

# 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.

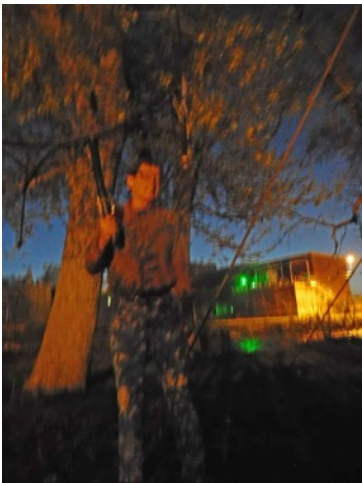


## CFAR 2M Foxhunt - May 4th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

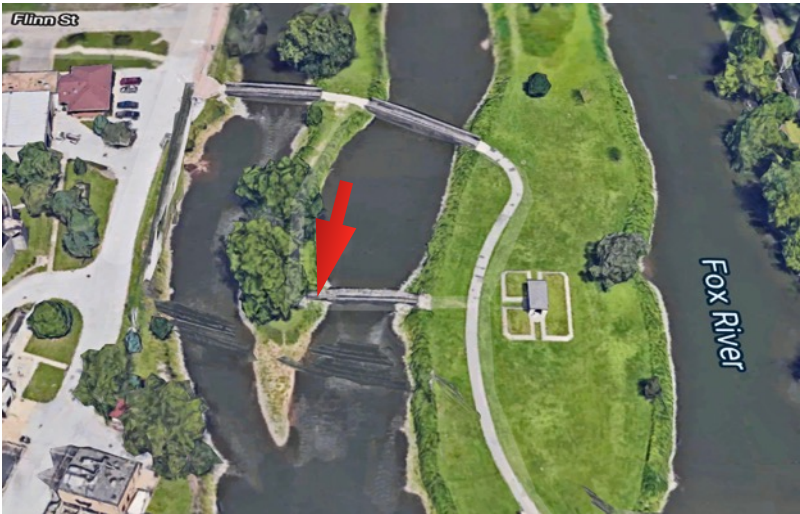
The weather was great. No rain and it was warm and sunny before the hunt. We drove out to the Fox River and found an island in the middle of the river. Access was by bridges - what could be easier? We were in Batavia and the main road to us was off Wilson St. Four hunt teams were released at 8:02 PM and we thought it would take about an hour to find us. Matt KC9SEM, Jacob and I hid at the south end of a small island west of the larger one. Patty and Mac drove th Ford F250 away so it was not spotted easily. Four bridges could be taken and one connecting the two islands was walled off by metal bars. We chose the west end of this bridge and put down a tarp to sit on. Geese were all around us and some were trying to swim in fast-moving water. Jacob found two geese with small babies close by under the bridge. During the hunt the geese left their nest and entered the water. It proved too rough for them and they got back on land about 20 ft from us. At 8:42 we spotted Tony drive by to the NW. Shortly he ran over the bridge and found us for the win at 8:53. Ten min later Pete K9PW walked up for 2nd. Jacob saw his grandpa John on the other side of the river and then saw Tom. Tom must have seen our antenna and called out his call. He was about 100 ft away. Shortly John arrived for third. It took another 10 min and Tom arrived to end the hunt. We were running 150W to a 3 el yagi up about 25 ft. We chose Pal Joey which was at Randall Rd and Main. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:53 PM
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 9:03 PM
3. John WD9EXW, Janet - 9:12 PM
4. Tom N9CBA - 9:22 PM





Tony walks up for the win.



We hid at the arrow.



The bridge was closed at both ends.

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - May11th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

I noticed a drive along Mannheim Rd just south of the 294 overpass and thought it would be a tricky spot to hide. The hunters would be coming from Downers Grove heading north. They might overpass on Mannheim Rd and then have to turn around and go south to Belmont Av. I clamped my J-Pole to a chain-link fence. Power level was 50W. Four hunt teams heard me and were released at 8:06PM. I thought it would take at least 30 min to get in the area. Shortly after this I saw John running from the residential area. He got to me at 8:46 for the win. His path was a good one - 355 N to North E to 83 N to Grand and E to Mannheim and into the residential area where he got out on foot. About 8 min later, Tom drove up for 2nd. Another 8 min saw Don drive up to find me. It took another 19 min with Pete appearing and that ended the hunt. We met at Portillo's on Lawrence Ave a block west of Harlem Ave. John K9JK also joined us after the hunt. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:46 PM
2. Tom N9CBA - 8:54 PM
3. Don W9RA - 9:02 PM
4. Pete K9PW - 9:21 PM



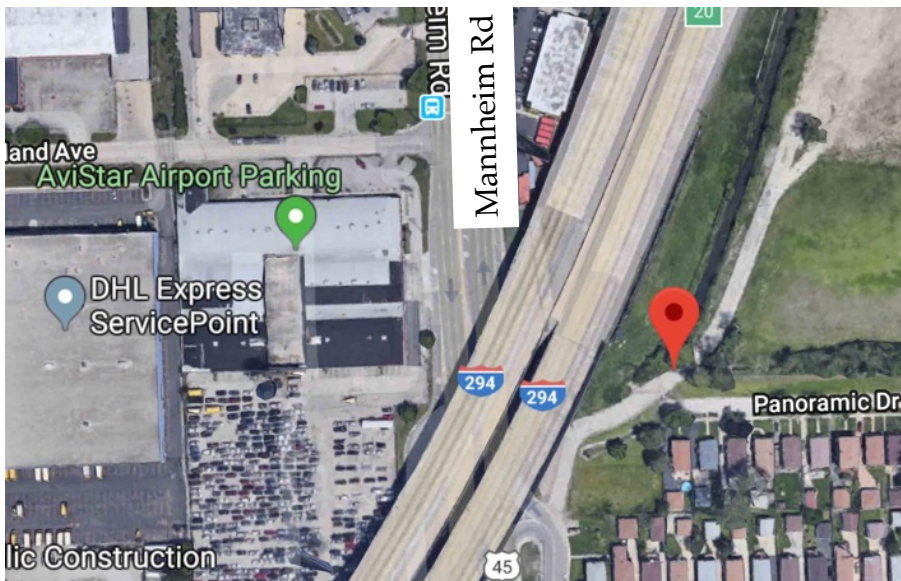
John for the win

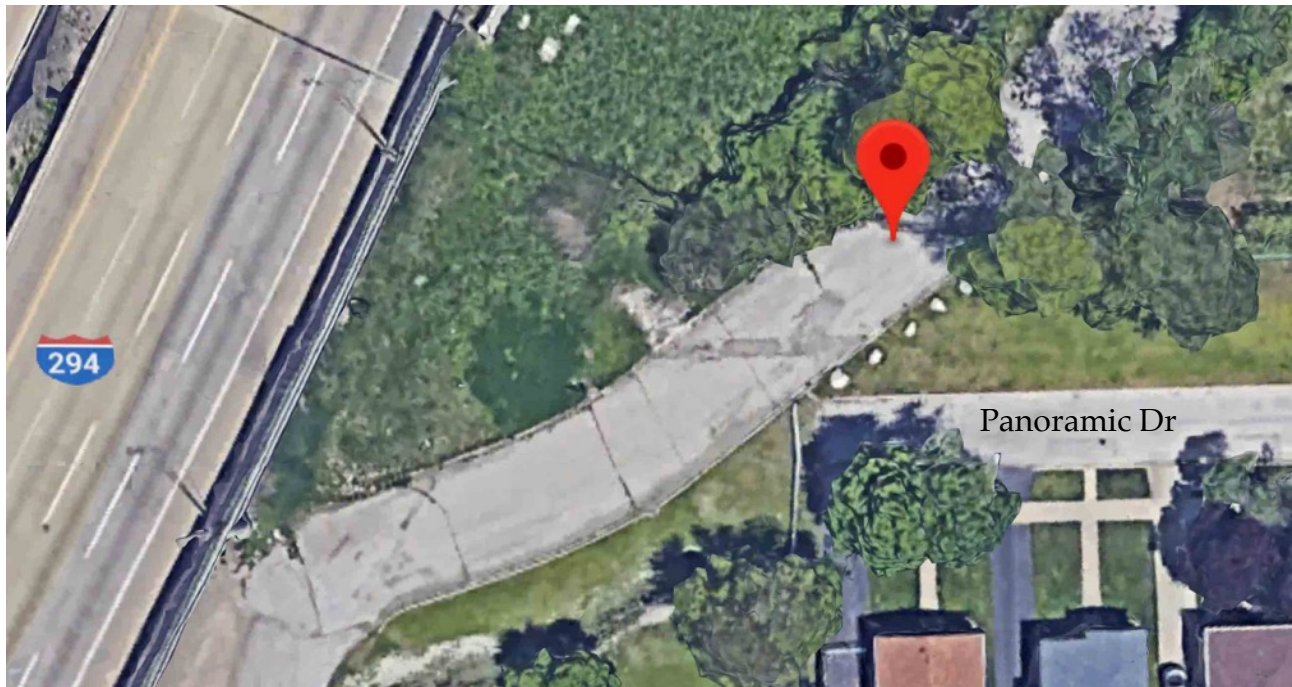


Tom gets 2nd



Don for 3rd





I was hiding at the red balloon next to a chain-link fence.

## CFMC 2M Foxhunt

The 3rd St foxhunt was rescheduled for June 15. As usual we had a foxhunt competition at the Green County Fairgrounds in Xenia OH. The weather was great this year in spite of warnings of rain. It was dry and warm - in the mid 80s. Dick WB9SUV and his crew hid 37 low power transmitters around the park. The hunters had 60 minutes to find as many transmitters or different frequencies and note the alphanumeric designations for each. Matt KC9SEM found 19 and was declared the winner. Pictures of all the hunters was taken but not sent so far. I will contact Dick and see if they can be sent so they can be included in the report.



Matt KC9SEM declared the overall winner with 19 finds. Mac joins her father for the award.

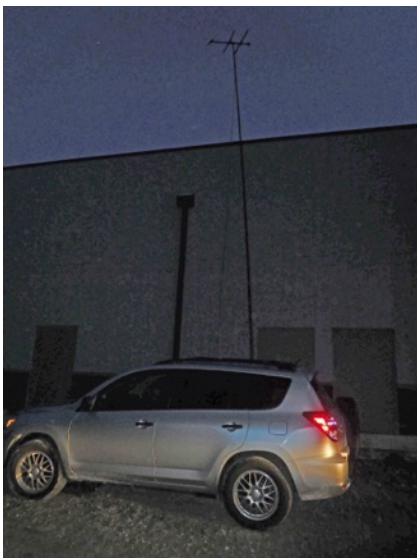


Tom N9CBA joins Jacob and Mac. Blow is the cover of CQ May 2019 issue showing Jacob and Mac hunting.

34 2M Foxhunt - May 25th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

The temp was in the mid 60s but rain could appear later after midnight. Charlie KB9DIM showed up to see the gang but had to leave due to a previous engagement. It was great to catch up with him again. We also were surprised to see Marty N9LTE and Bill show up to hunt. Tom got the 4 hunt teams off with a good signal to the NW. Most of the hunters took 390 west. Matt chose Gary Av and went south. John and Janet were ahead us with Marty and Bill behind us. We took Schick Rd west to 59 and south to Army Trail Rd. Ws Tom behind the Starbucks? No, but he was close. John and Janet again drove past us as Marty and Bill were close by. We tried the new construction (The Galleria of Bartlett) to the east of the Starbucks and found Tom behind the building in his car for the win. Marty was on foot and secured 2nd. A minute later John and Janet drove in for 3rd. Later Pete and John found Tom with Don ending the hunt looking for food. We went to Pietanza's across the street. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS,  
Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
2. Marty N9PLS, Bill
3. John WD9EXW, Janet
4. Pete K9PW, John K9JK  
DNF Don W9RA

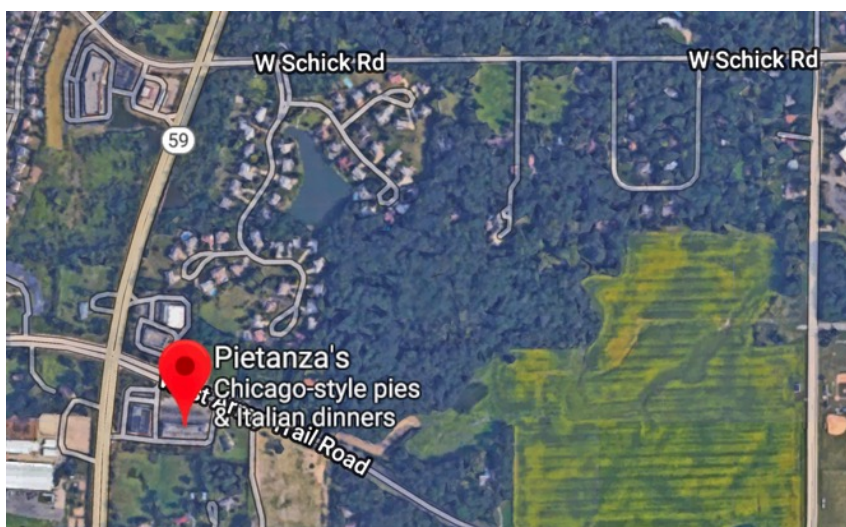


Hiding Spot

41.946854, -88.206008

Munch at Pietanza's, 1087  
Army Trail Rd, Bartlett, IL  
60103

41.945837, -88.206691



This is where the Galleria of Bartlett is being constructed just east of the Starbucks.

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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 N9CBA Next hunt - Mar 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	5/5/5	7/7/6
K9PW/K9JK	3/3	4/4
AA9CC	1	0
W9RA	1	2
WD9EXW, Janet	5	3
N9CBA	3	2
N9LTE/Bill	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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