

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 - March, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS Fox - Tony AA9CC

Eight hunt teams arrived to find Tony. Charlie KB9DIM showed up to say hi before the hunt. We were released a little after PM with hunters selecting south and west. Many of the hunters experience questionable readings but eventually settled around Boughton and Weber Rds. Tony was around the Maple Park Place Shopping Mall. A large water tower was NW and caused more problems. I got there but left and returned several times as the hunters found Tony near the water tower next to a wire fence in plain site although the area was dark. Since I did not stay afterwards, I got hunt results from several of the hunters.

Results:

1. Marty N9LTE, Bill
2. John WD9EWX, Janet
3. Matt KC9SEM, Jacob
4. Pete K9PW
5. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA
6. Mike WA9FTS
7. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KD9ZLS, Mason KD9IZB
8. Don W9RA



Charlie, John and Don



Kevin and family



David and Tom



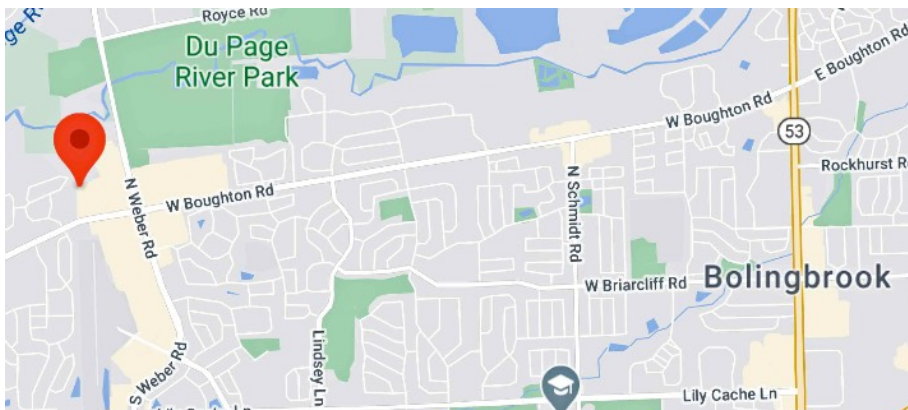
Gathering after the hunt near the hiding spot



Matt setting up antenna

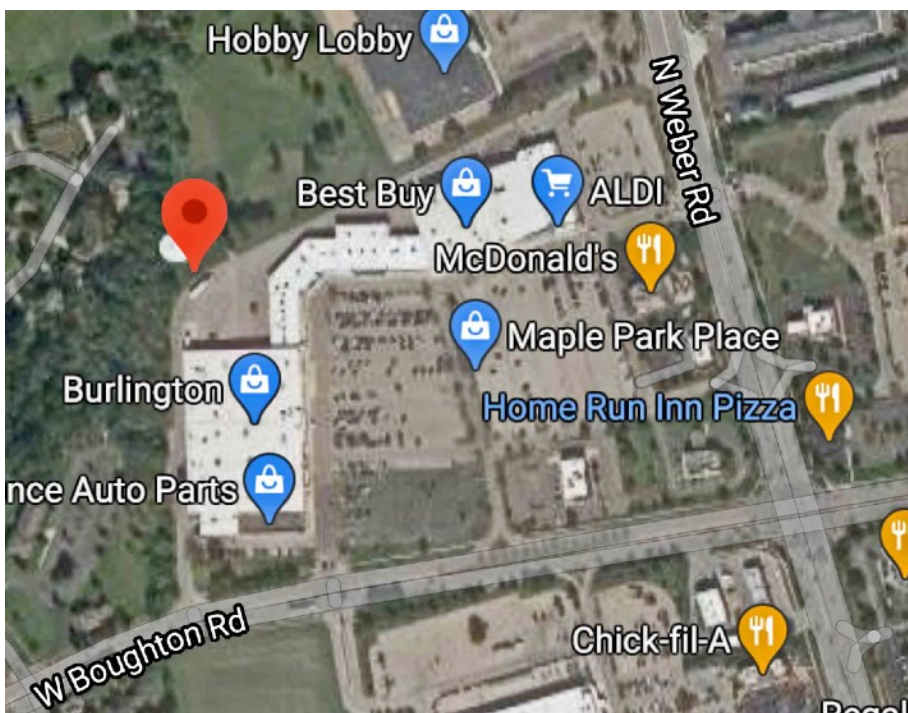


Tony in his hiding spot.



2n Sat 2M Foxhunt - Mar 13, 2021
by Tony AA9CC

I hid at the interchange between 95th St and Harlem, behind a small service building off the south west leaf. using 15 watts and the 2x2 foxhunt array, all except one hunter had a signal. Master Matt was full quieting. AC9VW found me surprising fast at 8:46, followed by K9PW a transmission later. Tom let Dave out of the car to walk in, Pete had to find a place to park. There was a long interval between the next hunter, W9RA gave up at 9:06. I could see Matt and Marty driving back and forth on the cul-de-sac across 95th st. They both reported a level 7 signal



there, see attached picture, over 400 feet away. Apparently the shear panels on the steel box girder rail road bridge and the sign were focusing the signal. I gave out a clue for St Patrick's day, what do Leprechauns have in there lucky bag?... a 4 leaf clover. Matt then looked at the arial view and spotted the service building. Marty walk across the bridge. John showed up a short time after and we met at Culver's on the 9200 block of Harem. WA9FTS went home in the middle of the hunt without telling the fox. Pete is modeling a new 2x3 foxhunt antenna. There was some talk about attending the foxhunt event in South Carolina with 2 meter and 80 hunts.

1. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW 8:46
 2. Pete K9PW 8:50
 3. Marty N9LTE, Bill 9:20
 4. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
 5. John WD9EXW, Janet
- DNF Mike WA9FTS DNF Don W9RA



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Mar 20th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Tom N9CBA & David AC9VW

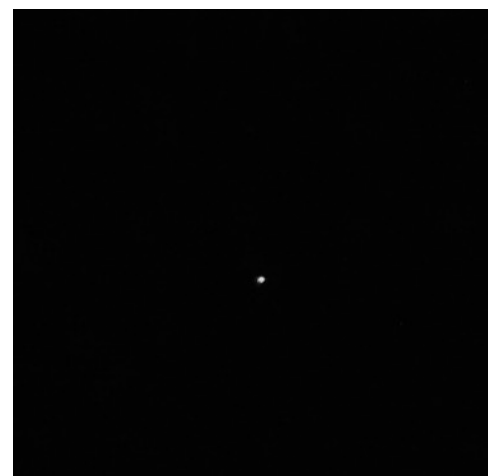
A great weather night with 8 hunt teams. Tom and David got the hunters off a little after 8PM with a good signal to the west. I took 355 to 290 to 390w to Lake St to 59s to Bartlett and into a cluster of companies with parking in front and back. Between transmissions I unknowingly past close to the foxes and drove away. I caught up with Matt's team on a road north of Bartlett and then back to were I came from. Hunters were all around and I followed them into the woods. I forgot my flashlight - back to the Jeep. Again with several hunters as we combed the woods. With lots of water in front of Matt and me, we knew Tom and David were on the other side near the parking lot. John JK and Matt scored just before me. Pete followed a few minutes later to end the hunt. Tony added his route. "My route was 390 to 53 south to 355 south to Ogden to Belmont, went by 2nd sat start point, turned right at light past the train station. Saw WD9EXW on the side waiting. Drove around the parking lots until the next transmission, was on the the side of the building drove around and got out, walked past the Jeep 3 times." All the hunters arrived within a short time - 19 min 1st to 8th.

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:43PM
2. Don W9RA - 8:45PM
3. John WD9EWX, Janet - 8:46PM
4. Marty N9LTE - 8:55PM
5. John K9JK - 8:57PM
6. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:57PM
7. Mike WA9FTS - 8:59PM
8. Pete K9PW - 9:02PM



We looked for the ISS to appear.



ISS appears.

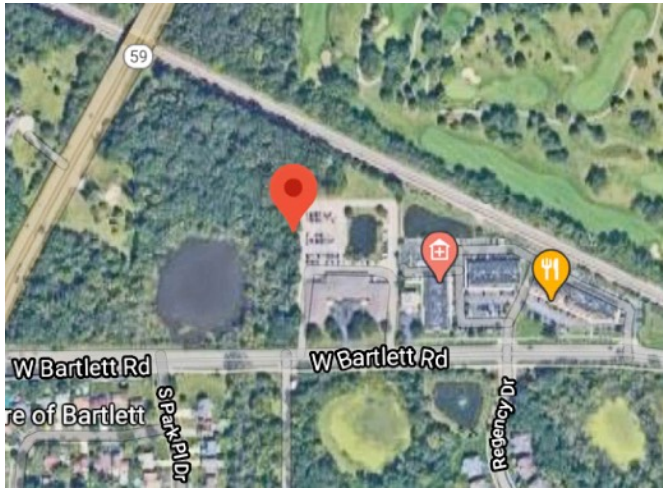


The moon and the ISS



Jacob finds Tom & David



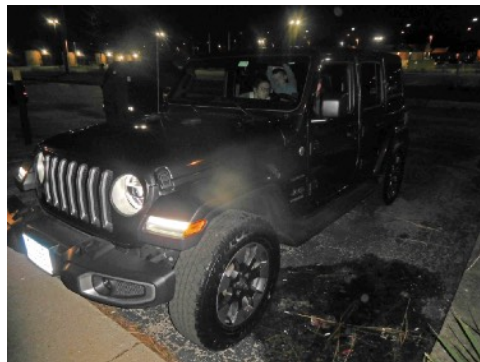


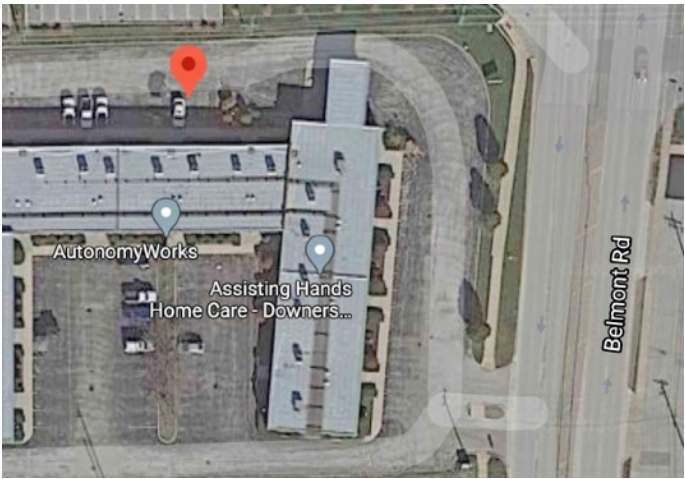
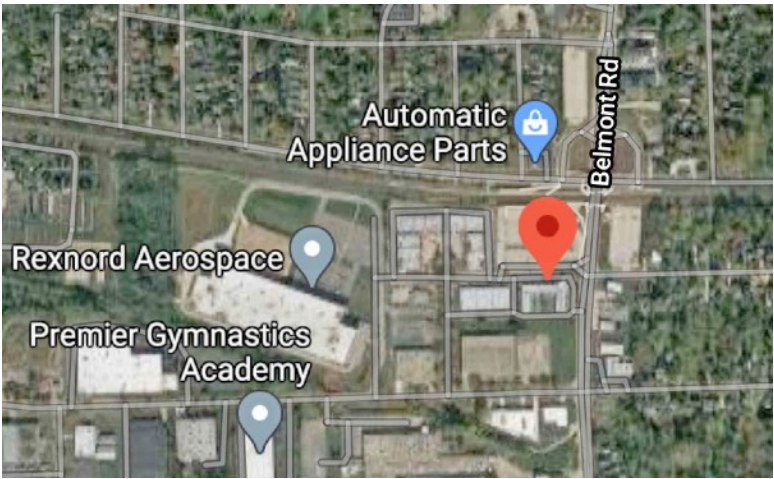
34 2M Foxhunt - Mar 27th, 2021
by Mike WA9FTS

The weather was good again as 8 hunt teams were off to find Matt, Patty and the kids. I did not get any specific info on what the other hunters did. The fox was hiding off Belmont Av and south of Ogden. They were in an industrial area in the parking lot of Assisting Hands Home Care. It was also Jacob's 10th birthday. Happy Birthday, Jacob!

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:41PM
 2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:42PM
 3. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW - 8:54PM
 4. Pete K9PW - 8:55PM
 5. Marty N9LTE - 9:05PM
 6. Mike WA9FTS - 9:14PM
- DNF Joh K9JK, Don W9RA





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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 WA9FTS Next hunt - May 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	3/3	1
N9LTE	1	2
AA9CC	4	1
WD9EXW	1	4
N9CBA	1	
AC9VW		2
N9CBA/AC9VW	2/2	
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.

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