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 - Feb 6th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS Fox - Matt KC9SEM & crew

Another snow in a very snowy winter before the hunt. It quit as the hunt started at 8:09PM. I joined Matt and crew as they found a parking spot on the 4th level of the BMO Chase parking lot. This was at I-88 and Freedom Dr. Four hunters were on the chase. Would this be a difficult place for them to find? At about 8:40 we saw Tony talking to a woman in the distance. Five minutes later he arrived for the win. This is his route that he sent to me. "Route was 83 to Butterfield to Naperville Rd to Warrenville Rd to parking lot, up the stairs." Tony said she claimed to be a security guard and was screaming for everyone to leave. Matt and Jacob joined Tony as she started to scream at them. Matt then decided to move to a streetlevel location for rest of the hunt. We found a lot to the west to find David was already there. He finished 2nd. Shortly John and Janet arrived with Tom ending the hunt 5 min later. Since it was 6F, we all decided to go home for the evening. Results:

- Tony AA₉CC 8:45PM
- 2. David AC9VW 9:00PM
- 3. John WD9EWX, Janet 9:05PM
- 4. Tom N9CBA 9:10PM



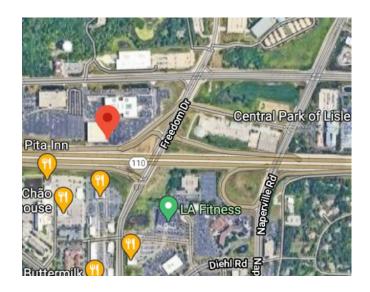














2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Feb 13th, 2021 - Info from Tony and Matt KC9SEM (Fox)

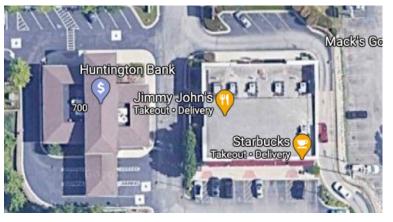
From Tony - Winning route was Finley to I355 to North ave u-turn at West ave, back u-turn at Villa, right turn into to Starbucks parking lot.

From Matt - Results:

- 1. Tony AA9CC 8:25PM
- 2. David AC9VW 8:28PM
- 3. Marty N9LTE 8:33PM
- 4. Tom N9CBA 8:39PM
- 5. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:41PM
- 6. Pete K9PW 8:43PM

Hiding Spot - SW of North Av and 83 in Starbuck parking lot.





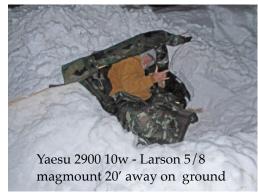
CFMC 2M Foxhunt -Feb 20th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - John WD9EXW

I met with John and Janet at the Portillo's at Wilke and Golf Rd. We headed north and west to Meadowbrook Ct into a parking lot with lots of piles of snow. John got out his shovel and dug out a spot behind a row of snow. The hiding spot was accessible from the paring lot. Janet drove off and I found a spot for my Jeep a distance away behind small truck. At about 30 minutes into the hunt several cars and trucks appeared. Who was going to find John for the win?

Several cars drove around and past where John was hiding and drove away. David got out and ran toward the snow row and - Oopps - he fell down and got up and then down again. He found John and got out just in time to see Jacob and then Mackenzie arrive. Jacob found his grandpa for 2nd. Marty and Bill were off in the distance with Marty out on foot. Tony drove around and then got out to find John for third with Marty finishing 4th. Where was Kevin and his group? Shortly they called and said they gave up and were heading home. John and I collected his stuff which included a camp blanket, a warm blanket and vertical antenna. We headed to Portillo's and some of the hunters ordered food. Results:

- 1. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 9:26PM
- 2. Jacob, Mac, Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS - 9:37PM
- Tony AA9CC 9:52PM
- 4. Marty N9LTE, Bill 9:52PM DNF Kevin N9JPG and group





John making his hiding spot and then in it.



David at Tom's car after finding John.



Jacob finds Grandpa as Mac



Tony and Marty as they finish 3rd and 4th.



The hunters having food at Portillo's in the cold.





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34 2M Foxhunt - Feb 27th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Tom N9CBA

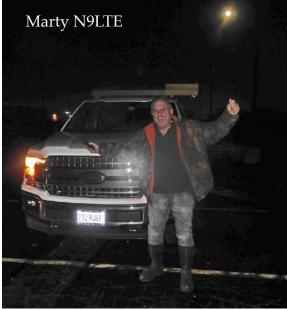
The weather was getting warmer. The temperature around 40 with 9 hunters arriving to find Tom. We were released by Tom a little after 8PM with a signal to the WSW. Then we realized that we did not hear Tom. We found out about 20 min later that his battery died and he would have to go back to his car and continue the hunt with his car's battery. Tom got things going with the hunters waiting to start. Who would be near Tom when he started the hunt? According to Tom, Matt's team took the Elgin-O'Hare west and south. When Tom moved to a new spot to operate in his car, Matt spotted a RAV4 on the move. This was good enough for the win. The other 8 hunters followed to end the hunt. Tom was running 30w to a vertical on his roof. We discussed the hunt at the hiding spot and there was no effort to find a restaurant for food. Results:

- 1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
- 2. John WD9EXW, Janet
- 3. Marty N9LTE
- 4. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZLS, Mason KD9IZB
- 5. Pete K9PW
- 6. Tony AA9CC
- 7. Don W9RA
- 8. Mike WA9FTS
- 9. David AC9VW















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	Start Time	Starting Location	Foxhunt Frequency
1st	8 PM	Rt 83 north of St.	147.750 MHz
		Charles Rd, Elmhurst	CFAR input
		across from Whole	CIAK Input
		Foods	
2nd	8 PM	Downers Grove Fitness	146.565 MHz
		& Rec Center parking	
		lot off Belmont Rd	
		south of Odgen Av	
3rd	8 PM	Centennial Park,	146.160 MHz
		Addison 0.4 miles	CFMC input
		south of Lake St	Crivic input
4th	8 PM	WoodDale Jr HS	146.340 MHz
		parking lot, south of	
		Sievert Rd between	
		Thorndale Rd and	
		Irving Pk Rd,	
5th	8 PM	TBD by the fox	TBD by the fox
		WA9FTS Next hunt -	
		May 29th	

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	3/3	1
N9LTE		2
AA9CC	2	1
WD9EXW	1	2
N9CBA	1	
AC9VW		2
N9CBA/AC9VW	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.



