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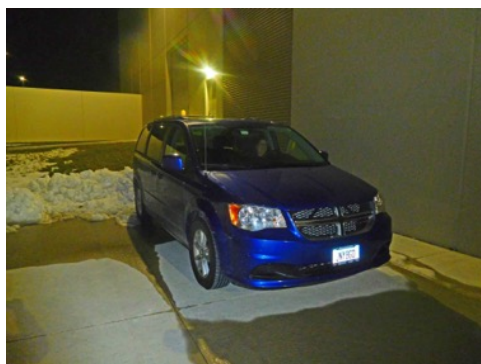
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with 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 1st, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

We had 6 hunt teams and the weather was cooperating with the lower 50s for Sunday. John WD9EXW got us off shortly after 8 with a good signal to the north and slightly west. Most of the hunters took 83 north. Marty and Kevin took Higgins and Matt's team went to Algonquin. We got tied up north but finally headed south to Oakton St. We spotted John and Janet's van with Janet only inside. I got out as Matt headed west to the end of the building. I walked in the same direction to find John against the building under a camp blanket - 2nd! Matt arrived and we thought Marty was #1 which later proved to be true. Don arrived on foot to find John for 3rd. Pete and John drove up with Tom and David right behind them. They both drove past John and back. Pete beat Tom for 4th. We found out the restaurant was Sweet Baby Ray's on Higgins half mile north of where John was hiding. Since it closes at 10PM, we headed there to secure a table. Kevin and crew ended the hunt and we all met a little after 9PM. Results:

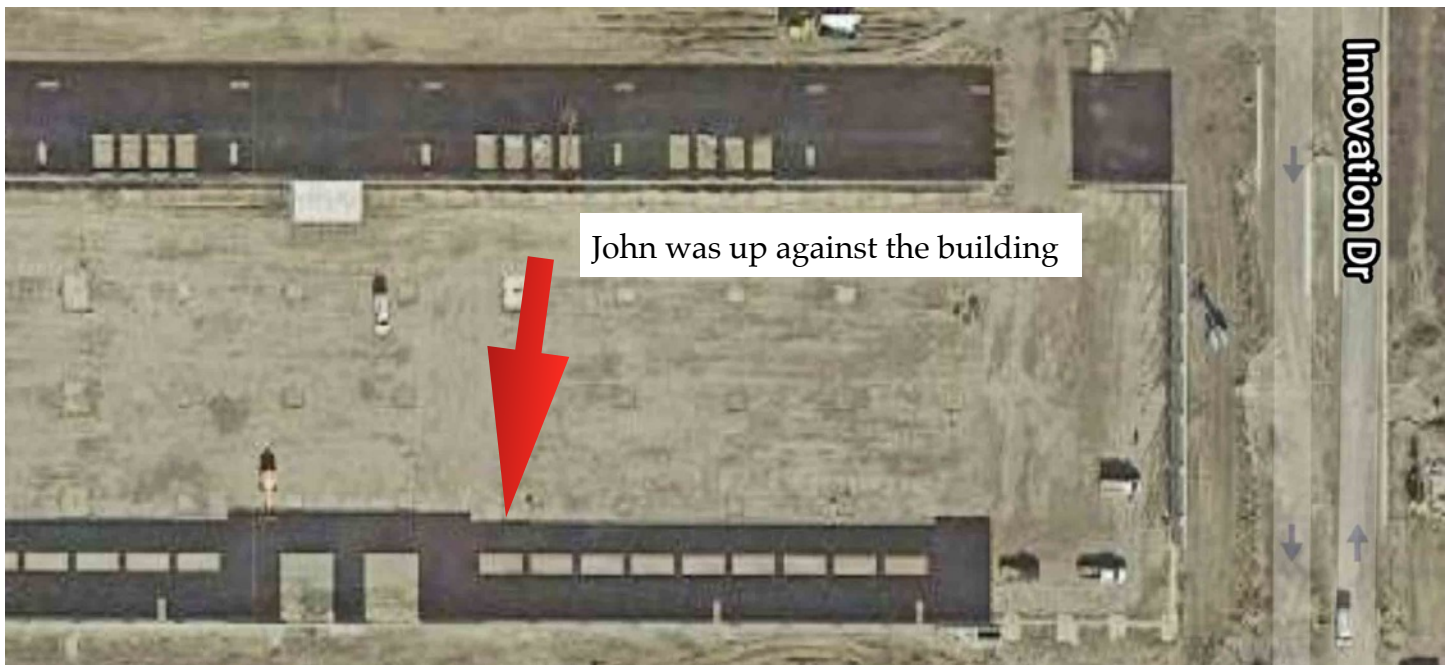
1. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:21PM
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:33PM
3. Don W9RA - 8:36PM
4. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:45PM
5. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW - 8:45PM
6. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZLS, Mason KD9IZB



Janet was inside but John was not.



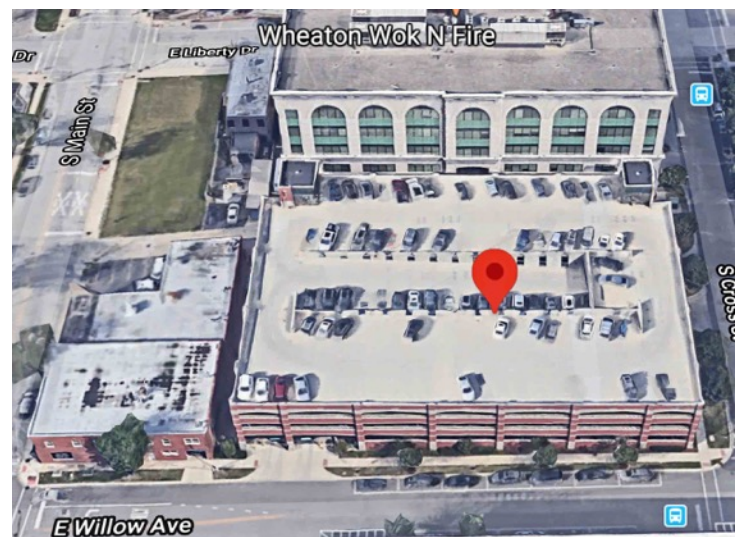
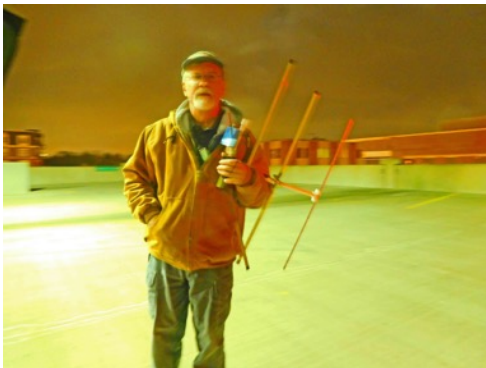
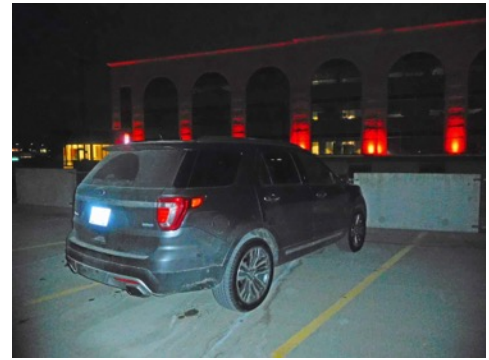
John was against the middle of the building under a camp blanket



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt- Feb 8th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Matt, Patty, Jacob, Mac and I headed off to Wheaton. There was a multi-level parking garage near Willow and Main St. north of Roosevelt Rd. We parked up at the top near the middle. Five hunt teams were ready to find us. The weather was great with temp around freezing and no wind. The hunters were released at 8:09PM. The first to show up running up the stairs was John for the win. Four minutes later Marty and Bill drove up with Bill securing 2nd. Don walked up 8 minutes later for 3rd. Another seven minutes later, Dave arrived to get 4th. Pete and John were circling around the parking garage and finally came up to end the hunt. We used a 5/8 vertical - 100w on the roof of the Ford Explorer. We went to Giordano's on Roosevelt Rd. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:39PM
2. Bill, Marty N9LTE - 8:43PM
3. Don W9RA - 8:51PM
4. Dave AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:58PM
5. John K9JK, Pete K9PW - 9:05PM



This is a daylight picture of the parking garage. During the hunt, we were the only car on that level.

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CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Feb
15th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Five hunt teams headed off
the the NW to find Tom
N9CBA and David AC9VW.
We got off at 8:03PM. Most
hunters took 390 to Lake St
and we took Irving Pk.

John's team took 59 south
but got a reading to the east.
We picked a dead end road
off Bartlett Rd to not avail.

Tony overshot Tom and
David but recovered to find
them at the Hanover
Township Bldg for the win.

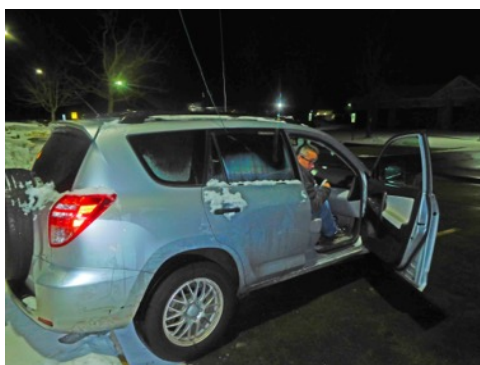
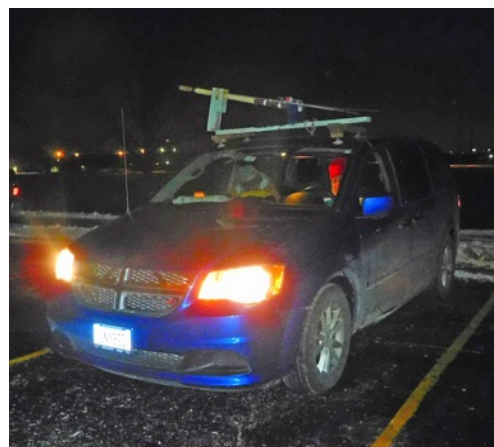
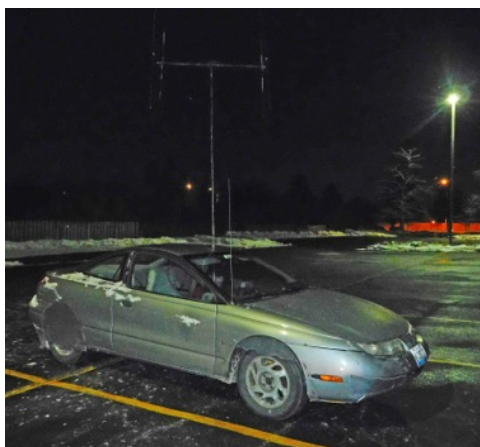
Six min later Matt's team
secured 2nd. The Ford was
full as family members,
Harold and Jan joined them.

Marty and Bill came in for
third. It took a while but
John's team finally made it to
the Hanover Center to end
the hunt. The foxes were
running about 50w to a 3 el
tape beam up about 25 ft. We
gathered at Pilot Pete's.

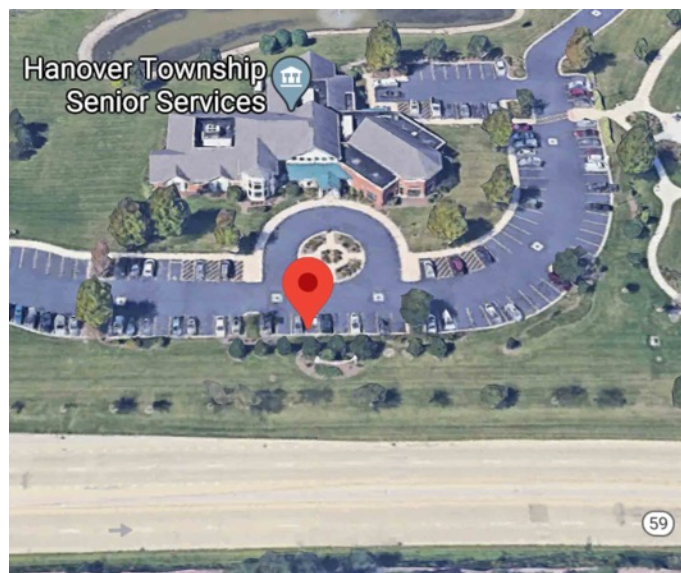
Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:35PM
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty
N9PLS, Jacob, Mac ,
Harold, Jan - 8:41PM
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill -
8:54PM
4. John WD9EXW, Mike
WA9FTS, Janet - 9:20PM

DNF Don W9RA



Tom and David
were in their car at
the red balloon.



34 2M Foxhunt - Feb 22nd, 2020
by Mike WA9FTS

John WD9EXW got the 6 hunt teams off at 8:01PM. The signal was good and to the south. Five of the teams took 83 south and Don chose Wood Dale. The good route was to either take Butterfield Rd or 22nd which connects to Butterfield. While Don was catching all the red lights and a slow moving freight train, the 5 teams were converging on the Yorktown Center at Butterfield and Highland. Where was the blue Caravan? There were lots of cars and trucks to choose from. Suddenly the hunters got a strong signal from the Boeger-Brinkman Cemetery. Matt, Patty and I got out on the west side of the cemetery. John was not there. Off to the east side as hunters converged and the same time. John was behind a tree with his 3 el tape beam up about 5 ft off the ground. Tony got there first for the win with Patty pushing past Marty for 2nd. Seconds later David arrive for 4th. The first 4 hunters arrive about a minute apart. What an exciting minute! Sixteen minutes late Pete scored and 15 minutes later Don ended the hunt. We went to The Patio nearby in Lombard. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:29
2. Patty N9PLS, Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:29
3. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:29
4. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:29
5. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:45
6. Don W9RA - 9:00





Cemetery

Jacob took the above two pictures. He did a good job.



5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Feb 29th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Tom N9CBA and David AC9VW were the fox and proposed several rule changes. The hunters would start at the CFMC starting point and use the freq of the 2nd Sat hunt. Fox A would be Tom and be followed by Fox B - David. Tom would be heard at the starting point and David may be heard and certainly near Tom. We had 6 hunt teams and both foxes were heard at the start with Tom being louder. A number of the hunters took Lake St and Matt chose 355 to 390 west. Matt got off at Wright and headed north and Tony, taking Lake St, took Barrington Rd north. Tom's location proved to be a hard one to pin down as we got a good idea of where David would be. They were close to each other but on either side of I-90. Tom was north of I-90 and between Barrington Rd and Freeman Rd. He was in his car at the back parking lot of NSK America. John WD9EXW got to Tom first and Tony 3 minutes later. Matt arrived right after for 3rd. Now it was time to find David. Marty and Bill got to Tom 3 minutes after Matt and Pete and John at 9:10. Tony and Matt's team headed south to Hassell Rd and south to a small shopping Center. We ran across Higgins Rd to the Stonegate Conference Center. David was on the other side of the East Branch Poplar Creek. Tony, Matt and Patty headed west around the water. I took the long way around spotting John WD9EWX by the creek. I continued around the water past Moretti's to a parking lot and a hole in the fence. David was on the other side. I saw Tony and Matt with Tony plunging into the weeds to find David behind a large log and under a camp blanket. Matt scored seconds later. I followed and took an pix of David. We left the area and saw Marty and Bill pass us on their way to find David. I learned that John WD9EXW and Don W9RA quit. Pete and John K9JK

later found David to end the hunt. We went to Chili's nearby. Tom ran 5w to a 3 el beam. David ran 25w to a tape beam. Results:

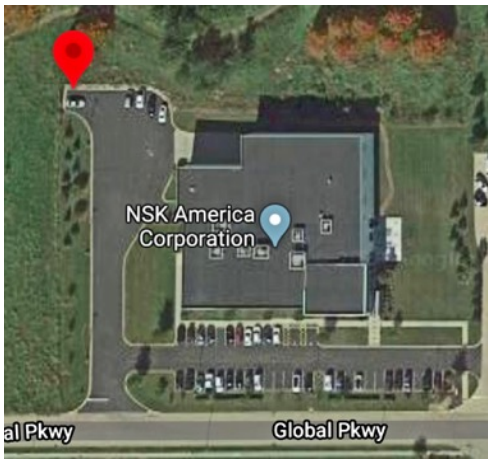
Fox A - Tom N9CBA

- 1. John WD9EXW - 8:48PM
- 2. Tony AA9CC - 8:51PM
- 3. Matt KC9SEM - 8:52PM
- 4. Marty N9LTE - 8:54PM

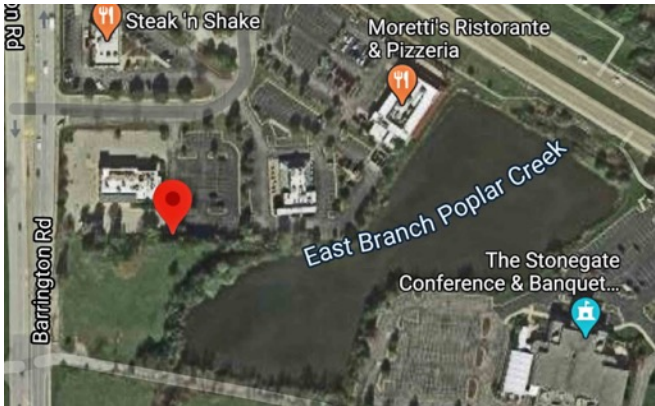
Fox B - David AC9VW

- 1. Tony AA9CC
- 2. Matt KC9SEM
- 3. Marty N9LTE
- 4. Pete K9PW

Each team had to designate one person who would score. The winner was the one to find both foxes first. This was Tony with Matt a close 2nd.



Tom N9CBA was north of I-90 and west of Freemont Rd. He was in the back of the NSK America building



| | 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 AA9CC Next hunt - May 30th | TBD by the fox |

| Hunter | 1st | 2nd |
|---|-------|-------|
| KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS | 1/1/0 | 4/4/3 |
| K9PW / K9JK | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| AA9CC | 2 | 1 |
| W9RA | 0 | 0 |
| WD9EXW, Janet | 3 | 1 |
| N9CBA / AC9VW | 1/1 | 1/1 |
| N9LTE | 1 | 1 |
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| 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.

