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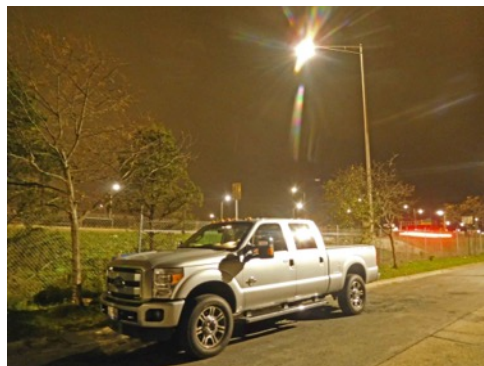
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with 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 3rd, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob.Mac

Rain was expected and it started to. It was just a drizzle as the two hunt teams got off to a good start at 8:02PM. John got a reading to the WNW and Tom had a NW reading. They both took 83 to 290 up to the Elgin-O'Hare (390). The question was on which side of 390 we were hiding. We found a place on Pratt Av east of Wright Blvd and just north of 390 behind a semi. At 8:34PM Tom drove by and out on foot to find us for the win. John choose another way in - via a parking lot of a business off Wright Blvd and then to Pratt. The hunt ended at 8:40PM and we all headed for Pilot Pete's. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 8:32PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:40PM





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Nov 10th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

John WD9EXW, Janet and I headed out to Bolingbrook. John wanted to hide in an open field in a residential area that would soon be unavailable as a hiding spot. It was west of 53 and off Briarcliff Rd. It even had a small road into the wooded area. John and I took a radio, battery, antenna and several camo cloths to a Willow tree that fell over. In the picture below it was upright. It was around freezing but the wind was calm. We got the three hunt teams off at 8:04PM and thought it would take about 40 min to find us. The hunters proved to be better than that. We first saw Pete but it was John that came up behind us for the win at 8:30 - 27 min! They took Belmont south to 63rd to 53 to Northridge to Briarcliff. They went back and forth several times and then in to find us. Two minutes later Matt came in the same way John did for 2nd - 2 minutes later. Six minutes later Tom arrived to end the hunt. Surprisingly we found out that none of the hunters took 355. We went to Al's Pizza on Boughton. Results:

1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:30PM
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:32PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 8:38PM



John was getting the radio hooked just before the hunt started.



This is what is left of the fallen Willow. It was useful to stick the antenna up in it.



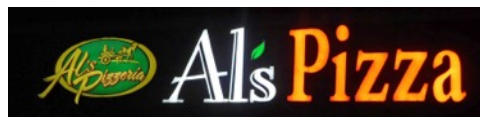
We were ready to get the hunt started.



Jacob & Mac came back to see Grampa after their dad found us.



John was about to turn to his left and find us.





CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Nov 17th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS
 Fox Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob
 & Mac

It snowed earlier in the day but by the time the hunt was to start, it had all melted. We found a parking lot at the ETI School of Skilled Trades in Woodridge east of 83 and north of I55 (Old 66). We were running 200w to a mag mount on the roof of the 250. Three hunt teams started out at 8:04PM. We saw Tom drive by us at 8:38 and back to find us at 8:40 for the win. His route was 355 to 75th to 83 to Midway to Quincy to Frontage Rd to Griffin Way and in to find us. A minute later, John and Janet arrived for 2nd. Ten minutes later Don pulled up to end the hunt. We went to Giordano's on Plainfield Rd a short distance away. Results:

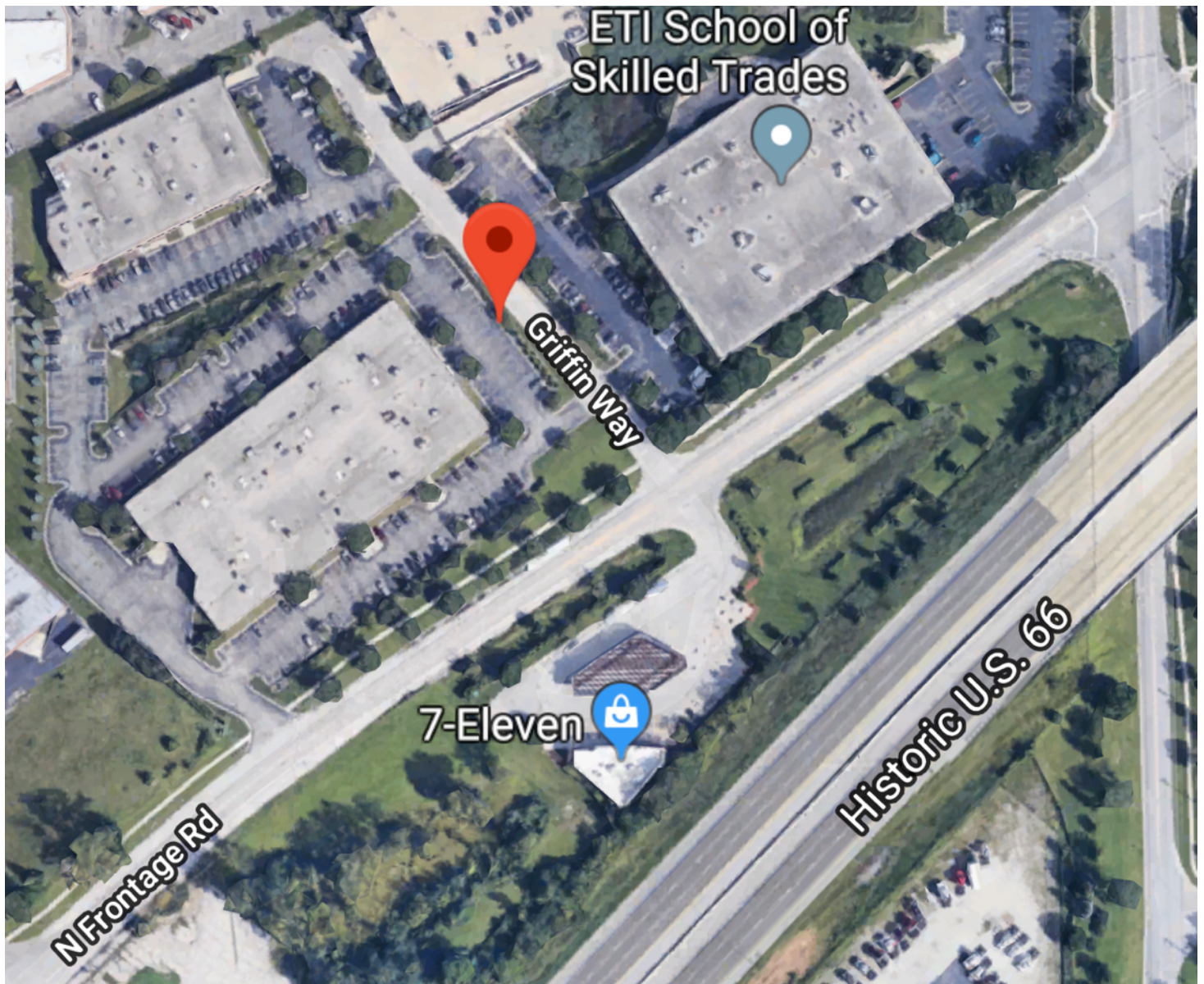
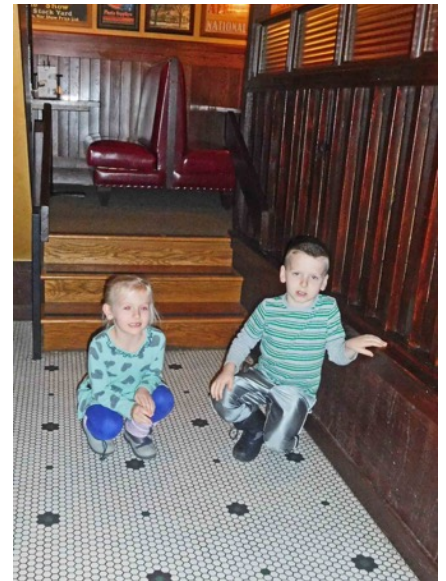
1. Tom N9CBA - 8:40PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:41PM
3. Don W9RA-8:51PM



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Mac & Jacob doing the Turkey Song & Dance



34 2M Foxhunt - Nov 24th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

It was cold and slightly windy. The next day is forecast for rain followed by lots of snow. Good timing for the hunt. After a problem with the 5/8 wave vertical, the original 2M/440 antenna worked much better. It was not a strong signal but something all three hunters could work with. I found a parking lot of the Weston Group north of the Morton Arboretum SW of Butterfield Rd and I355. The hunt started at 8:11PM. About 8:34 I saw John and Janet drive by the entrance to the parking lot. Two minutes later Tom drove by and was gone. John and Janet came back and to me for the win at 8:38PM -route Thorndale-355S to Ogden to Finley. About ten minutes later Tom drove by again. It was another 10 minutes and Tom turned in to find me at 9:04PM. After several times asking if there was anyone else looking for me and no reply, I called the hunt at 9:10PM. I had previously announced that Culver's on Ogden Ave was the munch spot. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:38PM 2. Tom N9CBA-9:04PM DNF Don W9RA- 9:10PM



Foxhunt - 1981 Contributed by Paul
WB9QPR - now NJ9V

Fox for the evening - left to right Wally
WB9SGV - now W9BEA and Mike WA9FTS



	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 N9CBA Next hunt - Mar 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	11/11	7/7
N9LTE	1	1
AA9CC	5	1
W9RA	2	3
WA9FTS	14	6
WD9EXW. Janet	11	12
K9PW/K9JK	5/5	5/5
N9CBA	8	9
N9JPG/KD9BLP/KD9IZB/KC9ZLS/KD9AHH	0	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.

