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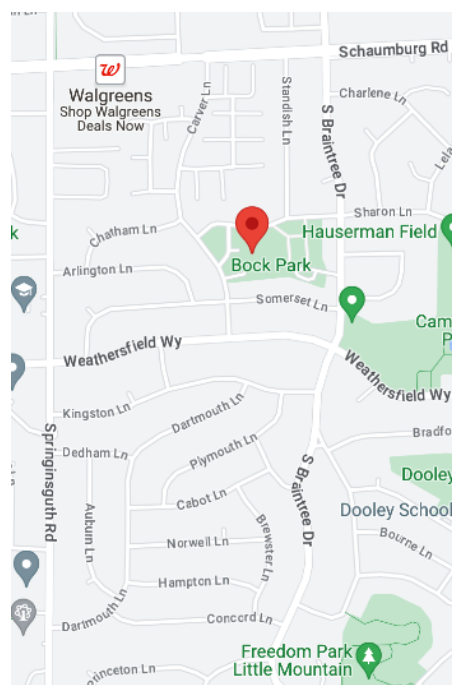
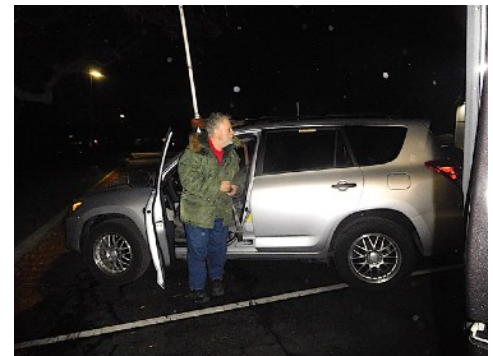
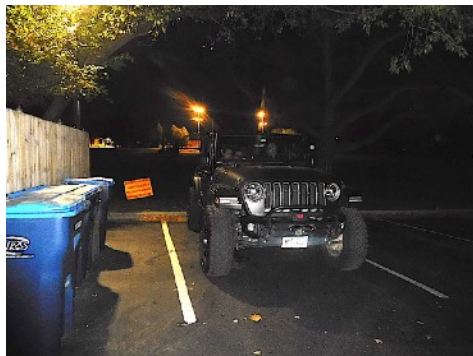
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with 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 - Nov 4th, 2023 - by Mike WA9FTS - Matt KC9SEM & Gang

Even though it was great weather, only 3 hunters showed up. We got them off at 8:02. The spot that was chosen was in Schaumburg. Bock Park had a parking lot next to it and we parked next to a large dumpster. This took driving around homes and finally in to the right spot. Tom got in at 8:34 with Don showing up minute later. John and Janet took Army Trail Rd. This path took them longer and they ended the hunt at 8:54. We went to Pilot Pete's for the munch. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 8:34
2. Don W9RA - 8:35
3. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:54

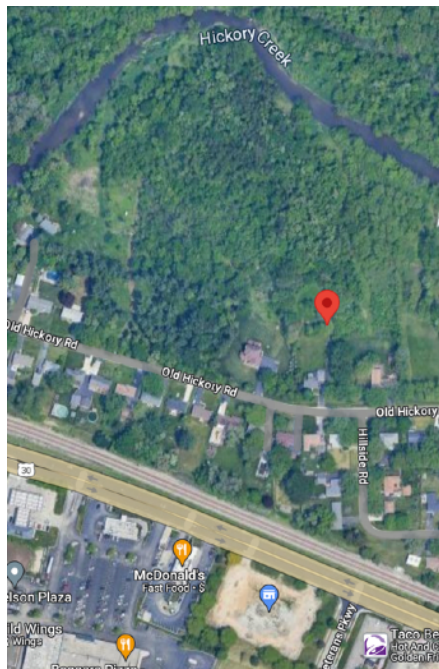


2nd Sat 2M Hunt - Nov 11th, 2023 by Marty N9LTE

It was a pleasant and crisp autumn evening. We decided to hide south in New Lenox (365 Old Hickory Road at a friend's house who was hosting a bonfire party. I expected a challenge to reach the start point since New Lenox is notably low terrain. So we setup a 4 element yagi on a 20 foot mast pointed at the start point. Initially we had a 200w amplifier inline but the group was able to hear us on 15W straight from the radio. We got 100% copy and the group departed at 804P. The arrivals were as follows:

1. Tom N9CBA 8:40PM
 2. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:48PM
 3. PattyN9PLS, Matt KC9SEM, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS 8:53PM
- Don W9RA DNF
Pete K9PW. DNF although did find the location bullseye

Munchies were at Raising Canes at 532 E Lincoln Highway, New Lenox.

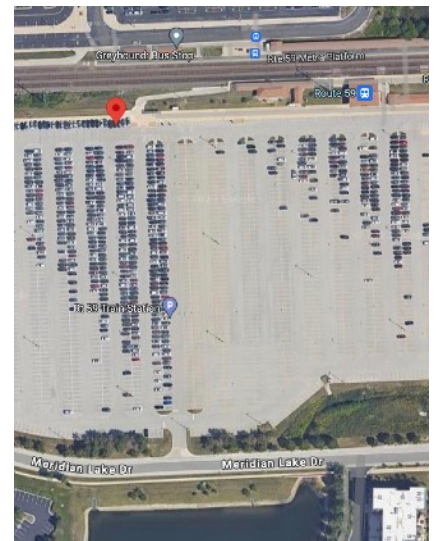
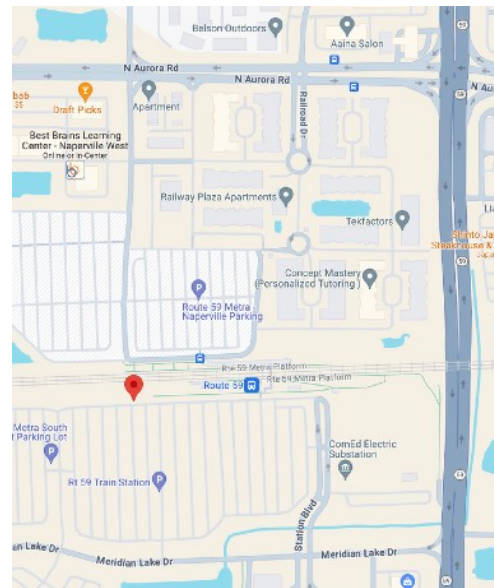
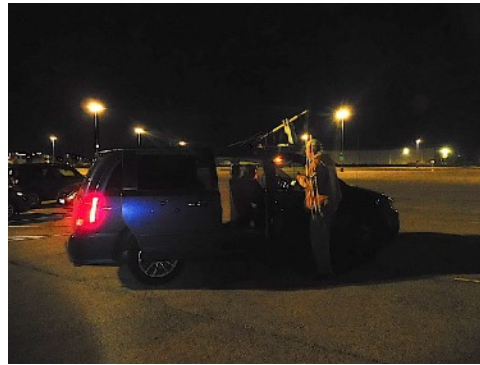


CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Nov 18th, 2023 by Marty N9LTE
I decided to make this hunt fairly simple so I chose a wide open area to hide, the Route 59 Metra station. I was able to hear N9CBA at exactly 8PM from the start point. His audio was a bit scratchy into the repeater but he indicated the same of mine. I was running 50 watts into a 5/8 wave lip mounted antenna. The hounds were released at 805PM and the hunt commenced. Tom was first to arrive on the scene, however he parked 4 cars away from me and waited for the next transmission. Don was next to circle in followed by John, Janet, Mike, Jacob, and Mac. We wrapped just after an hour and had munchies at Portillo's about a mile away.



Results

1. Tom N9CBA 844PM
2. Don W9RA 857PM
3. John WD9EXW, Janet, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS 901PM



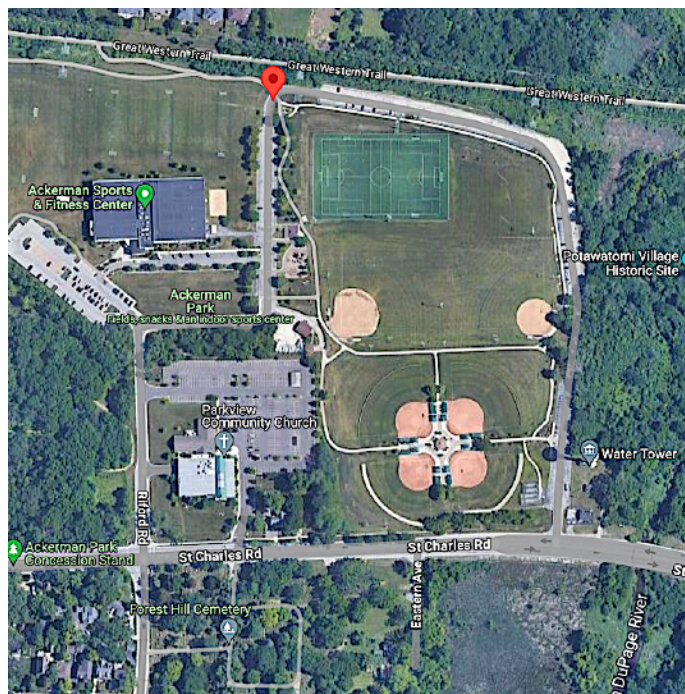
34 2M Foxhunt - Nov 25th,
2023 by Marty N9LTE

I was going to hide in KC9SEM's driveway but thought that would be obvious from the start, so I chose a spot a little south of there. I thought I had a fairly secluded dark area but quickly realized there were "moonlight soccer" players on the field right in front of me playing a game using cell phones for lights. Several other cars came through the area periodically during the hunt. I heard the master call out at 804 PM and he was able to copy my 2.5 watt transmission with an S3. The hunters were released at 806P with the first one arriving at 8:28P as listed below.

- 8:28P KC9SEM, WA9FTS, N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
- 8:33 N9CBA
- 8:35 WD9EXW
- 9:00 DNF W9RA

We had munchies at Portillos on North Ave just west of the hide.

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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 Tom N9CBA Next hunt - Mar 30 | TBD by the fox |

| Hunter | 1st | 2nd |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS | 9/9/10/10/5 | 4/3/5/5/4 |
| N9LTE, Bill | 6/2 | 3/1 |
| WD9EXW, Janet , WA9FTS | 5,3 | 13/2 |
| N9CBA | 6 | 8 |
| N0MO | 2 | |
| K9PW | 3 | 2 |
| KC9YFI/KD9DJT | 4/4 | 1/1 |
| W9RA | 1 | 4 |
| AA9CC,KC9QQY | 5 | 5,1 |
| W9RA | 1 | 2 |
| 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.

