

# Chicagoland Foxhunters Report

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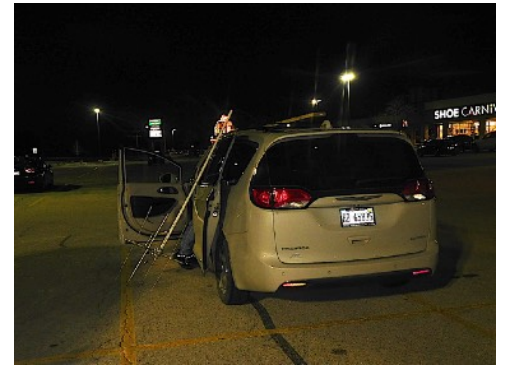
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with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

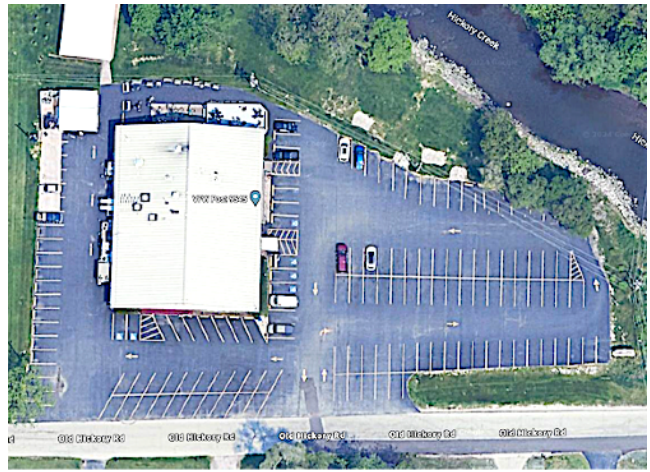


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Mar 2nd, 2024 by Mike WA9FTS Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS

The fox could not be heard and it took about 16 min to fix it. The four hunters got off on 355 but some got off and took side roads in the direct of south. It took a long time for the signal to increase. We got to New Lenox and drove around - finally to the VFW. Getting out Jacob and Mac found Matt and Patty 2 minutes after Tony secured the win. Shorty Pete arrived for third. Tom got the location of the munch spot which was at the VFW Post 9545. We found out it was Marty N9LTE and Bill's birthday and we were their guest for the evening. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC
  2. John WD9EXW, Janet, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS
  3. Pete K9PW
- DNF Tom N9CBA





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Mar 9th, 2024 - by Tom N9CBA

Tom N9CBA, got a bit mixed up, and showed up at the starting point. Tony claimed the win, having found the fox. Nope. The fox drove off, and decided to head west via I 88. Got off at Rt 59 north, and then went west some more. Time was limited, having been exhausted during the long drive, so after hitting a no-trespassing sign, turned around, and found a spot.

Having the rack on the car, and having recently gotten a cable that allowed switching to connecting the mobile transceiver to the hunt beam, the fox rotated the antenna to horizontal. When tipped up and in position, the yagi, about 8 ft up, pointed toward the starting point.

The fox kept the transmissions on time and on frequency, although there were comments about the modulation being low.

1. Tony AA9CC 8:35 , so he did win after all.
  2. John WD9EXW and Janet 8:41
  3. Tim KC9YFI and Michelle KD9DJT 8:54
  4. Pete K9PW
- dnf, Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS

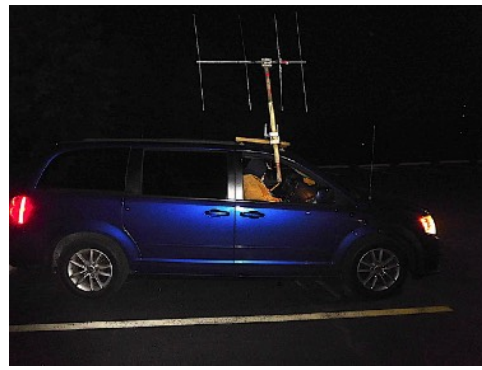
The Matt and team had had a really long hard night and day, and were very fatigued.

Everybody had reflections, but Tony overcame those remarkably well.

Pete and Tony jumped the fox's car battery, which for an unknown reason, would not start the car after the hunt. Thanks!! Under consideration.

Fox location was 41.80411, -88.23375  
Munch was at Red Robin, 3 miles east of the fox. 28260 Diehl Rd, Warrenville, IL 60555 It was nice.





CFMC Sat 2M Foxhunt - Mar 16th, 2024 - by John WD9EXW with Janet & Mike WA9FTS

I had the restaurant Marino's in mind, because we hadn't been there in some time. So I went out earlier in the day to scout some possibilities. Settled on a spot at the end of Bauman Drive, next to Elgin / Ohare tollway.

The area has several one way streets, and is somewhat tricky to get around.

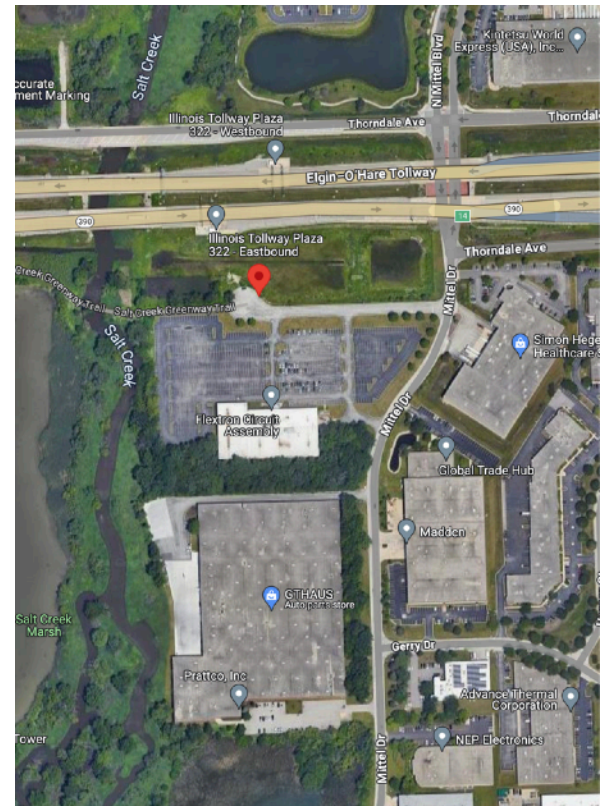
The day was sunny and pleasant in the afternoon, but was windy and cooler by sundown. Was air temp about 45. I was thinking outside the car.

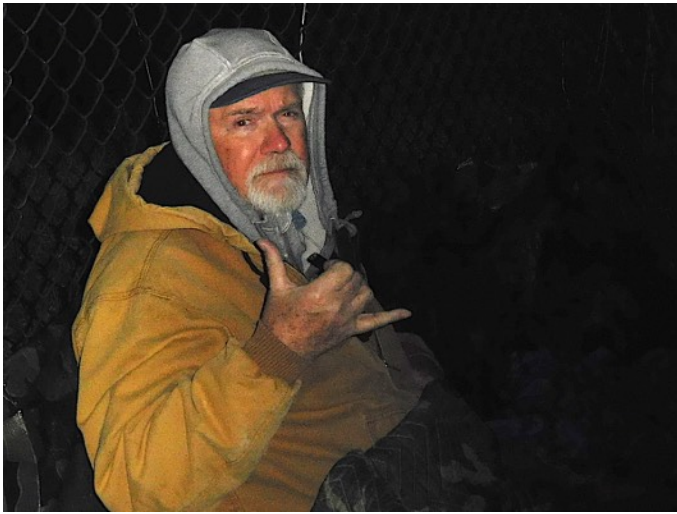
We were only 4 miles away. Yaesu mobile running 10 watts to a vertical Larsen 5/8 at about 8', mounted to a fence post.

Hunt started on time with 5 teams. I thought everyone came on surface streets, and hunted fairly efficiently, we saw the first hunter arrive in the area quickly.

Pete arrived first, passed us to the dead end, and waited. Next transmission, he turned straight towards us, blinding us with headlights for the score.

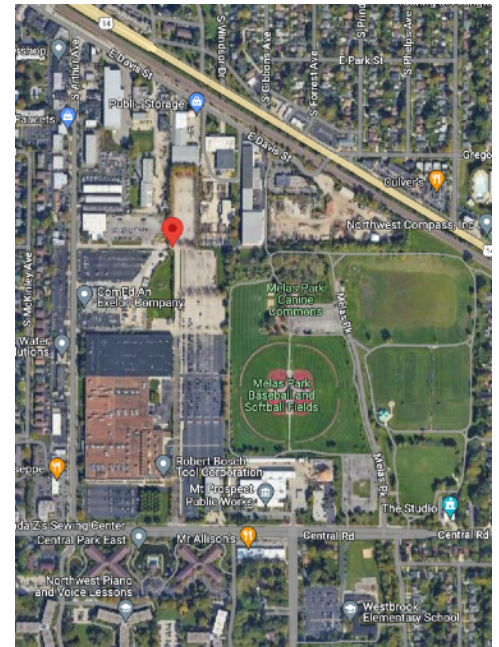
- #1 - K9PW Pete @ 8:18      #2 - AA9CC Tony @ 8:19
- #3 - N9CBA Tom @ 8:20
- #4 - KC9SEM and family, with Jacob on the beam @ 8:25
- #5 - KC9YFI Tim and Michelle @ 8:32





## 34 2M Foxhunt - Mar 23rd, 2024 by TimKC9YFI

The night started as Michelle, Autumn and I drove to a pre picked spot in Arlington Heights. When we got there, I had second thoughts so we drove around the area but ultimately ended up back in the original location. There we found some semis parked in the lot so we pulled the car in behind them for maximum coverage and waited. The hunt was started at 20:01 and the hounds released. I was running 5w into the 1/4 wave on the roof with extra coax to try to attenuate my signal a bit. Tony was the first hunter in the lot at 20:24 and scored on the following transmission. Matt, Patty and family came about 7 minutes later. Then a photo finish for 3rd as Pete and John raced to car with Pete edging out by a few seconds. Munch was at Culver's about 3 minutes away on Northwest Highway.



1. Tony AA9CC- 20:26
  2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty and Family - 20:33
  3. Pete K9PW- 20:44
  4. John WD9EXW, Janet- 20:44:10
  5. Tom N9CBA with Mike WA9FTS 20:58
- Don W9RA - DNF

Foxes den : 42.0718835,  
-87.9635449

5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Mar 30th, 2024

by Tom N9CBA

Fox N9CBA was at 42.049307948549256, -88.09564336474885 transmitting on the 5 watt setting on the input for CFAR.

Nice evening for an outdoor hide. Antenna was a vertical 4 ele tape measure beam about 4 ft up, but on a hill. The antenna was pointed roughly at the starting point. All of the hunters heard. The antenna boom was supported by evergreen tree branches.

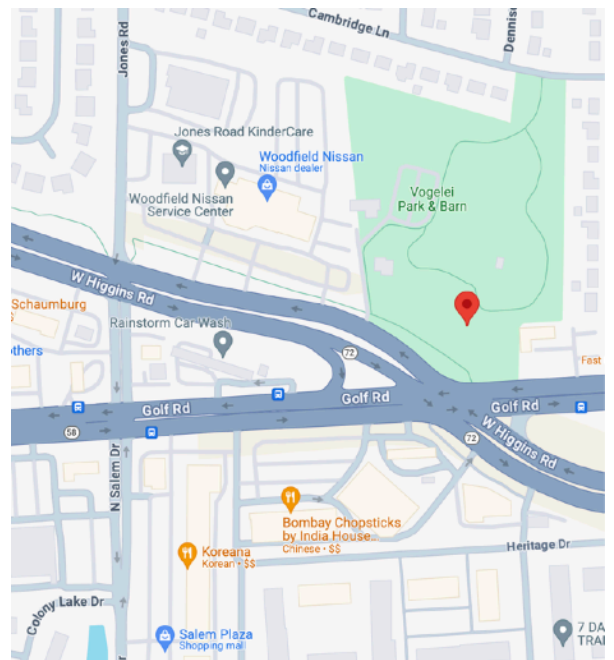
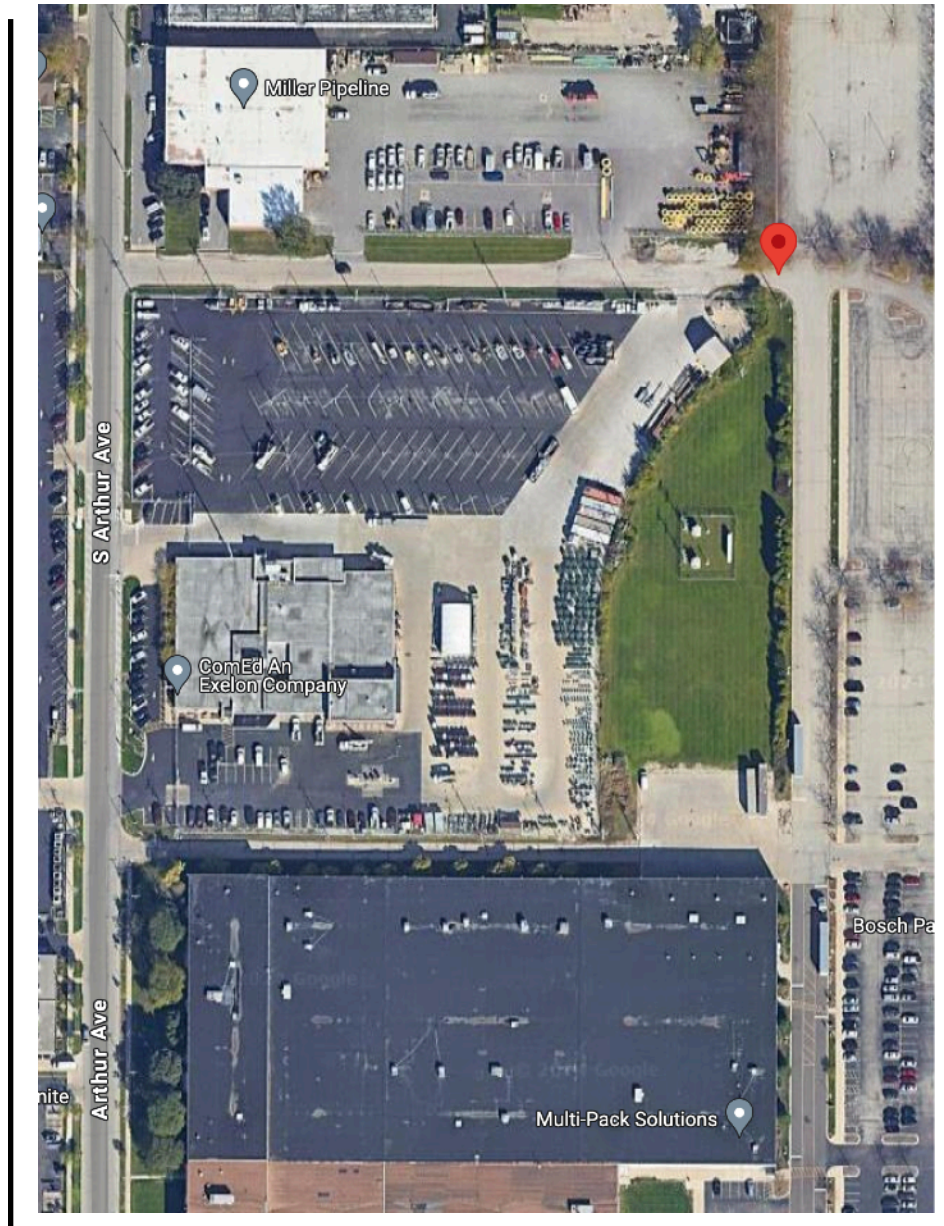
Starting point was Centennial Park in Addison -- our usual 3rd Saturday starting point.

The hunters all went north on I 355 and overshot to the north. So they spent their time working their way back south.

Pete was the only one to park in the nearest parking lot.

Munch at nearby Arby's. ; 522 W Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60195

- 1 Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU 8:50
2. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:52
3. Pete K9PW 8:55
4. Don W9RA



	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 Pete K9PW Next hunt - Apr 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	3/3/3/3/1	2/2/2/2/1
N9LTE, Bill		1/0
WD9EXW, Janet, KD9VLE, KD9VVU, WA9FTS	2	4,3,1,1,1
N9CBA	2	1
N0MO		
W9RA	1	
K9PW	1	2
AA9CC	3	3
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	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.

