

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 2nd, 2021 - by Mike WA9FTS - Fox John WD9EXW & Janet

John got 4 hunters off with a weak signal to the SE. It did not rain as was earlier predicted. Most of the hunters took 83 south. When should we head east? Some of the hunters went down to I55 and Plainfield Rd. Matt thought John was on the west side of 294. I headed to a church at County Farm Rd and Plainfield. My GPS showed a frontage road east of 294 with access off 55th. I was delayed by a car at 55th for 3 min. Then I was off east to Woodland Dr and the frontage road. Suddenly a car was right behind me and I pulled over to let it pass. It was Matt! They got there to find John and Janet in their Caravan near the toll worker's entrance for the win. I arrive about 30 sec later for 2nd. A minute later Tom arrive for 3rd. Don, who was just east of us, gave up. We headed to Portillo's at 83 and Plainfield Rd. John was running 5w to a Larson Mag mount on the roof of the Caravan. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS,

Jacob, Mac - 8:34

2. Mike WA9FTS - 8:34

3. Tom N9CBA - 8:35

DNF - Don W9RA





No rain and we set up outside of Portillo's in the parking lot.



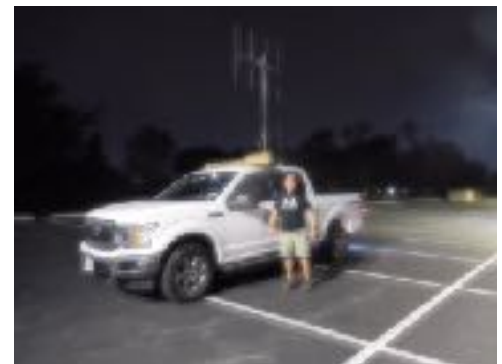
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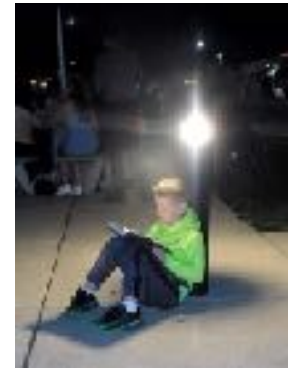
2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Oct 9th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac

The weather was great - warm in the low 70s. Charlie KB9DIM showed up to say hi to the hunters. Five hunters were ready to find Matt and his family. Several hunters took Ogden Av west while Marty and I went north to Butterfield Rd. After a great start and strong signal, there was quite. At least two transmissions were not heard. Later we found out that David AC9VW at his house heard the transmission. As a result of the missed transmission, the hunters overshot. Marty and I headed north on County Farm Rd to Geneva Rd and east. Marty continued past Gary Av and I waited there. Then off and headed east to Schmale Rd. I spotted Tom driving around a large building . I spotted Matt's F-250 and drove up as far as I could and off on foot. I got there first as Marty drove up a minute later for 2nd. Tom arrived a minute later for 3rd. John & Janet ended the hunt 2 min later. Don called and said he was heading to Culver's which was announced by Matt as the munch spot. David, who lived close by, joined us at Culver's. Matt was running 200w to a 5/8 vertical on the F250. Results:

1. Mike WA9FTS - 8:38PM
 2. Marty N9LTE - 8:39PM
 3. Tom N9CBA - 8:40P
 4. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:42PM
- DNF Don W9RA

The early pix I took were blurry as I set the camera by mistake to "Effects". The last two were sharp.





Matt and the family hid at the red balloon. The hunters parked at the north part of the parking lot and ran over to Matt.

CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Oct 16th, 2021 by Marty N9LTE

Got a late start due to not enough hunters hearing simplex signal. Raised tape measure beam higher into tree and kicked up radio to 50W, then majority heard signal. Crisp clear evening with temps starting in low 60s and ended about 47 degrees, but no bugs!!

Arrivals were as follows

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:54PM
 2. Pete K9PW - 9:01PM
 3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 9:04PM
 4. Tom N9CBA - 9:28PM
- Don W9RA DNF
KC9YF1 unofficial hunter



Marty was at the red balloon

41.709629, -88.253289

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34 2M Foxhunt - Oct 23rd, 2021 - by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob & Mac

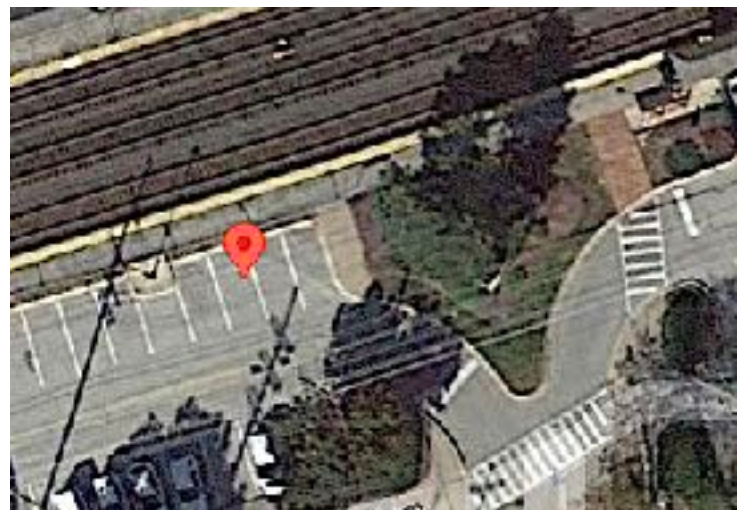
It was cold in the low 40s but a great night for a hunt. Eight hunters showed up, including David with Tom. The hunt started shortly after 8PM. The fox was to the SW with most hunters taking 390 to 290 and 355 south. Several hunters went to Roosevelt and I took North Av west. It was a close finish for the first 3 hunters. Tony got there at 8:27 with John a minute later. I arrived at 8:30. At 8:42 David and Tom captured 4th with John JK a minute later. Shortly Pete found the fox with Don right on his tail. Tim experienced a flat tire and had to drop out. Tony's winning move was to take 390 to 290 to 355 to Roosevelt, Bryant, Taylor, Duane to the fox. Matt was running 190w to a 3 el beam. We all met at Portillo's at North Av and Bloomington. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:27PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:28PM
3. Mike WA9FTS - 8:30PM
4. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:42PM
5. John K9JK - 8:43PM
6. Pete K9PW - 8:49PM
7. Don W9RA - 8:49PM

DNF Tim KC9YFI



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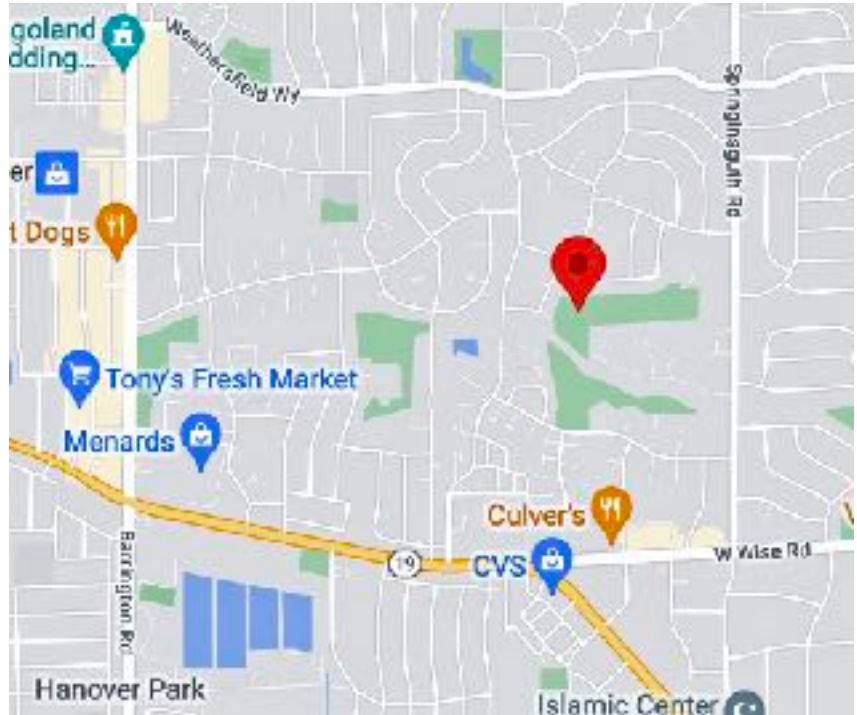


5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Oct 30th, 2021 by Don W9RA

Hiding Spot - Atcher Park 25w to a 1/4 wave mag mount on horizontal on top of jungle gym - 42.011485,-88.125758 Hunt start - 8:002PM

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:26PM
2. Tony AA9CC - 8:41PM
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:46PM
4. Tom N9CBA - 8:47PM
5. John K9JK - 8:48PM
6. Pete K9PW - 8:57PM
7. John WD9EXW, Janet - 9:00PM
8. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT - 9:10PM

The munch spot was Culver's on Wise Rd in Schaumburg.



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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 KC9SEM Next hunt - Jan 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	11/10	6/6
N9LTE	3	6
AA9CC	7	3
WD9EXW	8	10
N9CBA	2	5
AC9VW		3
N9CBA/AC9VW	3/3	0
W9RA	1	2
K9PW	3	3
KC9YFI		1
WA9FTS	2	2

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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