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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.



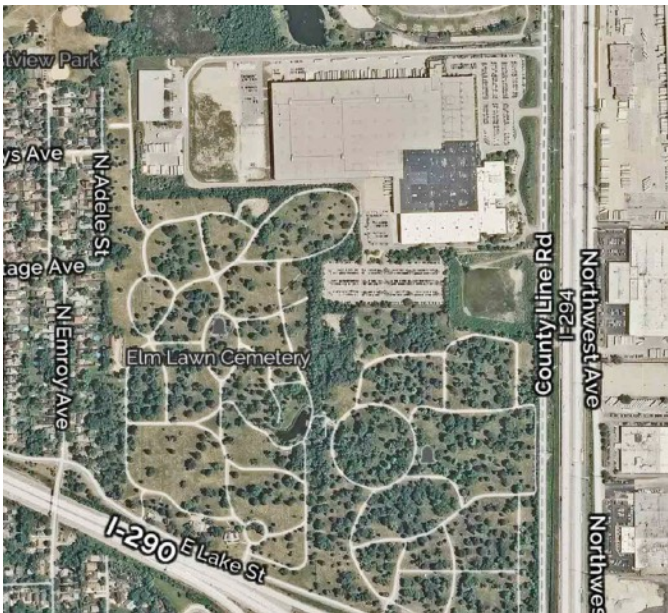
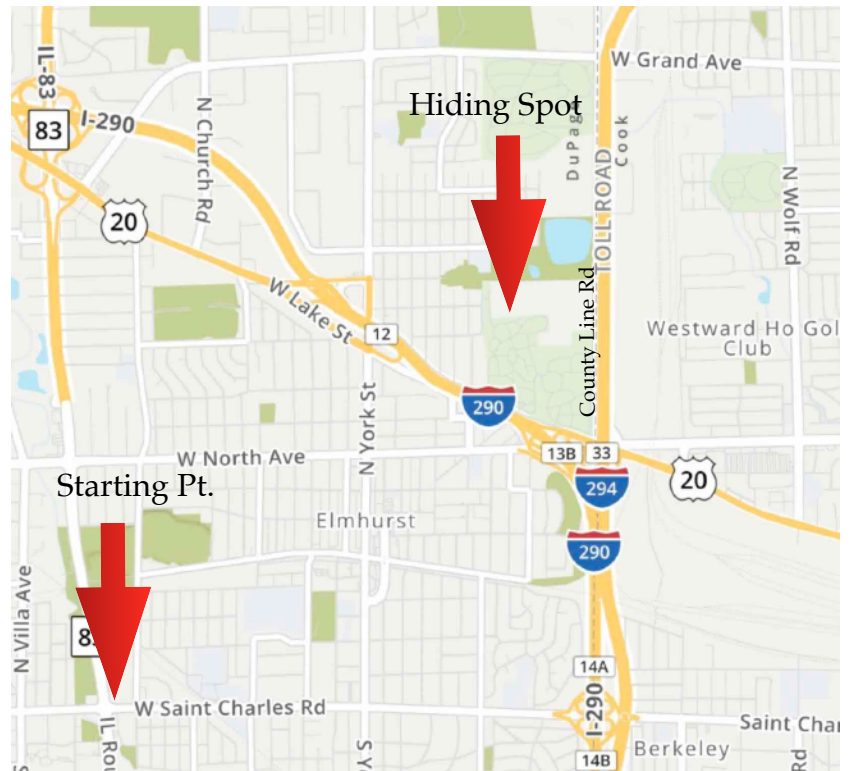
CFAR 2M Foxhunt - March 7th by Mike WA9FTS

Marty N9LTE and Bill were the fox and got the 5 hunt teams off shortly after 8PM with a good signal. Tony and Matt's team headed up 83 and on 290 east. Matt had a hunch that Marty was close and picked North Ave to go east. We went north on Wolf Rd to Grand Ave and west. What side of 294 were they hiding? Matt chose the west side and we went south to Roman Rd (Mc Master-Carr Loop on older maps) and McMaster Carr. We tried a dead end on the NW corner of the parking lot - not there! Then Patty spotted a lone car in the parking lot. As we approached she spotted a tape measure beam. We drove up for the win. Seeing nobody else, we drove out and away. Five minutes later, Tom and David arrived for 2nd. It was 15 min later that Don secured 3rd. We went to Portillo's on North and Railroad Av. Tom and David beat us there and Don was a few minutes after us to arrive. A half hour later we wondered why nobody else appeared. We found out that the three hunt teams read the paper from Marty wrong. We picked the closest Portillo's from the hiding spot but Marty chose the one west of Addison Rd. John and Janet finished 4th and went home. Tony, unexpectedly, finished last and also went home. Later Marty and Bill joined us. At Portillo's Marty showed us the HT he used running 100mw to his 3 el tape beam. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:25PM
2. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW - 8:29PM
3. Don W9RA - 8:44PM
4. John WD9EXW, Janet - 9:02PM
5. Tony AA9CC - 9:15PM



Matt talks with Bill and Jacob and Mac with Marty



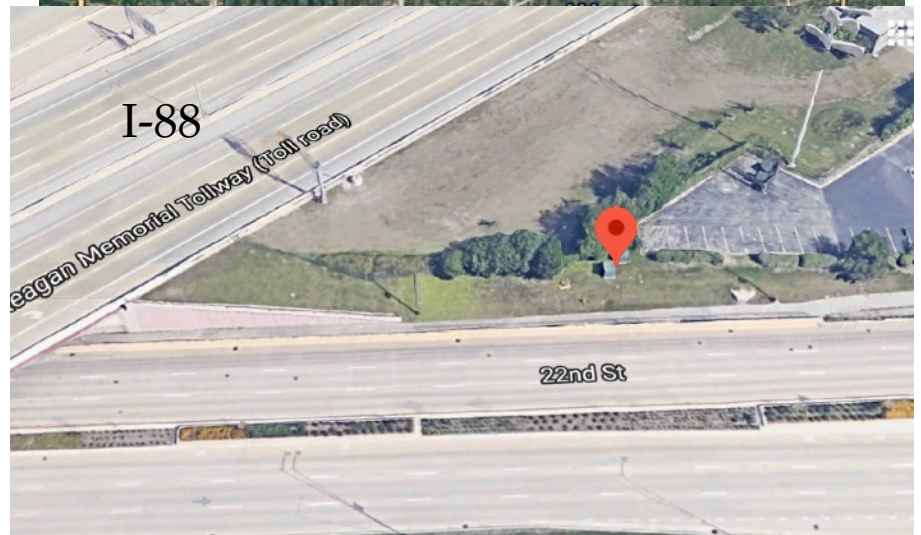
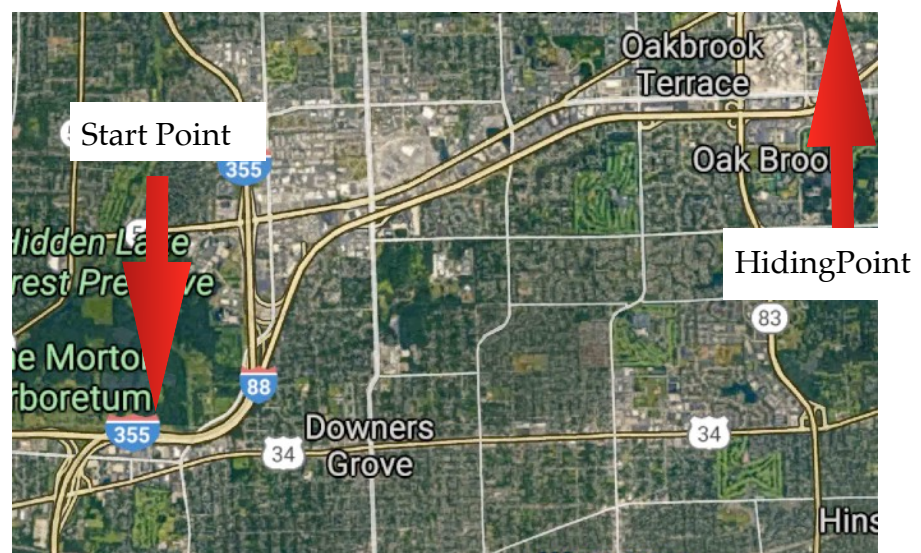
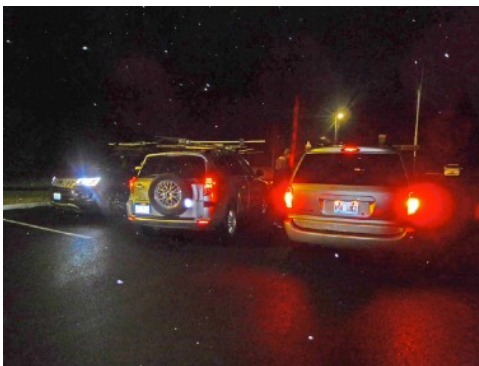
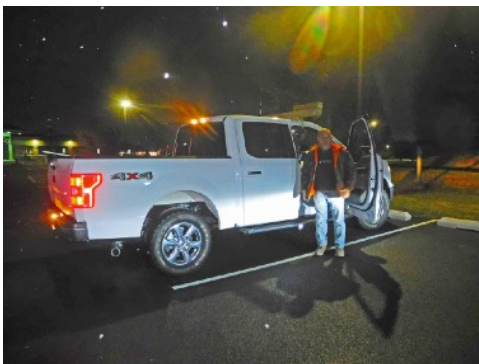
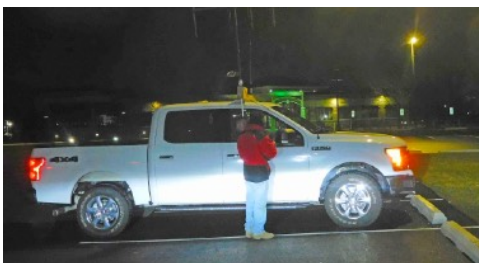
2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Mar 14th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

John WD9EXW was the fox and got the 6 hunt teams off with a good signal to the NE. Matt was not felling well so Patty drove and I turned the beam with Jacob and Mac in the back seats. We took Ogden east to 83 and north. We past the Oakbrook Terrance and got lot to the NW. Tony did a better job with the same route but went east on 22nd and found John next to a couple of electrical boxes for the win. Pete offered his experience of the trip. "We went north on Finley to Butterfield (IL-56) to east on 22nd. Then we went back & forth on 22nd for about 10 minutes. Parked the car on the south side of 22nd in an office complex around the time that Tony was walking back to his car." Marty and Bill

found John 3 minutes later for 2nd. Another 5 minutes found Tom and David claiming 3rd. Pete and John were 4th. Patty and I recovered our overshoot and finally zeroed in on the Marriott and across 22nd for 5th. Don gave up and we ended up at Jason's Deli nearby. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:25PM
2. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:29PM
3. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW - 8:34PM
4. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:36PM
5. Mike WA9FTS, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:55PM

DNF Don W9RA



John was hiding next to the gray electrical boxes on the north side of 22nd.

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CFMC 2M Foxhunt - March 21st, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS with info from Tom N9CBA, Tony AA9CC, Matt KC9SEM and John WD9EXW

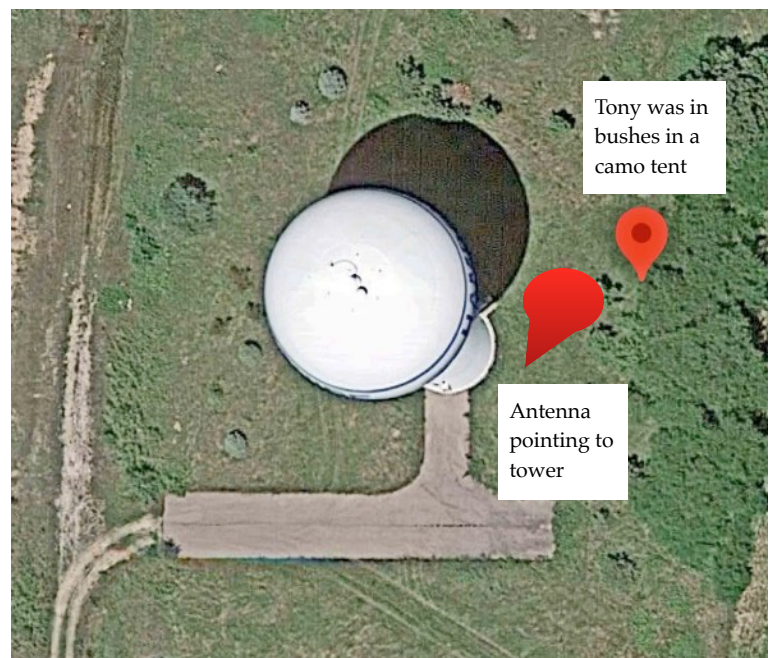
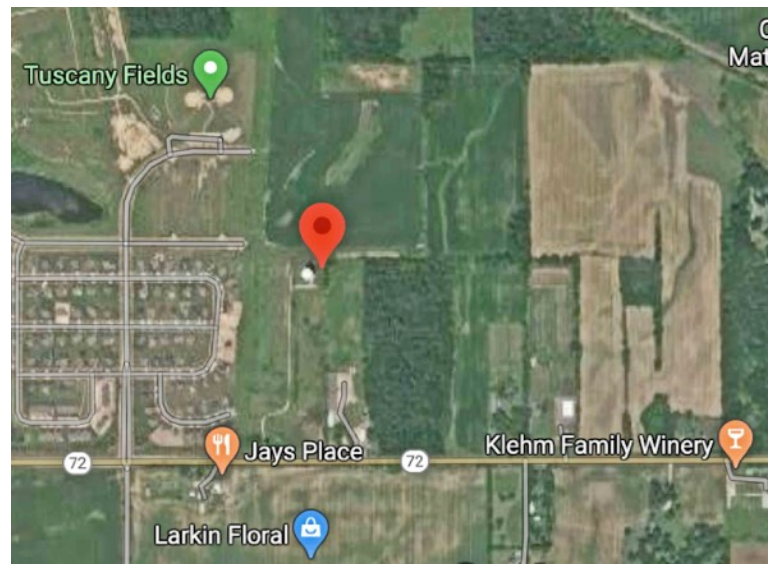
The 4 hunt teams got off with a weak signal to the SW and then quickly found out it was weaker and the the NW. Tony added,"Hunters commented on the flaky signal, heading down north avenue to St Charles, being a 2 forever". "About 90 degrees off the actual bearing.Maybe the tower at the starting point was the problem. John got a reading to the west and a little north. John and Janet took North Ave and finally to the water tower in Hampshire. Tony had a log periodic pointing up a the tower and was nearby in the bushes. Ken and gang found Tony for 2nd with Matt and Patty finishing 3rd. Tom ended the hunt. Since there was no munch, all went home for the evening. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet
2. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZLS, Mason KD9IZB
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
4. Tom N9CBA

34 2M Foxhunt - March 28th, 2020

I did not get much info on the hunt other than 4 hunt teams and the participants thanks to Tony and Tom. Tony was hiding in the parking lot of the Community Fellowship Church north of North Av and off St. Charles Rd. Results:

- 1 John WD9EXW, Janet
- 2 Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
- 3 Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZLS, Mason KD9IZB, Abby KD9BLP
- 4 Tom N9CBA





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	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	2/2/1	5/5/3
K9PW / K9JK	0/0	0/0
AA9CC	3	1
W9RA	0	0
WD9EXW, Janet	5	1
N9CBA / AC9VW	1/1	2/2
N9LTE	1	2
N9JPG, KC9ZLS, KD9IZB	0	1/1/1
5th Saturday hunts are not included in hunt results		

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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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