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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.

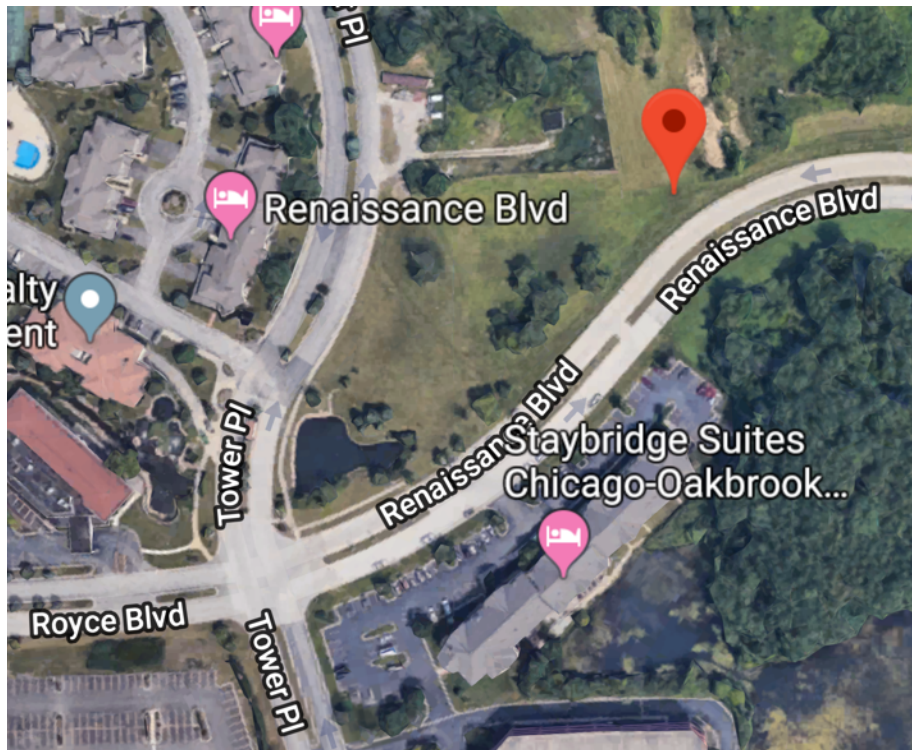
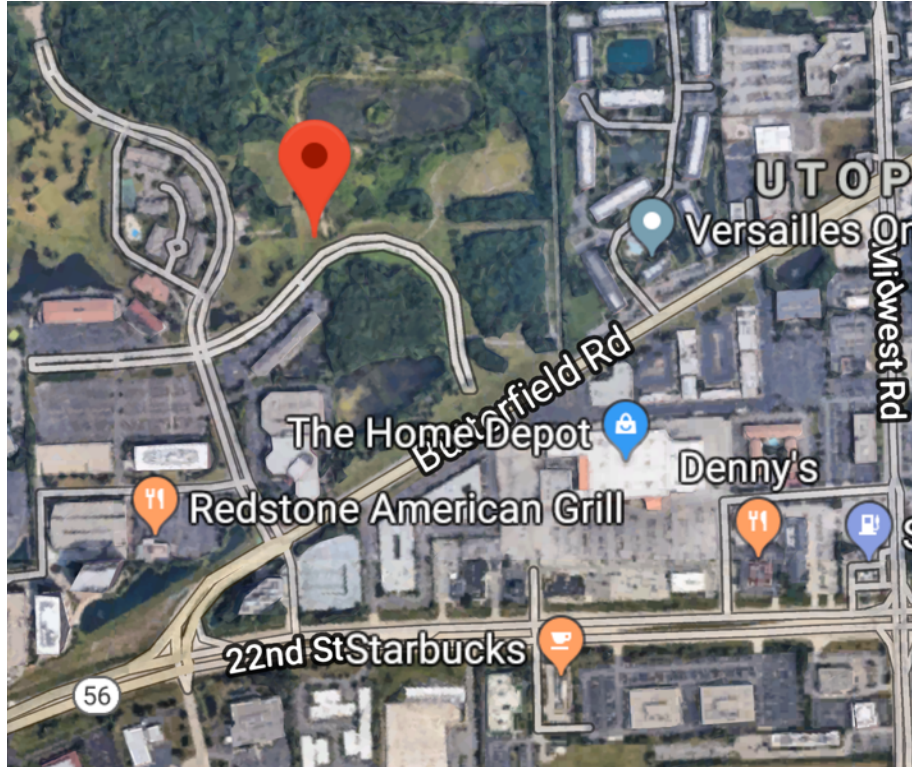


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Feb 2nd, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

John WD9EXW got the three hunt teams off with a strong signal to the SE. The hunters headed south on Rt 83. Tom was right along with us as Matt chose 22nd St to head west. We had a strong signal ahead of us and maybe to the north of 22nd. We went too far and went back to a number of tall buildings just north of Butterfield Rd. Even though the temp was in the upper 30s, there was still lots of snow on the ground. I spotted John K9JK in a clearing east of us when we parked on Tower Pl. I headed in the wrong direction as Matt drove around to Renaissance Blvd to find John inside a cement pipe with his antenna sticking out. Pete and John got there for the win 7 minutes earlier. I came back to witness Tom going in to find John to end the hunt. Matt called Jacob and Mac to find "Grandpa". We went to The Patio nearby. Results:

1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:25PM
2. Matt KC9CEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:32PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 8:40PM





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

Matt KC9SEM and Mac took off for Michigan to help Matt's brother on a house project. That left Patty N9PLS, Jacob and me to hide. Tom N9CBA was going to be the only hunter available. So we checked out a spot at the DuPage College but the area we wanted to hide in was fenced off. We then tried some building to the north. We then found Faux Design Studio that appeared to be closed - no lights. We parked in back

by the garage door. We called Tom at 7:30 and asked if he wanted to start the hunt early. Just then Pete and John arrived and then a little later, Tony appeared. Now we had three hunters and a wimpy spot. We then left to find a harder spot. Patty suggested taking Park Av off Swift Rd which was just west of our original spot. We drove north on the south section of Vally View Dr and around a radio tower. I spotted a dirt trail frozen by the temp and we took off about 2000 ft and parked. The hunt started at 7:59PM. We were 10 mi away from the starting point and thought we would see a hunter after about 30 min. We did see headlights in the distance and then they disappeared. At 45

min we saw them again & then they were gone. At about 1 hr we finally saw a car making progress and it drove up to us. It was Tom who walked over for the win. Several minutes later, Pete walked in from SunSource from the north to secure 2nd. Tony also was nearby and borrowed portable gear from Tom to find us. We did not know that John WD9EXW and Janet were in the area driving in from a party in Plano. We ended the hunt before they could find us. Later we found out the problems the the hunters encountered. They tried to find us from various directions such as Vally View Rd off Army Trail Rd. They all drove away to try other approaches. They were only 500 ft away from the end of the road to us. We all met at Portillo's at North and Bloomingdale Rd. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 9:08PM - 1hr 9 min
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 9:10PM - 1hr 11 min
3. Tony AA9CC - 9:14PM - 1 hr 15 min



We were under the HI-V lines



The spot we finally picked



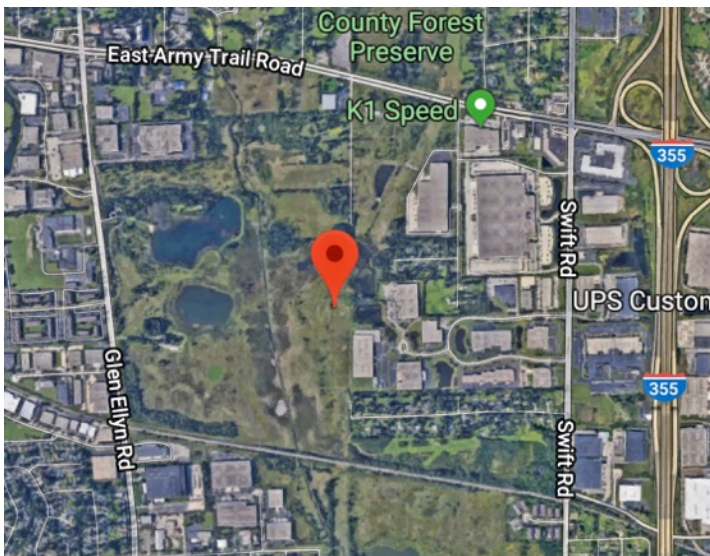
Our original hiding spot



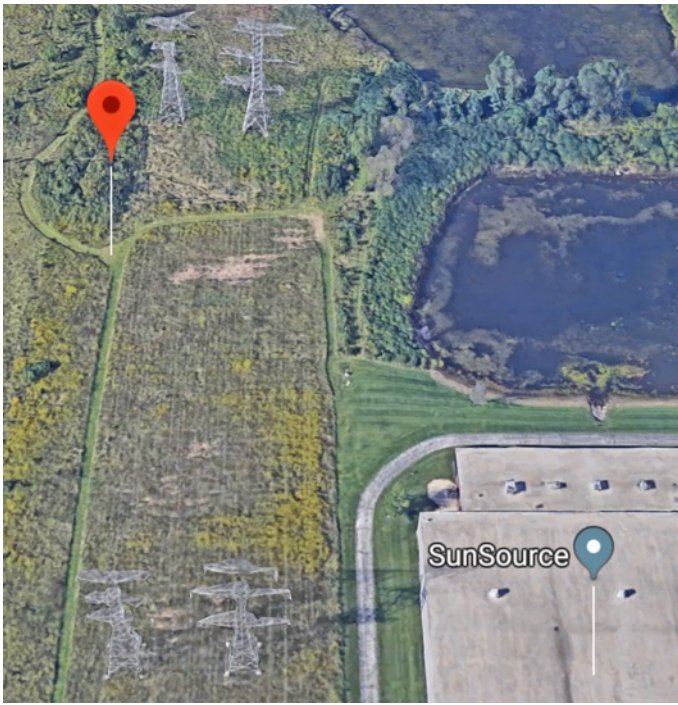
Pete and Tony walked in from the north to find us.



Tom was the only one to drive up



John WD9EXW and Janet joined us at Portillo's



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

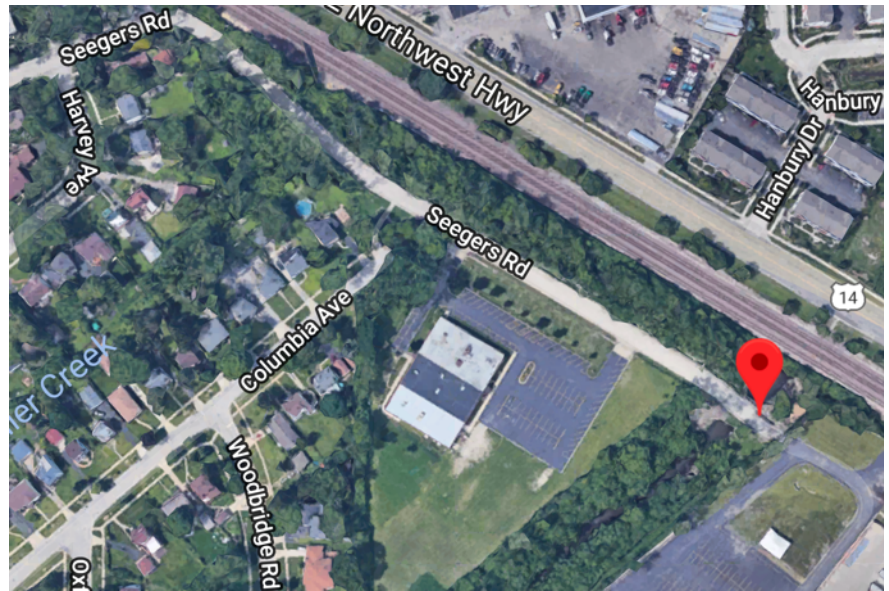
Tom N9CBA got the three hunt teams off with a strong signal to the NE. Pet and Matt's team took off toward O'Hare Field to the north while John and Janet took the southern route. NW Hwy & Golf Rd with the circle intersection was close to where Tom was hiding. Was Tom north or south of NW Hwy? He was south but it was not easy getting there from NW Hwy. We had to go east then south and back west to Seegers Rd. We pulled up to see Pete out of his van. He got there about a minute before us for the win. We left for Barnaby's and learned that John and Janet got there shortly to end the hunt. Results:

1. Pete K9PW 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac 3. John WD9EXW, Janet





Tom was at the red balloon with a 3 el yagi high above his car vertically polarized.

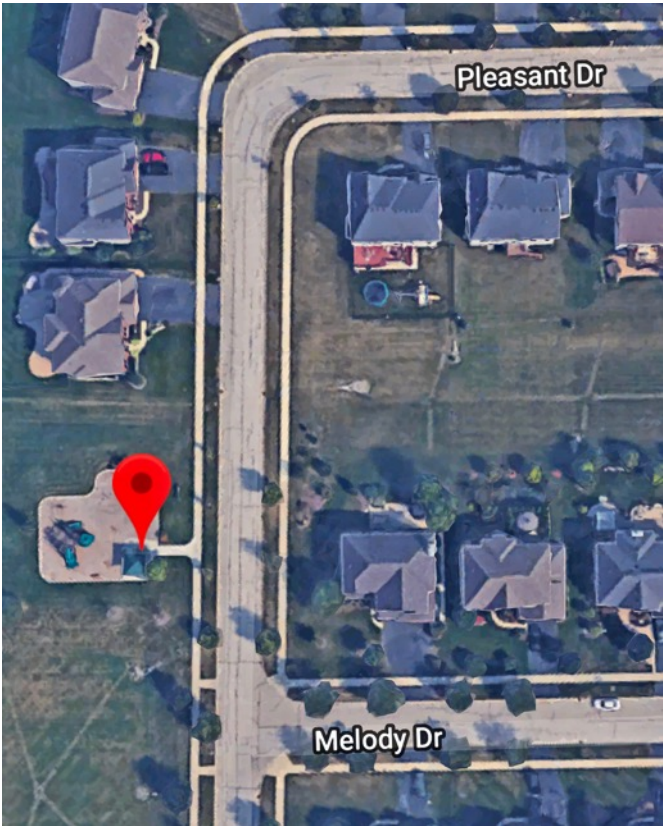
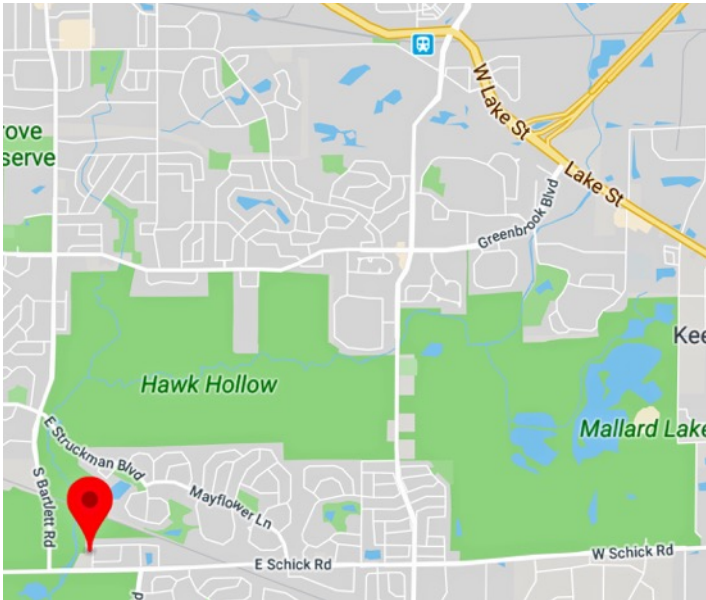
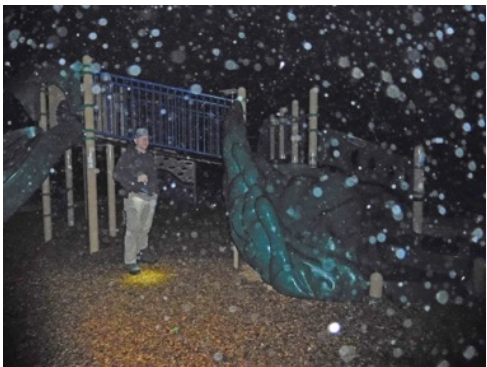


34 2M Foxhunt - Feb 23rd, 2019 by Mile WA9FTS

John WD9EXW provided the 3 hunt teams with a strong signal. Pete and Tom got a reading to the SW and Patty with a west reading. Pete and John took 390 to 290 to 355 and then west on Lake St. Pete and John then took Gary to Schick Rd and into the small park near homes. Tom was closeby only a few hundred feet away. Matt took 390 to Roselle Rd. We got conflicting readings but ended up going west and onto Schick Rd. Pete and Tom were already in the area with Pete finding John in a park under a plastic slide for the win. Tom found John a minute later. We finally drove up to the park finding John and ending the hunt. It was then that we found the park was closed at sunset. It was a good spot though. We headed to Pietanza's for some good pizzas. Results:

1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:38PM
2. Tom N9CBA - 8:39PM
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac





	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 / WA9FTS	1/1/1	5/5/5
W9RA	0	0
WD9EXW, Janet	2	0
N9CBA	2	1
K9PW/K9JK	3/2	2/2
	0	0
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.

