

# 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 -

Apr 7th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

Don W9RA gave the 4 hunt teams a good signal to the NW of the starting point. Most of the hunters headed north on 83. Matt's team then selected 290 to Lake St. to Bartels to Central and then on Turnberry. Matt spotted Don's truck on a parking lot and we were off on foot. Wrong direction as we headed across Turnberry with Matt seeing the antenna. I saw the back of Don's head as Matt went in for the win. A few minutes later Janet drove by and then John arrived on foot from the north for 2nd. Shortly Pete and John arrived as we left for Pilot Pete's at the Schaumburg airport. Tom found Don a few minutes after Pete to end the hunt. Don was running 2w with his HT to a Ringo up 15 ft in a tree. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
2. John WD9EXW, Janet
3. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
4. Tom N9CBA





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - April 14th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

The weather was not too cold but it was raining and windy; not a nice night out. We decided to make it an easy hunt with the hunters able to drive up to us. We picked a spot west of Gary Rd and south of Schick Rd behind a building. there were 3 hunt teams and the hunt started at 8:07PM. First to arrive was Pete and John for their first win of the year. The winning route was: Finley, Butterfield, 355, North, Gary, Schick to Covington. Eight minutes later John and Janet pulled up for 2nd. Tom arrived 9 minutes later to end the hunt as we headed over to Giordano's. Matt was running 180 w to a vertical on the roof.

Results:

1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:37 PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:45 PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 8:56 PM







We were parked at the red spot in the Ford F-250.



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - April 21st, 2018 by Tom N9CBA, Matt KC9SEM & John K9JK

I missed the hunt as I was on vacation in FL. Tom N9CBA and Matt KC9SEM gave me the results at the Friday night munch. I also got further info from John K9JK after the 34 hunt. The following is info from John K9JK

I did some further analysis - shortest drive route distance (via I-355 & I-88) would have been to exit Naperville Rd., Freedom Dr. S to Diehl Rd and over to Mill St., south to where the fox was, 18.3 miles. Shortest distance via the Winfield Rd. exit would have been 19.6 miles. My GPS route says we travelled 22.4 miles. There was at least one shorter drive distance route but it was not on freeways so probably would have hurt time.

We were less than 1/4 mile away at 2034, about 20.4 miles driven, when we were on Eagle St. by the east entrance to Mill Street Park. Pete considered getting out of the van and walking in from there which probably would have gotten to the fox at least five minutes sooner.

I show our find time as 2043 and I think John and Janet got there about a minute or two later. I didn't check the clock when Don got there and we were gone before Tom finally found Matt and the gang.

This was sent by Pete on Apr 30th.

Matt & team provided a good signal at the starting point. All four hunters heard the fox towards the southwest. Hunters were released promptly at 8:04pm. Most hunters decided south on I-355 was the route to try. Pete (with John) and Tom made last second decisions to go west on I-88. John/Janet had traveled faster and were past the I-88 exit on the third transmission.

Tom & Pete's team continued west on I-88 to the Winfield exit. From there, headings were south or southeast. The two groups went different directions after going south on Mill. Tom continued south Mill driving past the fox. Pete & John turned east too early going on Bauer. Then a lot of turns to eventually finish first. Tony (AA9CC) hunted unofficially, starting at home. The fox was hiding in Patty's car in a small office complex using 200W to a 5/8 vertical on the roof. The hunters went to Braconi's in Naperville for some excellent pizza & other foods.

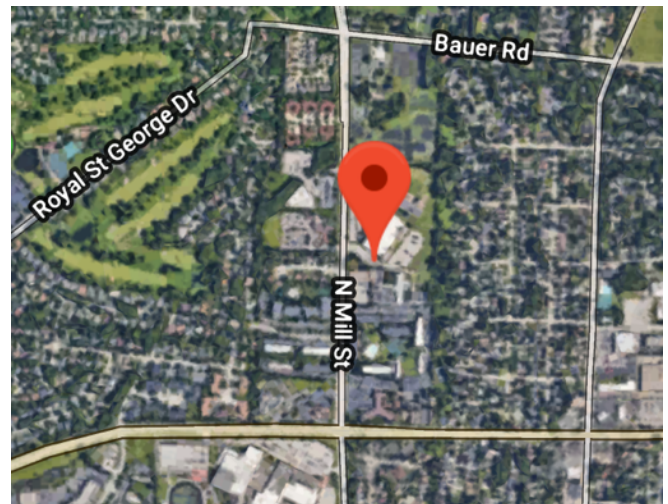
Fox: Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac N41.78927 W88.15367

1st: Pete K9PW, John K9JK 8:45pm

2nd: John WD9EXW, Janet 8:47pm

3rd: Don W9RA 8:50pm

4th: Tom N9CBA



34 2M Foxhunt - April 28th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

The weather got cold again in the lower 40s. We had a small group show up to find Matt's team

with Tom N9CBA and John K9JK showing up hunting alone. Where was Pete? At the munch we would find out. The two hunters were released at 8:05PM. Since we were off a street that was hard the get to and just south of I88, it would take at least 30 min for anyone to get close to us. We were close as Tom drove in off Middleton Av to find us for the win. Tom took 355 to Ogden to Yackley and a south reading west on 88 and into Middleton Av and behind the Tate-Woods Elementary School to find us. John, hunting alone, did not do so well as he was around I-355 and Odgen. He gave up just before 9PM. We headed to Jason's Deli a few miles west. We found out John was only using his portable gear getting out to take readings. Pete a few days ago went to the hospital to get gaul stones removed and was in no condition to hunt; maybe he will be healthy for next week.

Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 8:35 PM
2. DNF John K9JK - 9:00PM





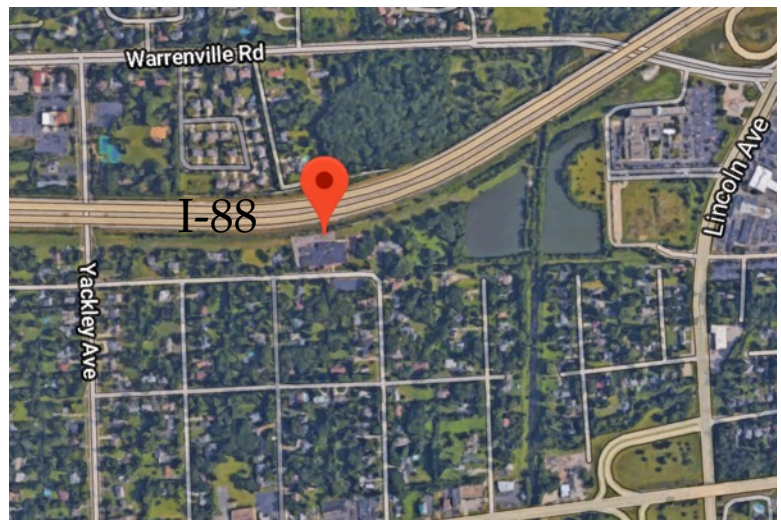
Jacob an Mac had fun before the hunt .



We parked behind the school facing I-88.



Tom finds us.





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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 KC9SEM Next hunt - Jun 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	4/4	3/3
N9LTE	1	1
AA9CC	3	0/0
W9RA	2	1
WA9FTS	5	3
WD9EXW. Janet	3	5
K9PW/K9JK	2/2	3/3
N9CBA	1	2

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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