

# 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.



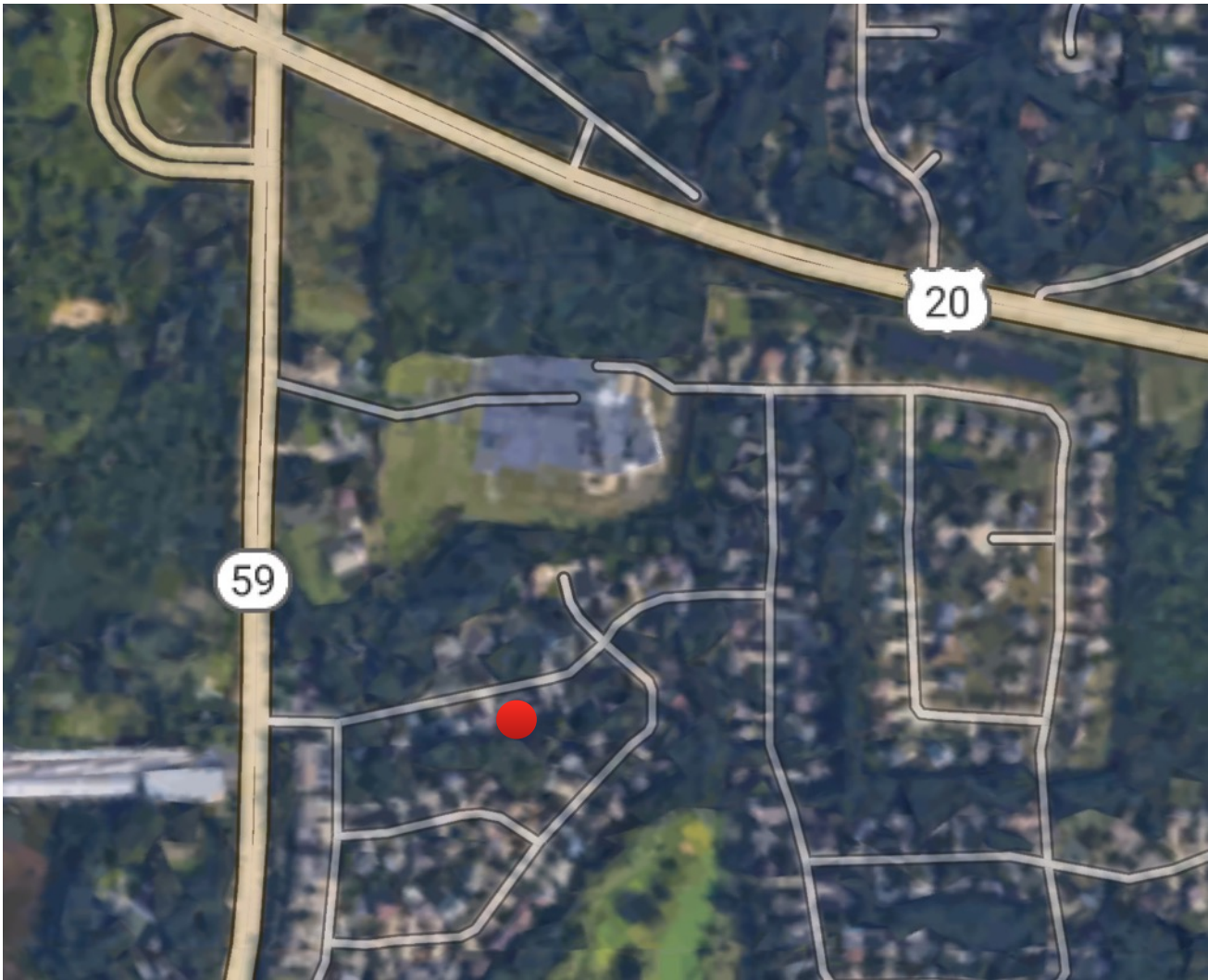
## CFAR 2M Foxhunt -

May 5th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS & Mike WA9FTS

Spring finally was here as the temp was in the 70s. No wind a a very blue sky - perfect!. Matt and Patty picked the home of Matt's cousin in Bartlett. We set up the radio on the back patio running about 160w to a J-Pole secured to a nearby tree up about 15 ft. The homeowners, Bill and cousin Chris joined us on the patio. With 4 hunt teams, the hunt started at 8:06PM. Jacob and Mac played with Bill & Chris' two kids in the back yard during the hunt with glow sticks when it got dark. First to arrive by spotting the bullseye was Tom who came around for the win. He took Thorndale to 390 to Lake and west past 59 to Naperville Rd and back to 59 and onto Bayside Dr - good move! It was quite a while since the last hunt but Kevin had his kids help get in the area and find us about 6 minutes later for 2nd. Pete, recovering from his gall bladder ordeal, and John K9JK had some problems in the area and it took about 30 min after Kevin to capture 3rd. John WD9EXW and Janet ended the hunt several minutes later. Salad and pizza was served to the tired hunters. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 8:53 PM
2. Kevin N9JPG, Mason, Sonya, Abbey KD9BLP, Faith - 8:59PM
3. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
4. John WD9EXW, Janet









Matt, Patty & I set up the station at the red dot & the J-Pole was at the yellow dot.

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 12th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Pete K9PW

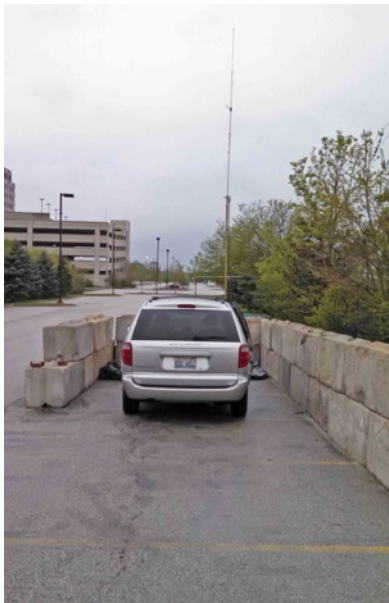
I got the rack and antenna out and put it on the Jeep. It has been a while since I hunted alone. We had 5 hunt teams out on a night that the weather people said it would rain. We got lucky and the rain held off for the most part until after midnight. Pete started the hunters off at 8:07 PM with a signal almost straight north. Tony, John and I took 355 to 390 and then north on Meecham Rd. I followed Tony into the WoodField Mall west area. Tony got out and I did also even though I thought the signal was too weak. We both got exercise running around the buildings. We saw John and Janet driving around at this time. Finally Tony and I ran across Golf Rd and I spotted some picnic benches and stayed there too long. I finally headed north to see John cross my path and to the east saw Pete's Caravan. I could not catch John as he found Pete for 2nd. Tony was there about a minute earlier for the win. About 4 minutes later Tom drove up for 4th. Don gave up as we decided on Jason's Deli which was very close to the



west. Pete was using 50W to a Ringo Ranger up 15ft.  
Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:47 PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:48 PM
3. Mike WA9FTS - 8:49 PM
4. Tom N9CBA - 8:53 PM

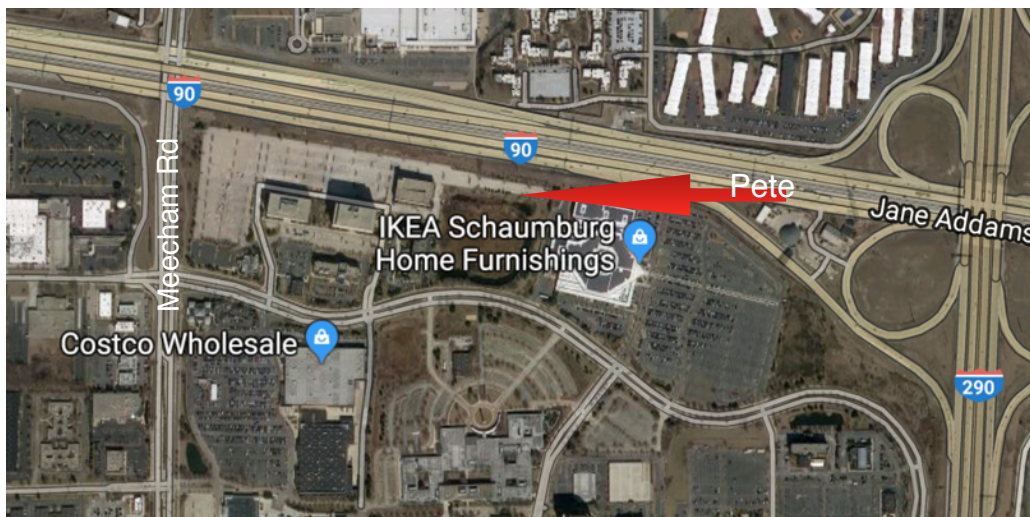
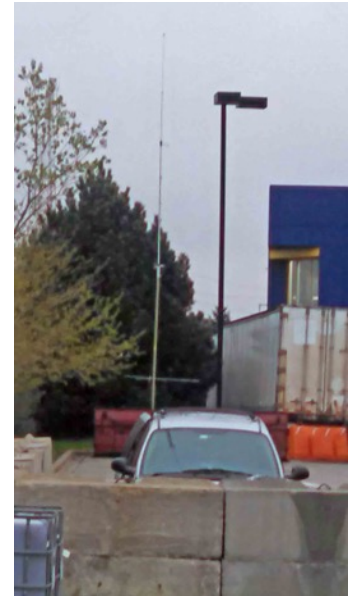
DNF Don W9RA



Pete was well hidden in his van to the left. The hunters arrived from the other direction.

This is what the hunters saw from a distance and when they got up close.

Both photos were taken by Pete before the hunt when it was light out.







## Dayton Foxhunt Seminar & Transmitter Hunt Competition - May 19th, 2018

Rain was a common event on Friday and Saturday. The Chicago hunters attended the Foxhunt Seminar on Saturday. Tom N9CBA was part of the discussion attended by hams from around the country. The competition was held just down the road from the Greene County Fairgrounds. Thirty two low-powered transmitters were placed in the park. Two were inside logs and a few were inside artificial flowers along side real flower bouquets. The hunt was to start at 5PM and last 60 min but a weather warning shortened it to 30 min. The weather report was correct as it started to rain shortly after 5:30 PM. All the transmitters were recovered. Matt KC9SEM was declared the winner with 14 finds.





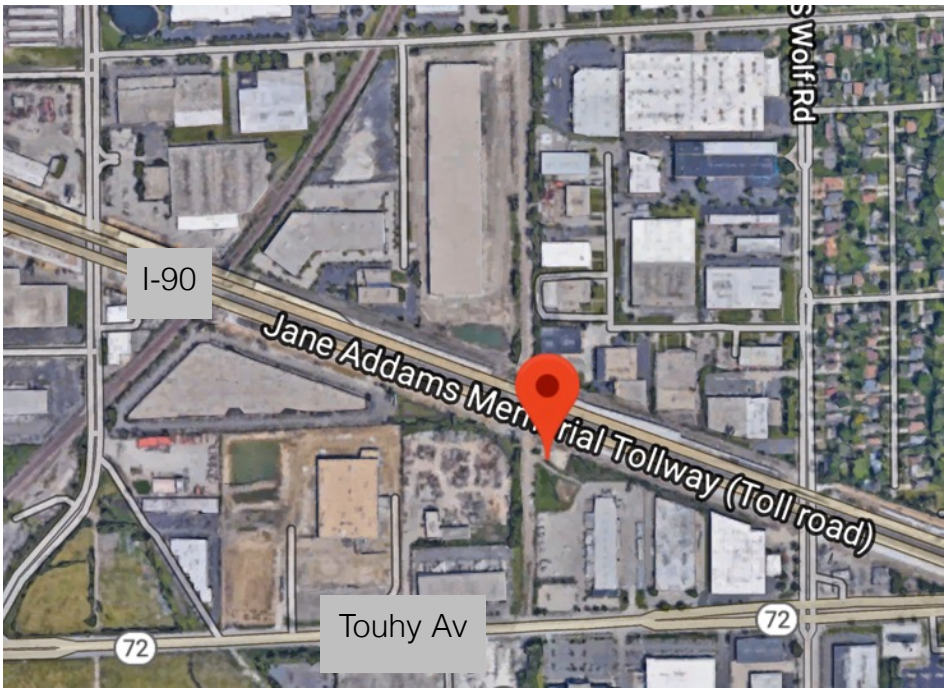
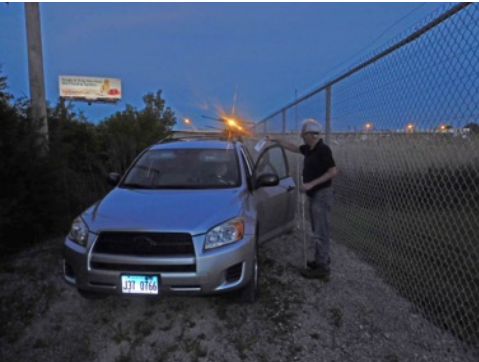


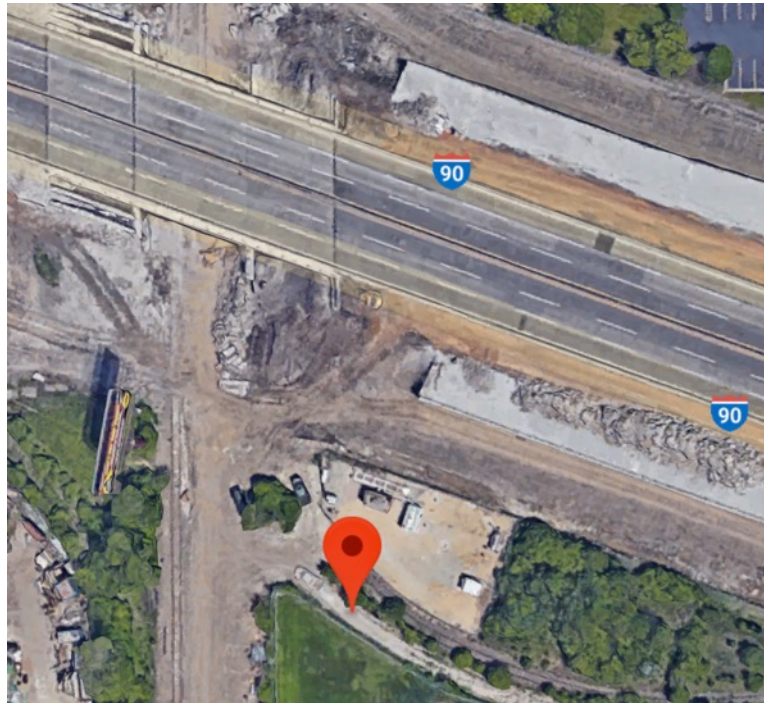
## 34 2M Foxhunt - May 26th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

Summer arrived - temps into the low 90s. Five hunt teams arrived with the goal to find Tom N9CBA. Charlie KB9DIM showed up with his new Jeep along with his daughter Alexis N9VRA and friend Phil from Scotland. They also brought their dog Ninja with them. Tom got the hunters off at 8:08 PM with a strong signal to the SE. Matt and several other hunters avoided 390 and the toll to get to Rt 83 and head north. It was agreed that we take Oakton east. We spotted Pete K9PW & John K9JK as we circled around in an industrial area south of Oakton and north of Touhy. Matt and I got out on foot near an abandoned RR tracks and headed east and south under I-90. Matt appeared with a piece of paper in his hand - he found Tom. Pete was running that way and it was a good chance to take a picture of him scoring as he found Tom. With the picture taken, Patty, Jacob and Mac appeared and I took a picture of Jacob getting a Rubik's cube from Tom. Tom also has one for Mac. As we headed back to the F-250, we found a frog and took a picture of it sitting on an old section of RR track. Barnaby's on Touhy was the restaurant of choice of Tom. We have been there many times in the past. Tom was running 10W to a tape measure beam. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK    3. John WD9EXW, Janet    4. Charlie KB9DIM, Alexis N9VRA, Phil
- DNF Don W9RA







Tom was in his car at the red balloon.





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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	5/5	3/3
N9LTE	1	1
AA9CC	4	0/0
W9RA	2	1
WA9FTS	6	3
WD9EXW. Janet	3	6
K9PW/K9JK	2/2	4/4
N9CBA	2	2
N9JPG	0	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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