

# 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.



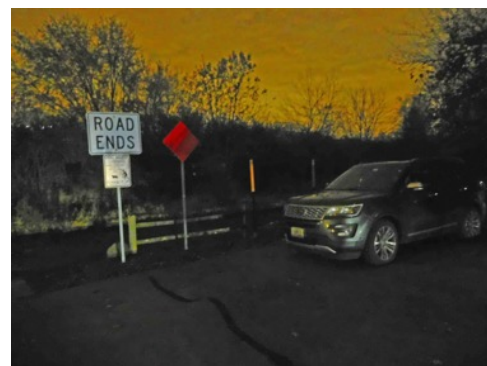
CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Nov 3rd, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac

The weather was cold but not windy or raining/snow. We found a spot in Wheaton at the southern end of Cottonwood Dr. This was just north of Graf Park and a great spot of the running trail around a hundred feet above us with stairs leading up to the lite trail. It was in front of Chris' house who is a good friend of Matt. We got the 4 hunt teams off at 8:03:50. Thirty-two minutes into the hunt, Tom and David (new call) arrived for the win. They took North Av to Pleasant Hill and south to us - great job! They drive off right away and two and a half minutes later Janet drove up with John getting out of the van. He walk right past us and made it to the top of the stairs and the trail. Janet drove up to us for 2nd. Seven minutes later, Pete arrived at the top of the stairs running down and found us for 3rd. Shortly Don quit and we all headed to Giordano's on Roosevelt. Results:

1. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:35:50
2. Janet, John WD9EXW - 8:38:20
3. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:45:20

DNF Don W9RA - 9:00:40



Spot in front of Chris' home



David's first win with his new call  
- AC9VW



John on his  
way down  
the stairs



Was Pete a  
little shy?



Janet secures 2nd place

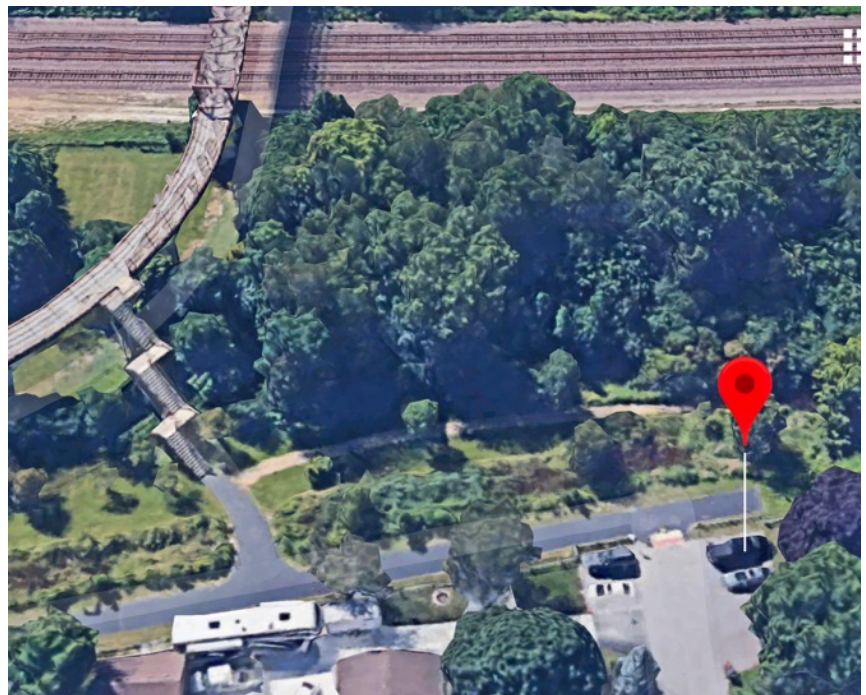
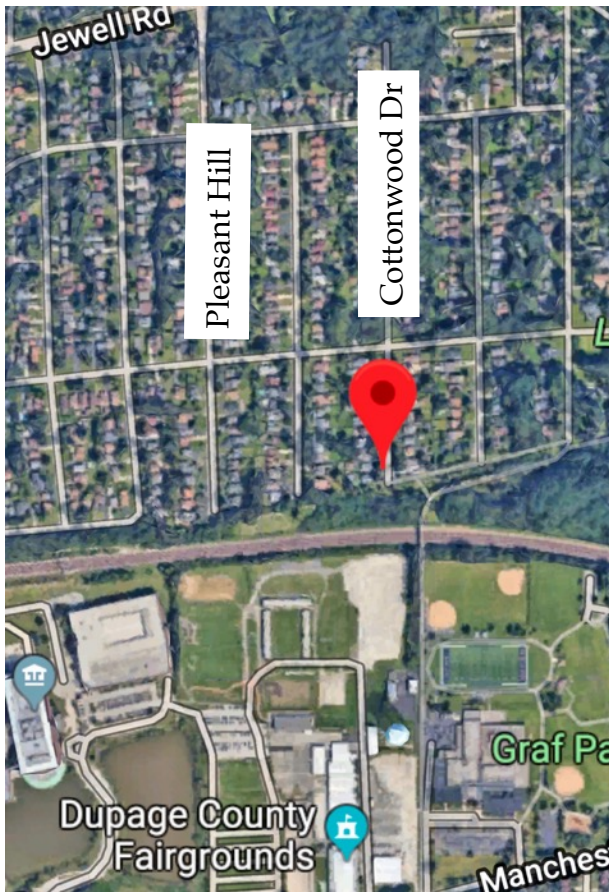




Chris is out to see how we are doing.



As usual, the pizza was good at Giordano's.



We parked in the same spot as the car in the Google pix. Chris' home into the right.

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Nov 9th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Don W9RA

It was cold and in the mid 20s. The weather forecast for later was lots of snow. We had 5 hunt teams and Don got the hunters off at 8:03PM. The signal was to the north and the hunters took I-355. John and Janet got off at Lake St with the rest of the hunters heading too far north. Don was just east of 355 and near 53 between Army Trail Rd and Fullerton. The teams of Pete K9PW and John WD9EXW headed for Nike Park. Matt and Patty work at UPS and thought Don was sneaky enough to hide there. He was not as we headed for Nike Park. Traveling through to the end of the park, I found Don in a corner of fences sitting comfortably on the ground. We got 3rd. Pete beat out John in a foot race by 30 sec for the win. As Matt, Patty, Jacob, Mac and I headed back to the



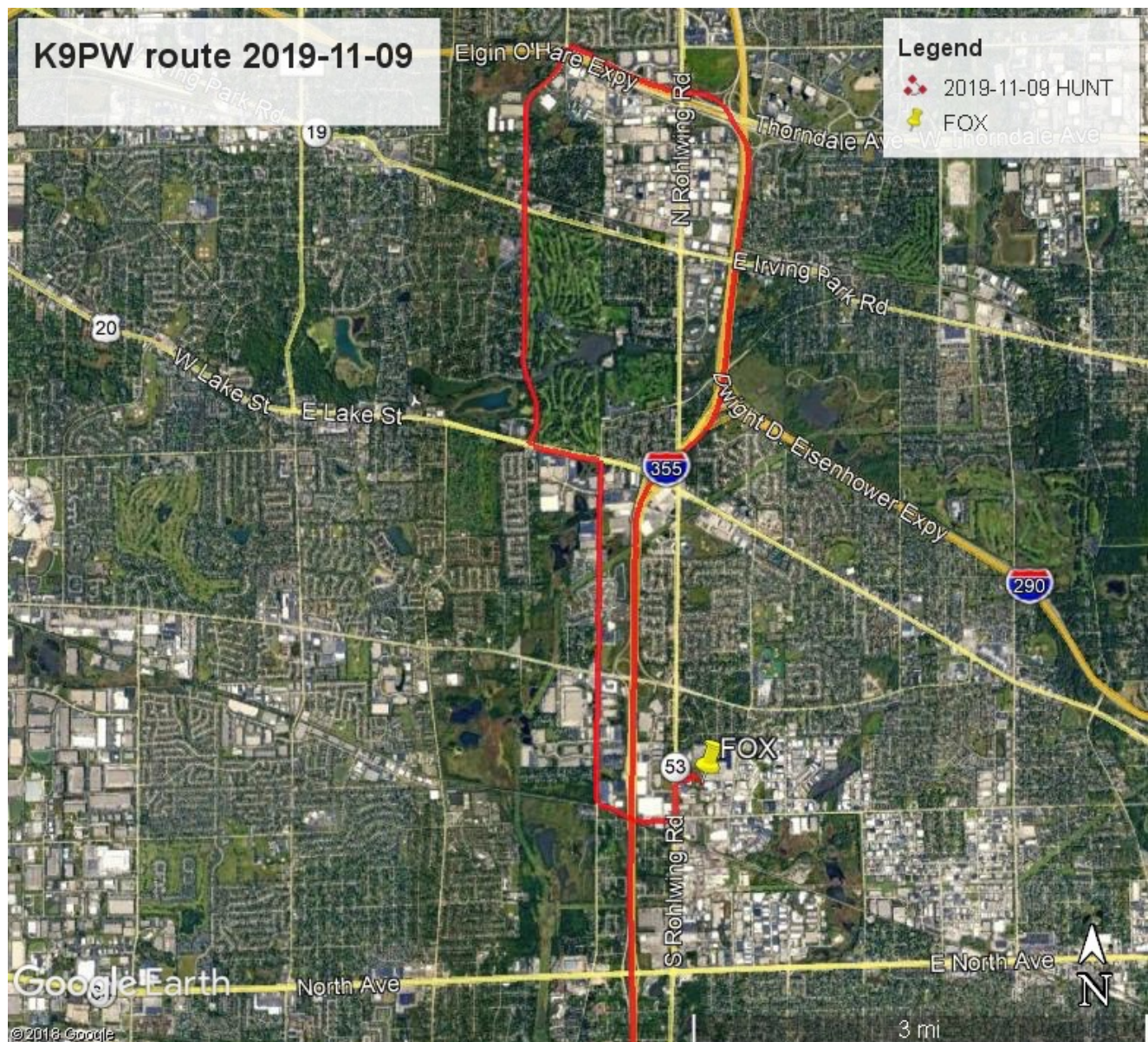
truck, Tony and David ran past us. Later at Giordano's we found out that David got to Don just before Tony who ended the hunt.

Results:

1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK-8:38PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet-8:38:30PM
3. Mike WA9FTS, Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac-8:48PM
4. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA-8:56 PM
5. Tony AA9CC-8:59PM







This was Pete and John's route. It was far from the best but sometimes it is all that is needed to win. 355 to 390 to Medinah Rd to Lake St to Swift to Fullerton to 53 and Nike Pk.

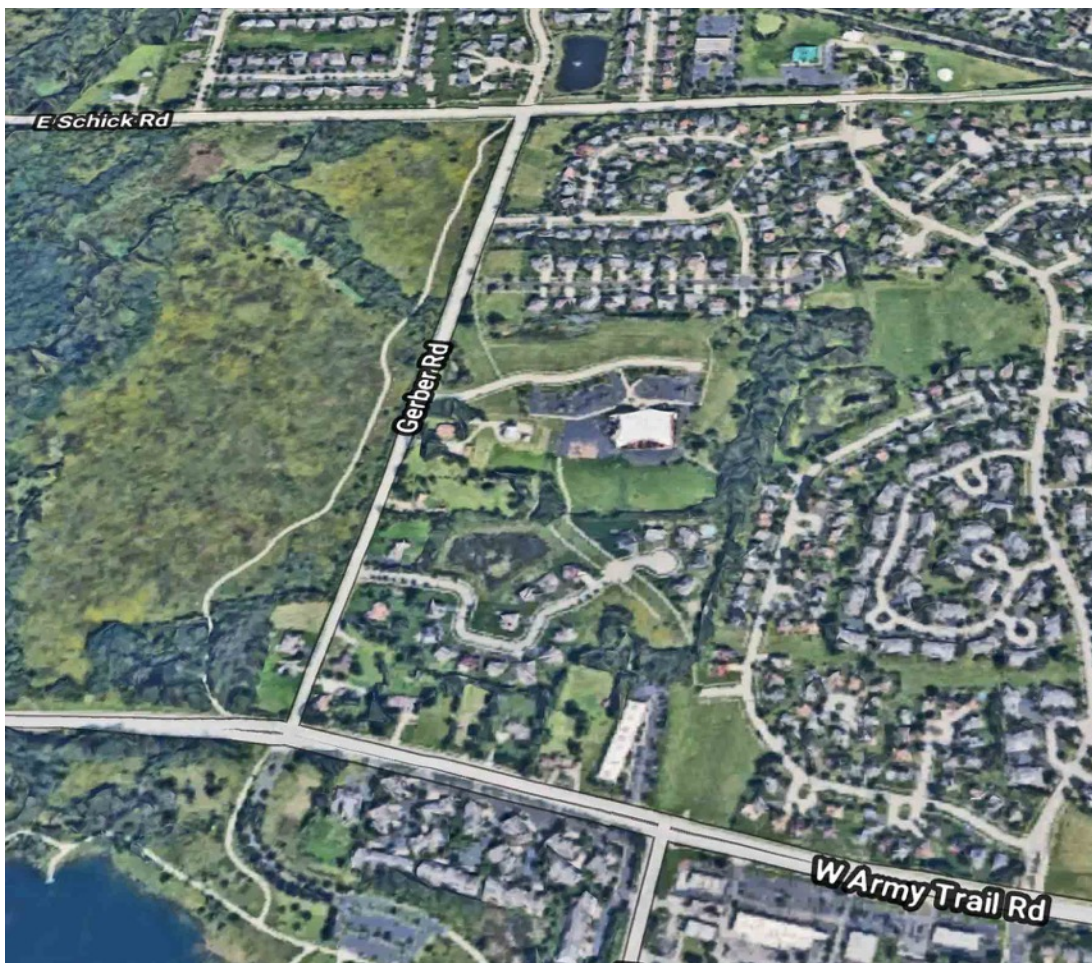
CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Nov 16th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Nice weather again greeted us as the snow from early in the week was almost gone. Five hunt teams showed up to find John WD9EXW and Janet. Would John be out side since it was in the mid 30s and not windy? We got off early with a good signal to the WSW. Several hunters went north and west. Matt decided right off to take Army Trail Rd west. We met Tony and Tom and David arriving from the north and they joined us heading west. At County Farm Rd Patty got as reading slightly to the right of ahead. I suggested Schrader Pk and Patty confirmed a school (Hawk Hollow Elem School). next to the park. Matt, Jacob and I got out and headed into the park and found a road amongst the trees. John and Janet were in their Caravan in a very dark area. We left as we saw flashlights appear nearby.

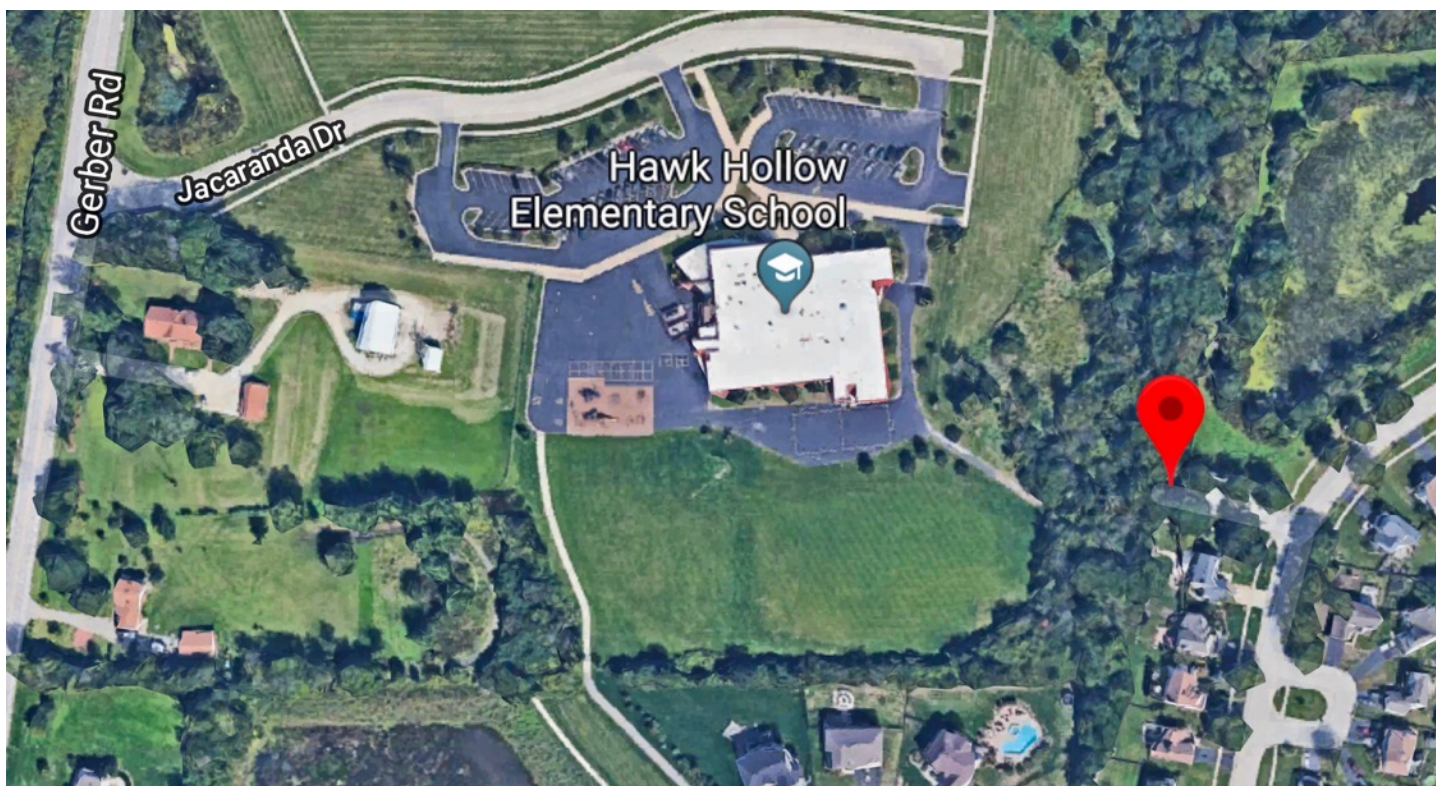


Tony drove up to the school and a minute later Tom and David arrived. All the hunters did well. One of our new favorite places, Pietanza's was chosen to gather after the hunt. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Jacob, Mike WA9FTS, Patty N9PLS, Mac
2. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA
3. Pete K9PW
4. Don W9RA
5. Tony AA9CC







John and Janet were hiding at the end of residential street.

34 2M Foxhunt- Nov 23rd, 2019 - by Mike WA9FTS

Pete K9PW started the 5 hunt teams off at 8:11PM to the WNW. The best route was to take 390 to Irving Pk east on Wise to Springinsguth Rd north to Old Salem Pk. Pete was hiding north of a creek in the woods. David and Tom got there and found Pete under a camo blanket off a dirt trail. They took 390 to Lake St east on Weathersfield to Springinsguth north to Syracuse and off on foot. Don got there and thought Pete was hiding on the south side of the creek. Matt's team arrived and saw a park employee in a vehicle cross a bridge over the creek. We headed to Don and found out it was ok to be there and the park would close at 11PM. I headed to the bridge and found a dirt trail to the west and found Pete under a camp blanket for 4th. Later I talked to Don and he said he was on the correct side and then went to the south side of the creek only to go back to find Pete for 2nd. Thirty seconds later John found Pete and I got there 30 sec later. John K9JK followed me in to end the hunt. Pete was running 5W to a 5/8 wave vertical on the ground. We stopped at Pilot Pete's for the munch. Results:

1. Dave AA9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:40PM
2. Don W9RA - 8:53PM
3. Joh WD9EXW, Jant - 8:53:30
4. Mike WA9FTS, Matt MC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:54
5. John K9JK - 8:55PM











	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 - Nov 30	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	13/13/13	10/9/10
K9PW / K9JK	6/5	9/8
AA9CC / KC9QQY	1	1/1
W9RA	2	5
WD9EXW, Janet	11	8
N9CBA / AC9VW	9/6	9/6
N9LTE / Bill	0	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.

