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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 5th, 2022 - by John WD9EXW Fox

I picked Red Robin for munch. We had been there before, but not recently, a good menu, beer available, and open to 11 PM. This was a backup spot. I intended to hide near the defunct Odyssey Fun Park, but when I got there, I discovered it was newly fenced and gated.

I learned of the backup spot because there's a doctor office in the building. Set up in the car with 5/8 mag mount. Could key the repeater with low power, but wasn't making the start point.

Increased to 35 watts, was still noisy but we got started. Saw Dave & Tom first to the East on West St, but before they could turn around and zero in, Matt pulled up for first

1 - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac + group 8:49

2 - Tom N9CBA, Dave AC9VW 8:50

3 - Pete K9PW 9:03

DNF Don W9RA 8:56

DNF Mike WA9FTS 9:05

At munch, we discussed possible visit to the national hunt.



Diehl Rd

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Feb 12th, 2022
by Mike WA9FTS

Matt got the 6 hunters off with a strong signal to the north - slightly west. Charlie KB9DIM showed up to say hi. Most of the hunters took 355 north. John/Janet and I got off at Roosevelt. We took it to Main St and north to Hillside east to Forest and north to Duane. The Civic Center Parking Lot looked like the likely spot. John and I got off and into the 1st level and then up to the top to find Matt and crew in the back corner for 1st and 2nd. We had to pick another munch spot as it was closing at 9:30. The final choice was Culver's on Schmale south of St. Charles Rd. Matt was running 120w to a 5/8 verticle. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet- 8:23
2. Mike WA9FTS -8:24
3. Marty N9LTE - 8:49
4. Pete K9PW, Rob - 8:54
5. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:58

DNF Don W9RA



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Feb 19th, 2022
- by Mike WA9FTS - Fox

I found a spot close to home. I parked at the top level of the Harlem-Irving Shopping Center near the Target. Seven hunters were released at 8:02. At 8:34 Tom arrived to score the win. Tom took 290 e to 83 n to Irving Pk to Cumberland to Montrose to Octavia south into the shopping center. It took another 14 min with Pete and his brother Rob arrive seconds in front of Marty and Bill. Matt and his group drove up 4 min later with Tim and Michelle seconds behind. Six minutes later John walked in to end the hunt as a minute earlier, Don gave up. We gathered at Portillo's on Lawrence Ave for the munch.

Results:

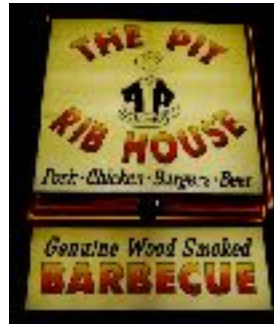
1. Tom N9CBA - 8:34
 2. Pete K9PW, Rob - 8:48
 3. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:48
 4. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jaob, Mac - 8:57
 5. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT - 8:57
 6. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:58
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:57



34 2m Meter Foxhunt - Feb 26th, 2022 - by
Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Marty N9LTE

There were 8 hunters to start the hunt at 7PM. Several hunters took off to the north which was a mistake. The rest went south. Marty was farther south than I imagined as we found out. There was a very close finish with first, second and third arriving within 10 sec of each other. Don got the win with John W 5 sec later for 2nd and John K 5 sec after that. The three hunters who went north recovered. We ended the hunt 8 min after the winning time 2 min apart to end the hunt and walk over to The Pit which was next door. Marty then explained why the hunt started at 7PM. Marty and Bill had invited friends and family to join them to celebrate a birthday for Marty, Bill and Pat. Jeff, Jackie, Eddie and Donna were there also to celebrate. Marty brought a chocolate cake for everyone and it was delicious. Results:

1. Don W9RA - 8:00
 2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:00:05
 3. John K9JK - 8:00:10
 4. Mike WA9FTS - 8:08
 5. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:09
 6. Tony AA9CC - 8:10
- DNF Tom N9CBA - 7:43
DNF Tim KC9YFI - 8:15





	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 John WD9EXW Next hunt - Apr 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	1/1	1/1
N9LTE, Bill	1	1
AA9CC	1	
WD9EXW	1	2
N9CBA / AC9VW		1/1
WA9FTS		1
N9CBA	1	
K9PW		1
W9RA	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.

