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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 - Feb 3rd, 2023 by John WD9EXW

We had 3 spots in mind. One we had seen while out and about, with 2 more from my note list.

So we left early, about 5:30 to look them over.

All 3 are good spots, and we settled on one off Ogden road after consideration

We were at south end of parking lot, laying into a snowbank. The building we were close to is empty.

I was 8 mi away by air, maybe 10 by road. Inexplicably, I heard at munch many hunters chose North Ave to the west

But everyone recovered, since time wasn't really long

Pete appeared first, but before he could get close, Matt scored

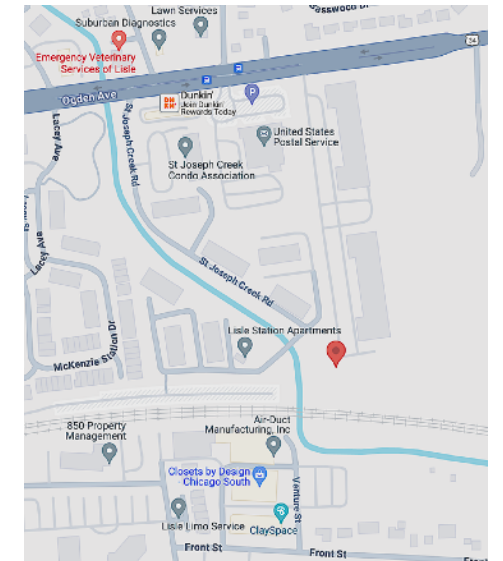
#1 KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS @ 8:47

#2 Pete K9PW @ 8:48

#3 Tom N9CBA @ 8:56

#4 Don W9RA

Munched at Culvers on Ogden



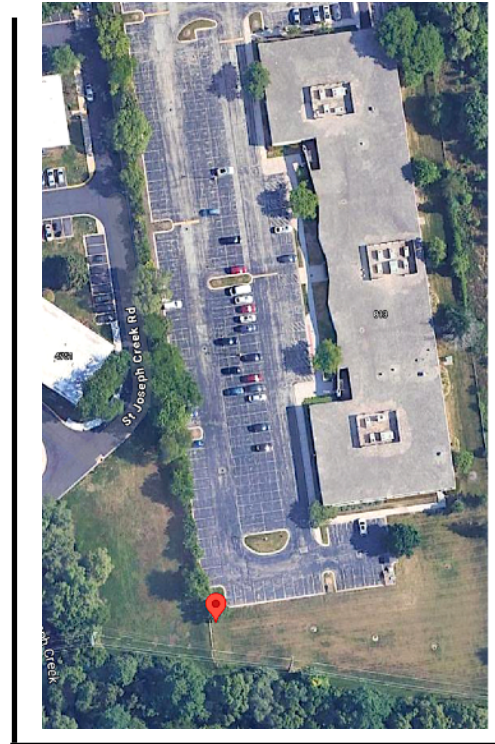
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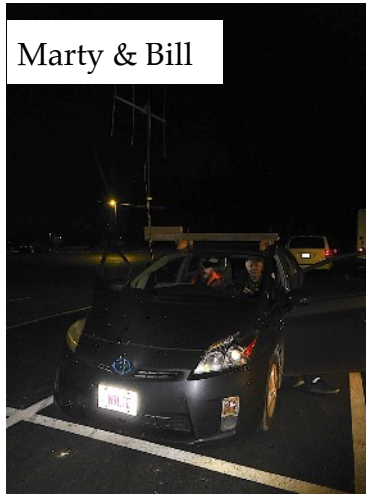
2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Feb 10th, 2024 by Mike WA9FTS

Six hunters were ready to find Matt KC9SEM and family. They got off at 8:03 and headed south on 355 and west on Ogden. Aurora Rd was chosen but where as hunters drove back and forth. Several hunters drove up and others on foot. First thru 6 came in in a short time and the hunt was over. Matt and family was in there Ford F-250 along with Matt's family from Michigan parked next to them. They were in a parking lot south of Aurora Rd . We left for Portillo's at 59 and Jefferson. Results:

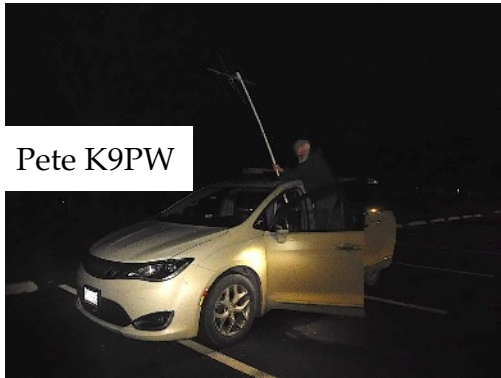
1. Tom N9CBA
2. Pete K9PW
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill
4. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS
5. Don W9RA
6. Tony AA9CC



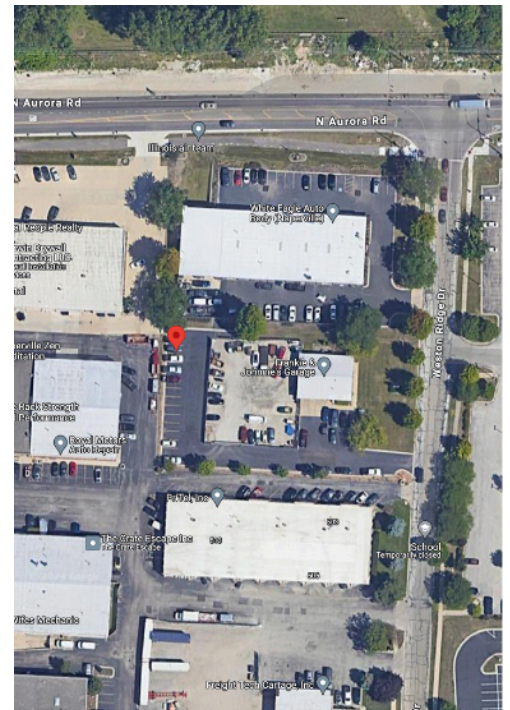
Marty & Bill



The fox has been found



Pete K9PW

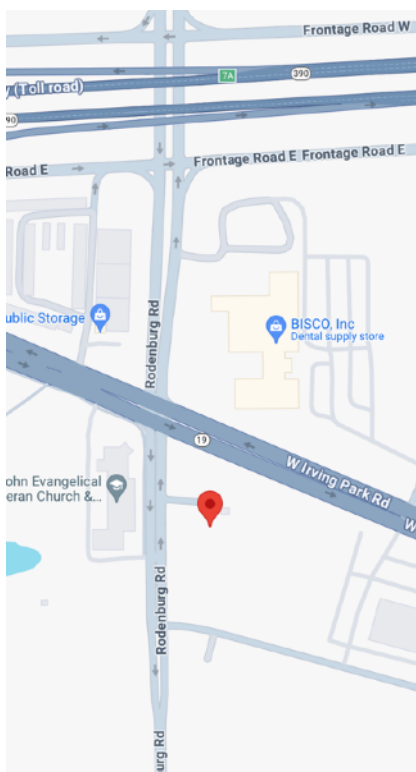
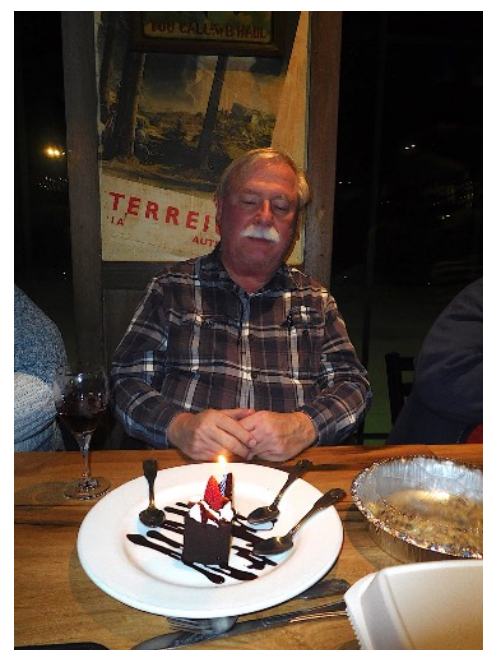


CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Feb 17th, 2024 by Tom N9CBA

The fox, Tom N9CBA was ready to hide in a nearby construction site, but drove over something moving into place. The exhaust became loud, and something drug. So he moved across the street to the spot that was actually used for the hide, to prevent the hunters from driving over something. On the way home, John and Janet saw sparking under Tom's car, and even took a reading. Sunday Tom rigged a ratchet strap to keep the exhaust pipe from dragging. A trip to the muffler shop Monday fixed things up at a reasonable price.

Carol KB9FYL and Kelsey KA9KDC joined us for much at the nearby Pilot Pete's.

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:20
2. Tony AA9CC - 8:21
3. Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS, Matt KC9EM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF
4. Don W9RA
5. Pete K9PW



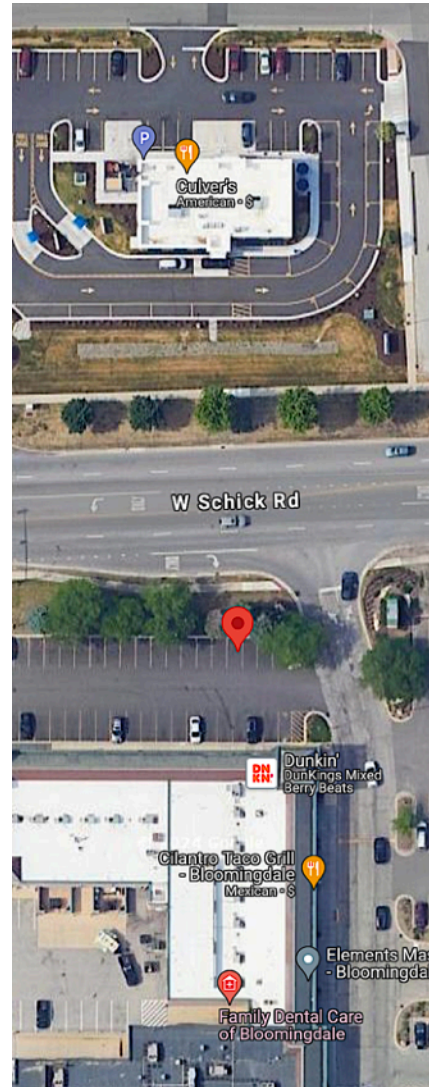
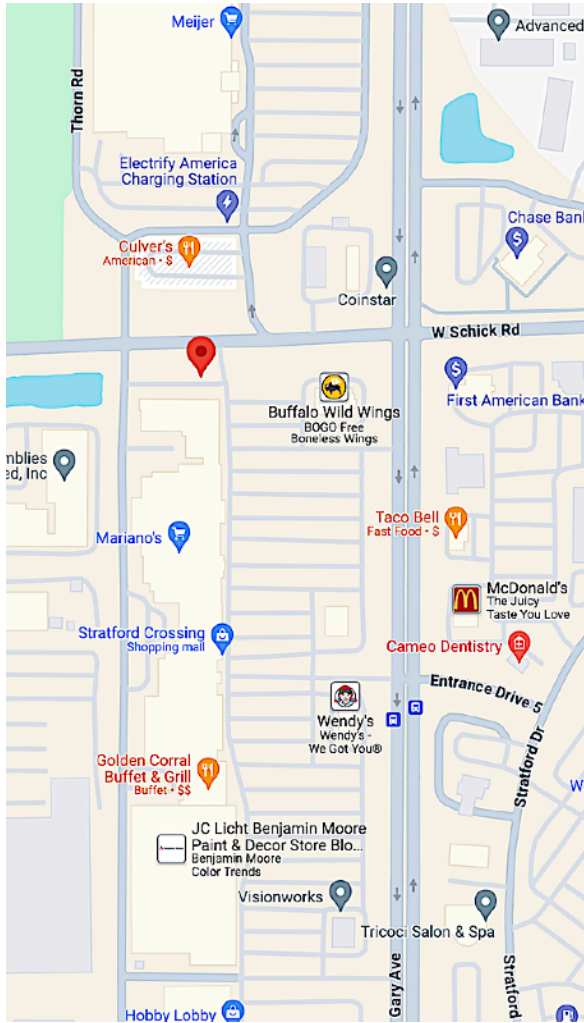
4th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Feb 23rd, 2024 - by Mike WA9FTS

Don W9RA got the 5 hunters off with a good signal. Some thought it was SW and others NW. Most of the hunters took 355 south to North Av. Tim and Michelle took 355 to Army Trail north on Gary to Schick Rd. for the win. Don was in a parking lot south and west of Gary and Schick. Six minutes later Tony arrived for 2nd. Three minutes later John's team arrived 10 sec ahead of Matt's team for 3rd. Three minutes later the hunt was over as Tom found Don. We went across the street to Culver's. Carol & Kelsey joined us.

Results:

1. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DGT - 8:28:46
2. Tony AA9CC - 8:35:00
3. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS - 8:38:03
4. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU - 8:38:10
5. Tom N9CBA - 9:41:06





	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 Pete K9PW Next hunt - Apr 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	2/2/2/2/1	1/1/1/1/1
N9LTE, Bill		1/0
WD9EXW, Janet	2	1
N9CBA	2	1
N0MO		
W9RA	1	
K9PW		2
AA9CC		2
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	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.

