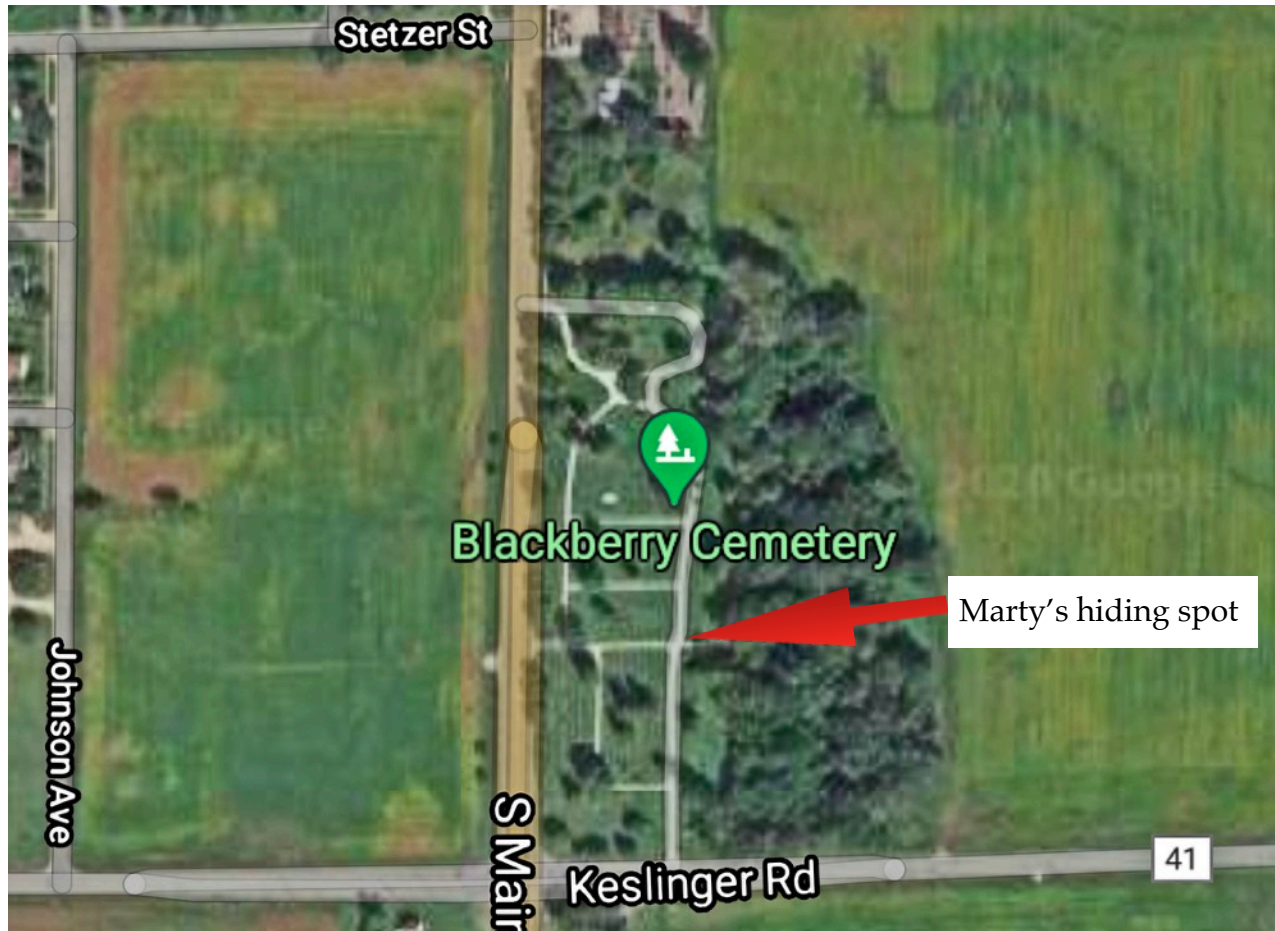


5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Oct 31st, 2020 by Marty N9LTE with Bill

We hid at Blackberry Cemetery in Elburn (appropriate for Halloween). We transmitted on 146.340 with 200W. Although we made the trip, we could not hear anyone from the start point, as expected. So we jumped to CFAR to confirm and it seems that caused much confusion. After discussing with hunters at the close, the consensus was they all heard me fine on simplex from the start. WA9FTS was first on the scene with KC9SEM right on his coat tails. Shortly after, AA9CC rolled in for third with K9PW right behind for fourth. WD9EXW got caught on the north side of the Metra train in town for several transmissions but arrived for fifth place. Close behind was AC9VW for sixth followed by W9RA. N9CBA drove around the area for a while but finally arrived for eighth place to wrap up the hunt. Every hunter received a "goodie bag" upon arrival which also contained the menu for Paisano's pizza just north of the hiding spot on Rte 47. Everyone ordered and converged a block north in an open parking lot to compare routes. Here were the final numbers

1. Mike WA9FTS 9:00
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac 9:01
3. Tony AA9CC 9:15
4. Pete K9PW 9:18
5. John WD9EXW, Janet 9:23
6. David AC9VW 9:30
7. Don W9RA 9:32
8. Tom N9CBA 9:44





	Start Time	Starting Locations	Foxhunt Freq
1st Sat of month	8PM	Rt 83 north of St Charles Rd Elmhurst across from Whole Food	147.750 CFAR input
2nd Sat of month	8PM	Downers Grove Fitness & Rec Center parking lot off Belmont Rd south of Ogden Av	146.565 Simplex
3rd Sat of month	8PM	Centennial Park off 53 Addison 0.4 south of Lake St	146.160 CFMC Input
4th Sat of month	8PM	WoodDale Rd at Sievert in the parking lot	146.340 Simplex
5th Sat of month	8PM	TBD by the Fox WA9FTS Next hunt Jan 30th	TBD by the Fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	1/1	3/3/3
K9PW/K9JK	0/0	0/0
AA9CC	10	5
W9RA	0	2
WD9EXW, Janet	12	5
N9CBA / AC9VW	1/1	2/2
N9LTE	2	4
N9JPG, KC9ZLS, KD9IZB	0	1/1/1
KB9DIM	0	2
WA9FTS	0	2
KC9SEM / N9PLS	6/6	6
N9CBA	5	6
AC9VW	2	1
K9PW	1	1

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.

