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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.

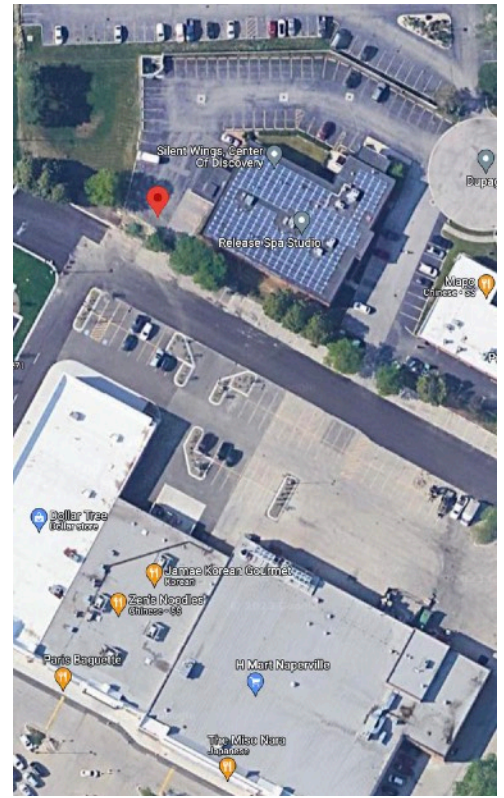
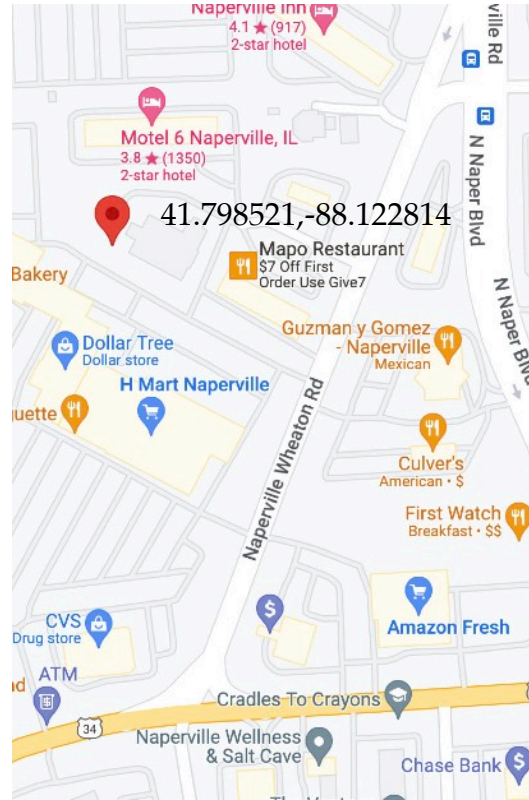


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Apr 1st, 2023 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Matt KC9SEM

Since Mac was sick, Matt was the only one to go out as the fox. I joined him as we headed to Naperville. We found a parking area around several large buildings but in the open. The weather was in the upper 30s and somewhat windy but much better than the night before. Five hunters were released at 8:04. Matt thought the first hunter should arrive about 8:40. That was close as Tony drove up for the win at 8:36. Matt asked Tony where we should meet and Tony picked Buona Beef which was very close. Five minutes later John and Janet drove up for 2nd. Another 6 min later Pete walked in from another direction for 3rd. Don said he was not close by and gave up going to the munch. Tom showed up in about the same location Pete was and walked in the end the hunt. We all met at Buono Beef. Results:

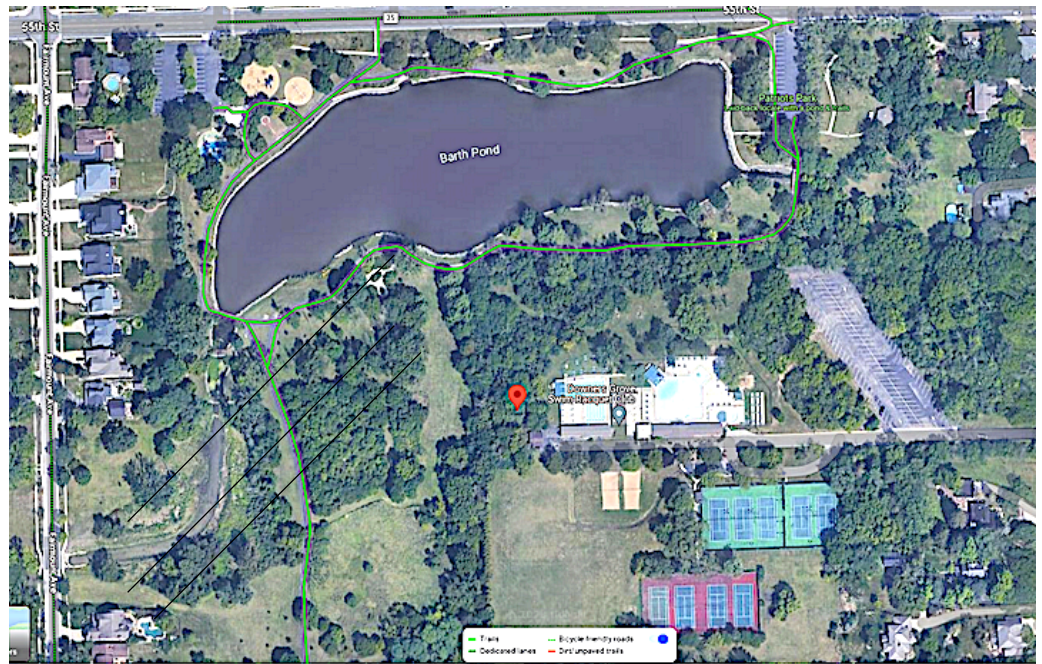
1. Tony AA9CC - 8:36
 2. John WD9EXW, Jnet - 8:41
 3. Pete K9PW - 8:47
 4. Tom N9CBA - 9:10
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:53





2nd Saturday 2M fox hunt report by Tony AA9CC April 8th, 2023

I hid here, 41.785766 -87.998443, 2.5 miles east south east of the start point. On the other side of Barth pond behind a fence in back of the pool on a side of a hill there is a old discarded set of fiberglass diving board stairs. I figured I could hide underneath and the fiberglass would be transparent to radio waves, the hunters would be in the area on the 2nd transmission. I used the HT at 1 watt. All heard a signal at the start point, but all the hunters went past and couldn't hear the signal on the other side of the hill. KC9SEM and team parked down on the road that terminated 100 feet from me and after searching the area, "He's got to be right here". Matt proceeded to pull the stairway away. I was trying to hold it back. Other hunters found me after that except Don who gave up 50 feet away on the other side of the fence. I didn't know that the fence ended 200 feet south. Hunt ended around 9:15.



1 Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU

2 Pete K9PW

3 John WB9EXW, Janet

4 Tom N9CBA

DNF Don W9RA

Munch was moved from Papa Pazzario Pizza to Culvers on Plainfield.

Tony

AA9CC

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CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Apr 15th, 2023 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Tony AA9CC

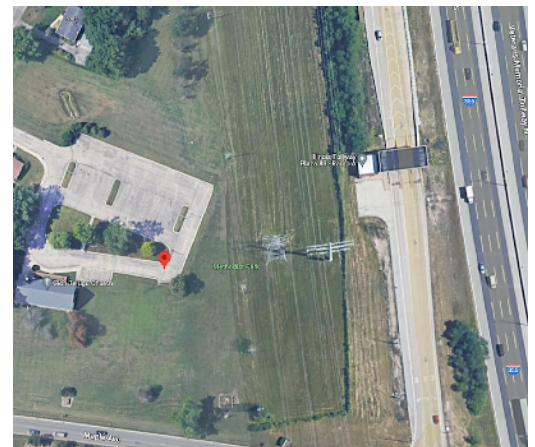
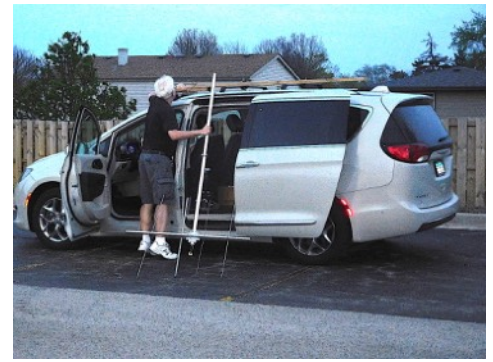
Charlie KD9DIM paid us visit before the hunt and updated us on his experiences in New Zealand. Tony got the 7 hunters off at 8:05 with a good signal too the south and slightly west.

Riding with John and Janet we chose 355 south to Maple.

Between transmissions we went north on Westview & east on Hichcock - someone was right behind us as Tony transmitted - to our right and strong. It took several minutes for the car to go past us. We drove back and to a parking lot by a church (Zion Teluga). That is when we spotted Tim and Tony's red VW. Tim won with us 2nd. Matt and Patty drove up for 3rd. Tony did not have a restaurant picked out but shortly we found out there was a small place off Maple west of Lincoln - El Burrito Mexicano.

Results:

1. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT, Landon, Autumn
 2. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS
 3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU
 4. Marty N9LTE, Bill
 5. Tom N9CBA
 6. Pete K9PW
- DNF Don W9RA



Tony AA9CC 60+ USA ARDF 2M Champ

Congrats to Tony on winning gold in the men's 60+ 2 meter Classic event at the USA ARDF Championships! He beat the second place finisher by 15 minutes. He now qualifies to go to Europe for the world championships.

Day 4 results (2m for Tony & me):

<https://backwoodsok.org/ardf-usa-championship-2023-classic-day-2-results>

Day 3 results (2m for kids & Tom, 80m for PW & CC):

<https://backwoodsok.org/ardf-usa-championship-2023-classic-80m-and-2m-results>

Day 2 Fox'o results:

<https://backwoodsok.org/ardf-usa-championship-2023-fox-o-results>

Day 1: Sprint results:

<https://backwoodsok.org/ardf-usa-championship-2023-sprint-results>

5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Apr 29th, 2023 by Pete K9PW and John K9JK

The fifth Saturday hunt was a multi-fox event set by K9PW with the assistance of K9JK. The starting location and munch were at Pilot Pete's in Schaumburg. The transmitters were located less than two miles away in Olde Salem and Atcher Parks in Schaumburg. These parks have been used in the past. Six teams participated & were instructed to drive up to Fox 1 which was K9JK in his car, parked on Hartmann Dr. There, each hunter was given a list of frequencies of the remaining four transmitters. The hunters needed to find all transmitters & return to K9JK to finish.

Transmitter information:

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Fox	QTH	Camo	LAT-LONG	Radio	Freq	Pwr (W)	Antenna	Pol	TX/RX sec
1	Hartmann Dr	Car	42.00760N 88.12592W	K9JK FT991	146.340	5	Magmount	V	30/90
2	Creekside Woods	Tarp	42.01012N 88.12601W	K9PW FT857 Rptr	147.555	3	1/4 wave	V	30/90
3	Creekside Gas ROW	Pop Bottle	42.00924N 88.12511W	K9JK Baof Rptr	146.400	1	Duckie	V	30/90
4	Creekside Marsh	5 gal bucket	42.01142N 88.12452W	K9PW 705	146.565	0.3	Duckie	V	15/15
5	Picnic Table	Cardboard Box	42.01166N 88.12625W	Oscillator	147.405	0.005	1/4 wave	V	60/0

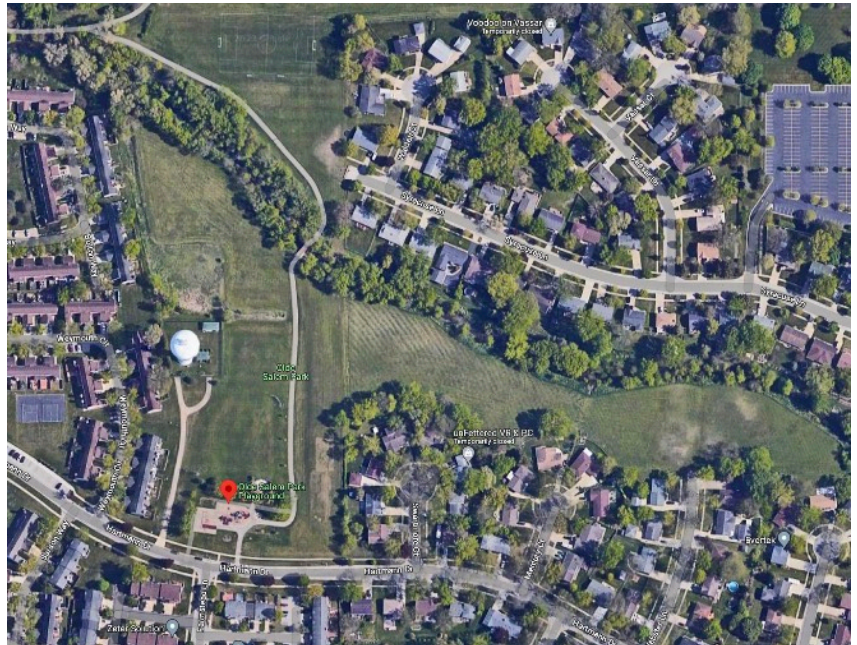
Hounds were released at 8:04pm. Most found K9JK (Fox 1) quickly. But that did not determine the final standing. Younger (and faster) legs prevailed. Optimum, on foot route (dry) was 0.85 miles. The event ended in about one hour.



RESULTS:

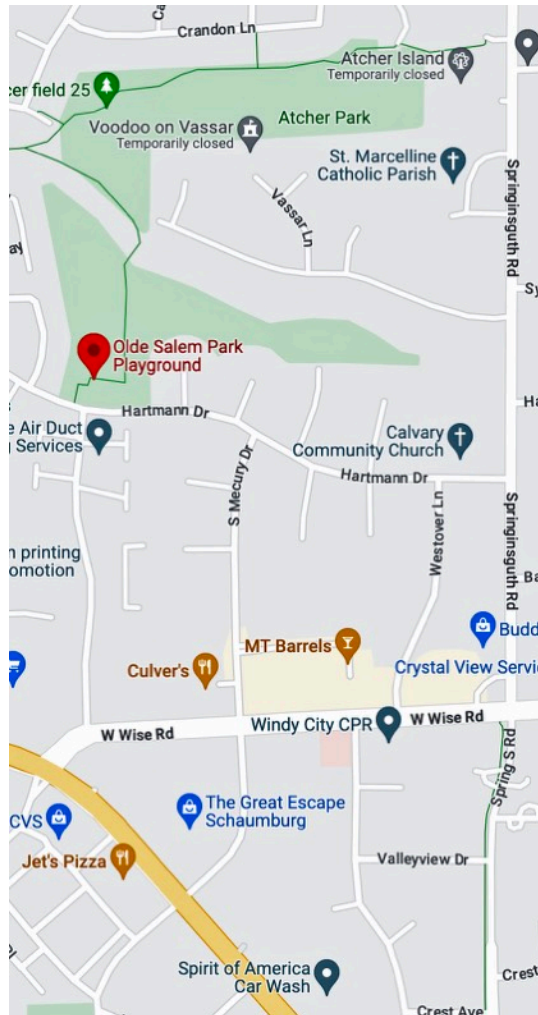
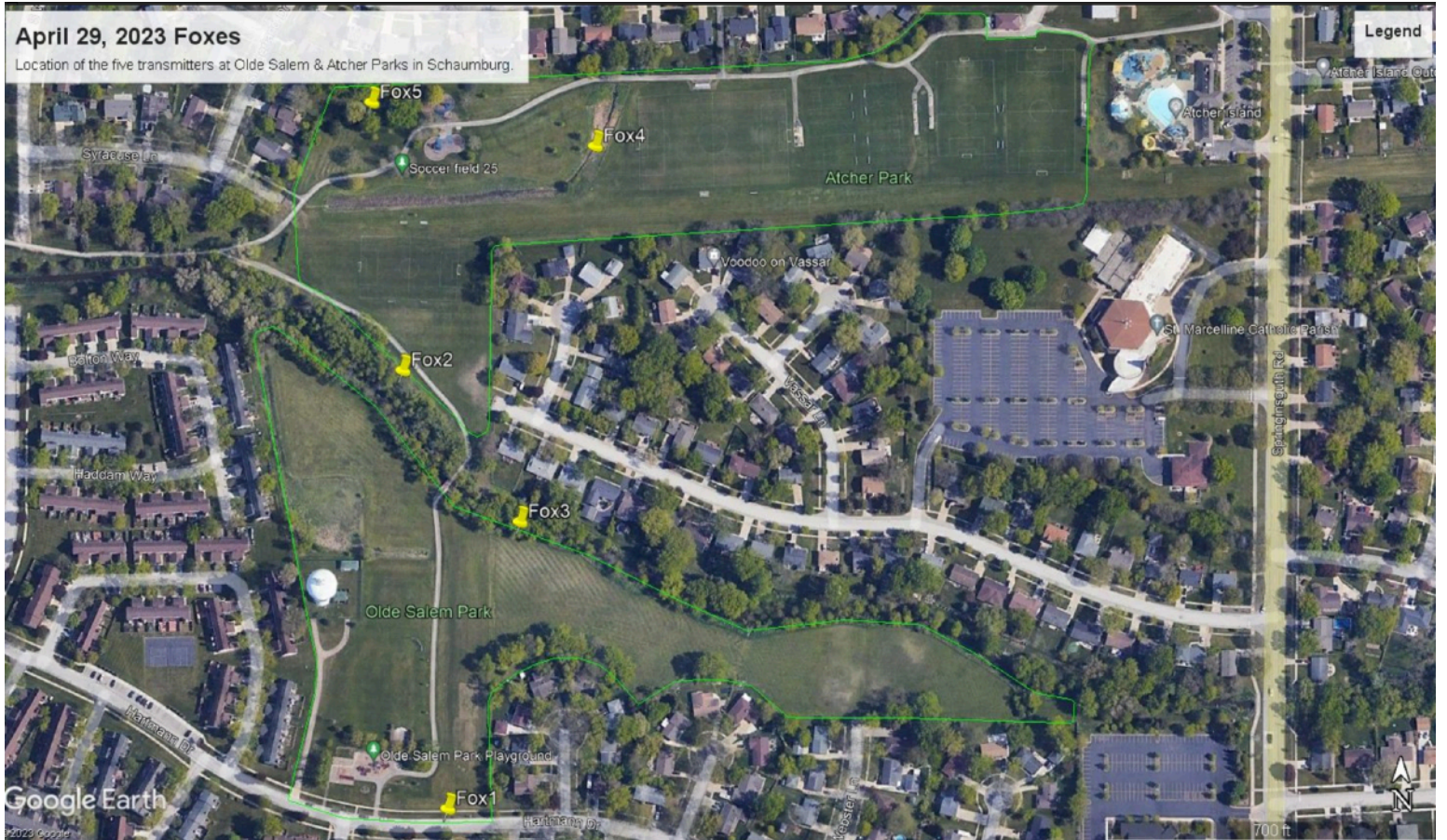
Team	at Fox 1	Finish
KC9SEM, KD9VLF, WA9FTS	3rd - 8:30:30	1
KC9YFI, N0MO	4th	2
WD9EWS, Janet	1st - 8:11	3
AA9CC	6th - 8:18	4
W9RA	5th	5
N9CBA	2nd - 8:13	6

We also celebrated John's birthday after the hunt.



April 29, 2023 Foxes

Location of the five transmitters at Olde Salem & Atcher Parks in Schaumburg.



	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 - Jul 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	4/4/4/2	1/0/1/1/1
N9LTE, Bill	2/1	3/1
WD9EXW, Janet , WA9FTS	1,1	6/1
N9CBA	1	1
N0MO	1	
K9PW	1	1
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	2/2	1/1
W9RA		2
AA9CC	3	
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.

