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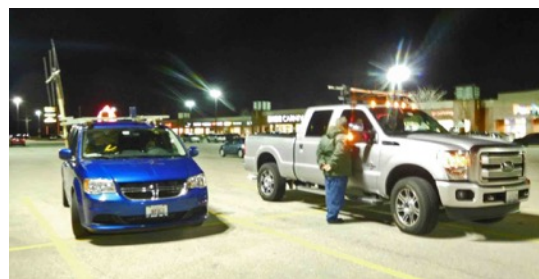
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with a simplex hunt sponsored by the RAMS on 146.34 MHz. Now the lineup is on CFAR, CMFC and two simplex hunts.

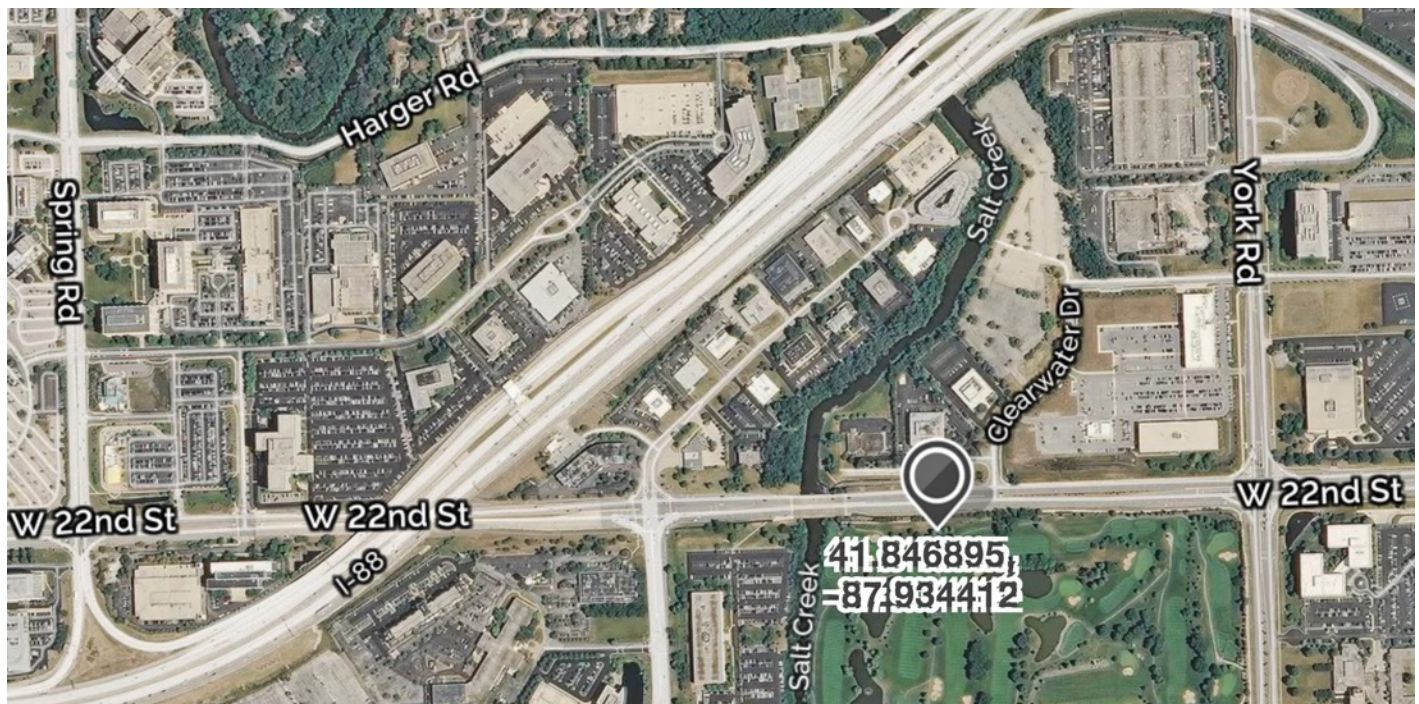


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Mar 3rd, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

Tony AA9CC got the 4 hunt teams off with a strong signal to the south - slightly east. All the hunters took 83 and went east on 22nd St. Don, Tom and John stayed close to 22nd as Matt's team tried Enterprise Dr. Reflections in the area gave us problems as we went back to 22nd St to see Tom and Don driving around. Shortly I got out and ran east just south of 22nd St. I was joined by Matt and Jacob as we went past the Salt Creek to find Tony next to a tree on the north side of the golf course for 2nd. Don was there on foot for the win. Ten seconds after we found Tony, John arrived for 3rd. As we left, we saw Tom drive by. He later found Tony to end the hunt. Tony was running 5w to a tape measure beam. We gathered at Jason's Deli. Results:

1. Don W9RA
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS,
Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
3. John WD9EXW, Janet
4. Tom N9CBA





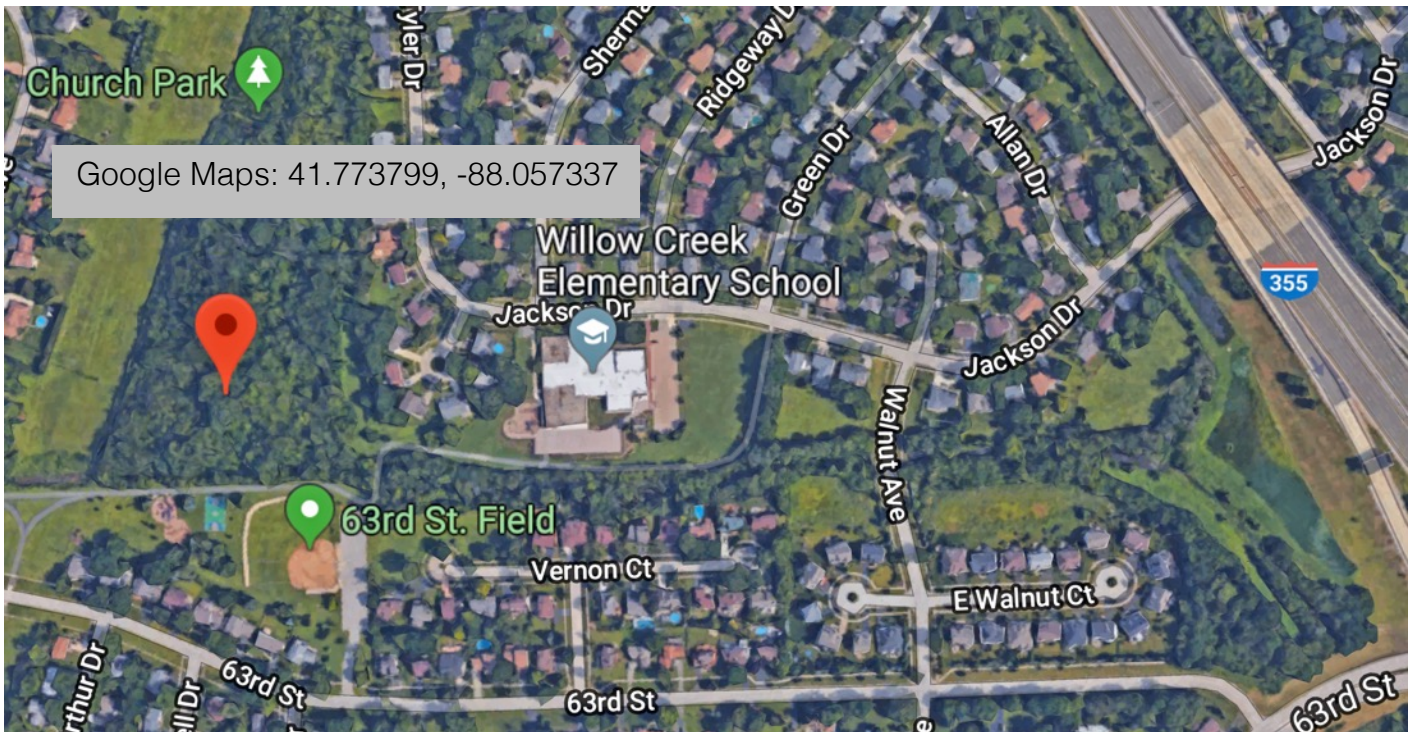
2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Mar 10th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

This was the third hunt in a row for Tony AA9CC to be the fox. Kevin N9JPG and most of his family came out for the hunt. It was the first time in a long while and we ere happy to see them. Mason got a new call - KD9IZB - congratulations! Tony started the 5 hunt teams off with a very strong signal to the south - slightly east. All the hunters took Belmont south. Matt's team - followed by Kevin went east on 63rd and west of 355. We realized Tony was somewhere in or around Summerhill Park, a small thin park with a creek to the north of it. Matt stayed to the east and I went to the west part. I found a bridge to go across the 15 ft creek and discovered that the signal was back by Matt. Matt found some stones and mostly made it across the water without getting his feet wet and found Tony in his sleeping bag for the win. Matt asked if I wanted to try to get across and I declined. A picture was taken in the direction of where Tony was hiding. Shortly John arrived and walked near where Tony was and walked away. We went back to the truck and drove away to try to find Tony's car. We found it on a side street. Tony must have taken his stuff a long way to set up. Tony later announce the munch spot as Baker's Square on 75th St. Don found a bridge to the east and had to cross a small



patch of water to find Tony for 2nd. Tom followed to secure 3rd and John came back for 4th. Not wanting to give up, Kevin ended the hunt finding Tony. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9OLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
2. Don W9RA
3. Tom N9CBA
4. John WD9EXW, Janet
5. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZLS, Mason KD9IZB, Sonja

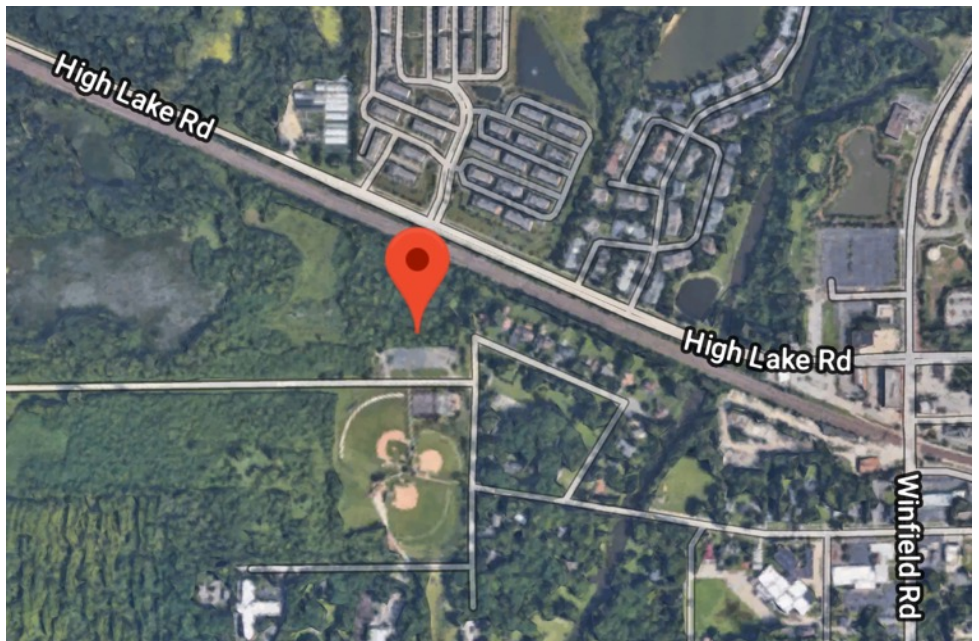


CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Mar 17th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

John WD9EXW got the four hunt teams off with a weak but hearable signal to the SW. The hunters choose 355 to head south. Several hunters got off at Roosevelt and others headed further south. Matt KC9SEM thought about Winfield Rd and then made it to 59. Blair Rd took us east to High Lake and then Prince Crossing to Geneva and then to Winfield. Beecher west was chosen since the signal was strong. We spotted Tom taking this path also. We drove into Wynwood

Fields and the parking lot. Off we went to the edge of some woods and went east to find John in a sleeping bag for the win. A few minutes later we spotted Tom driving along a walking path past John and then back again. Tom came back for 2nd. Later Don walked in for 3rd and Pete and John ended the hunt. John was running 55-60w to a e el beam vertically polarized. John selected a restaurant but, since it was St Pat's Day, it was really crowded. Giordano's was next on the list and it closed at 10PM. So we finally picked Alfie's nearby. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:46PM
2. Tom N9CBA - 8:55PM
3. Don W9RA - 9:01PM
4. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 9:04PM

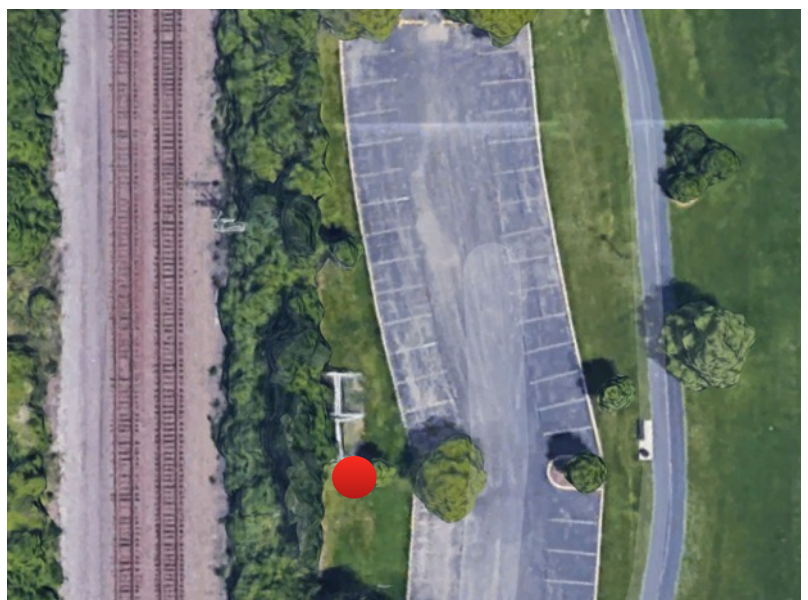
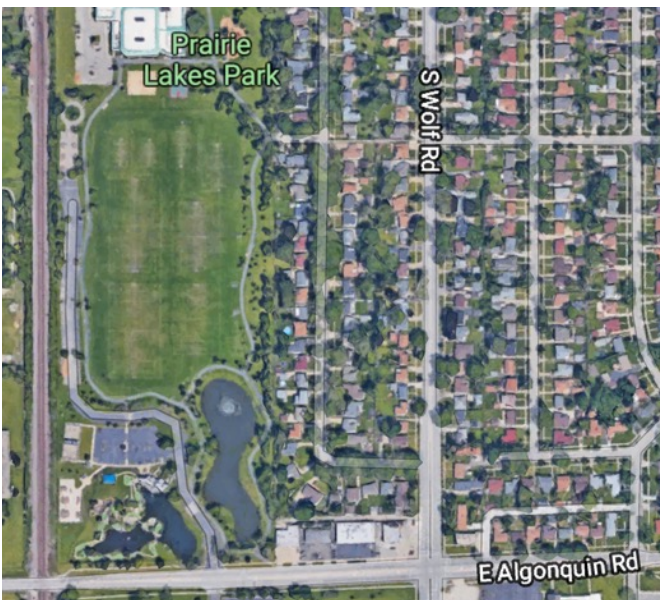


34 2M Foxhunt - March 24th,
2018 by Mike WA9FTS

We got lucky as the heavy snow
fell well to the south of Chicago.

John WD9EXW got the three hunt teams off with a decent signal to the NE at 8:06PM. Matt and Tom took Thorndale to Busse north. Then it was Oakton to Mt. Prospect north to Algonquin and east. Patty suggested a park we were passing as a possible spot. We went to 3rd St and - behind us - the park? The park was Prairie Lakes Park and we went in to the end of the parking lot. We were close as we turned around. An train was heading north on RR tracks just west of the park. Patty spotted a blanket next to white goal posts. It was John. Jacob and Mac got their pictures with their grandpa for the win. We left and headed to Morretti's in Mt. Prospect. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:23PM
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:55PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 8:55PM



John was kidding in his sleeping bag at the red dot. 41.033799, -87.913467

March 31th, 2018 Hunt - Fox Pete K9PW and John K9JK / John WD9EXW - Master

Starting Location: Parking Lot north of Wood Dale Junior High on Sivert near Wood Dale Rd.
(Same as 4th Saturday hunts.)

Frequency: 146.340 MHz Start time: 8PM.

Type of Hunt: Distance. Lowest distance traveled wins hunt. (In case of tie, time is the tie breaker.)

Other rules:

Master shall record odometer values at the start.

Fox will hid in a vehicle.

Fox shall not change TX power or change the antenna in any way once the hunt starts.

Hunters must drive all of the way to the fox.

Fox shall transmit for 30 seconds once every 2.5 minutes. (30 seconds on, 2 minutes off.)

Fox shall announce when found by the first hunter.

Hunt ends 90 minutes after the start or 30 minutes after the first hunter finds the fox, whichever is earlier.

5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - March 31st, 2018 by Pete K9PW

There were four hunters at the start. Since this was a mileage hunt, John (WD9EXW) the master recorded odometer reading for each of the cars. With 100% of the hunters hearing the fox, the hounds were released at 8:04pm. The fox was running 25 Watts into a four element vertically polarized yagi pointed northeast (not towards the starting point) mounted at 7 feet. The fox was in a small lot at a park along the Salt Creek in Rolling Meadows. The location was 7.0 air miles away to the NNW from the starting point; 8.5 miles by shortest driving route. Not all hunters, got correct bearings at the start. At least one hunter went west, likely due to reflections from airplanes approaching O'Hare.

The first hunter to finish was KC9SEM & group in only 23 minutes. Matt's route including driving north on I-290/IL-53 then exiting at IL-62 (Algonquin Rd) and then directly into the correct subdivision. At that point, the remaining hunters were informed that they only had 30 minutes left to finish. This gave the kids a chance to explore the playground nearby. John arrived 17 minutes later. A few minutes later, Tom decided to give up & asked for the location of the munch. It was Moretti's in Schaumburg which was exactly where he happened to be located (just a mile from the fox). Moments later, Don also ran out of time located just 1.5 miles from the fox.

1st 10.6 miles Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac, Grace

2nd 13.3 miles John WD9EXW, Janet

3rd DNF Tom N9CBA

4th DNF Don W9RA



Photos by Pete K9PW

	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 Matt KC9SEM Next hunt - Jun 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	3/3	3/3
N9LTE	1	1
AA9CC	3	0/0
W9RA	2	1
WA9FTS	4	3
WD9EXW. Janet	3	2
K9PW/K9JK	0/0	3/3
N9CBA	0	2
KB9DIM	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.

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