

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 2nd, 2020 - by Mike WA9FTS

I decided to join Tom N9CBA in hiding but at a safe distance. Tom found a place in N Riverside. It was north of 26th St off Veteran Dr. Tom hid his car next to a large dumpster. I sat next to the dumpster and Tom got the 5 hunt teams off at 8:04PM. Three of the teams heard Tom with some going up to North Ave. Tom guessed the first place team would arrive around 8:52 and I guessed 8:40-45. At about 8:30 Matt's team drove by and on the next transmission they scored at 8:34. Their rout was North e to 294 s to 290 e to Mannheim s to Roosevelt e to Harlem s to 26th and in for the win. Seventeen minutes later Charlie KB9DIM arrived for 2nd. Eight minutes later Pete arrive. John WD9EXW earlier gave up. At 9:05, hunting with only a mobile DF unit, David AC9VW also quit. The three hunt teams that finished stayed around and chatted for a while. Tom ran 5w to a 1/4 wave vertical on his car's roof. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:34PM
2. Charlie KB9DIM - 8:51PM
3. Pete K9PW - 8:59PM

DNF John WD9EXW, Janet and David AC9VW

Pete took the two pix before the start of the hunt



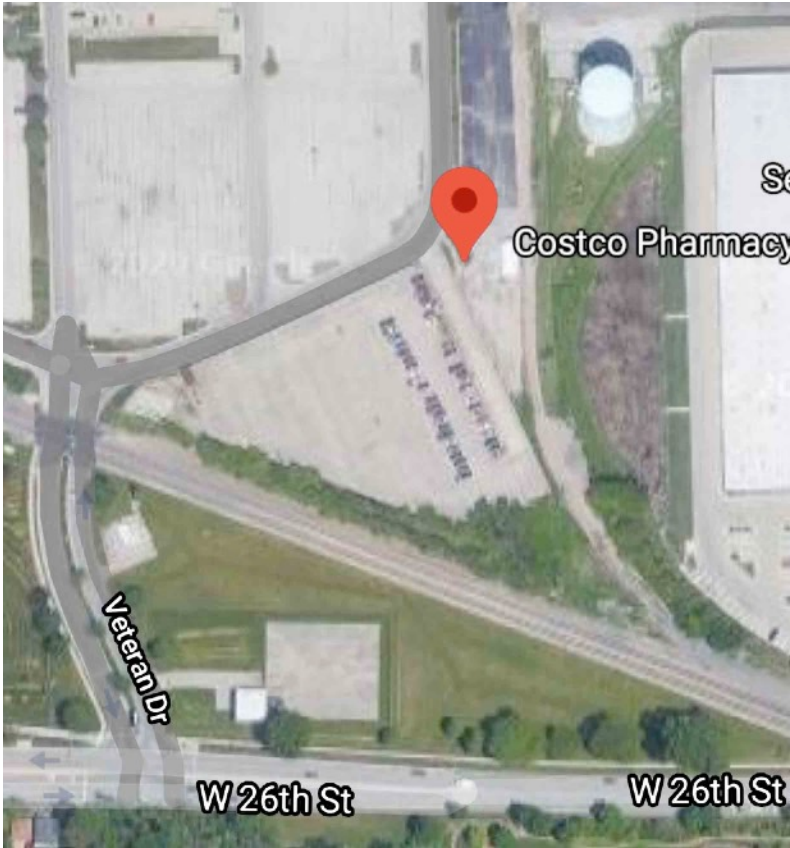


The tower did not create a problem for the hunters.



The hunters had some time to converse after the hunt.

Matt
took this
one.



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2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 9th,
2020 by Mike WA9FTS

The fox was John WD9EXW. I met John and Janet near the Chicago Premier Outlet off I-88 and between Farnsworth and Eola. John picked a road north of the Outlet. We took Bilter Rd and the south dead end on Parkview Dr. John got his radio and antenna and we headed south to an area that was open with the idea of a road that was never built. The Google map of the hiding spot shows tree that are not there now. The picture was also taken in the fall. I set up behind John out of sight in a comfortable folding chair. John released the hunters at 8:09PM. First to arrive was Matt's team with Jacob and Mac at 8:34. Ten minutes later Don arrived after looking everywhere around us and then came in for 2nd. Tom was 2 minutes later for 3rd. David tried a new beam and rack on his Jeep and learned the hard way with reflections. He finished 50 minutes later to end the hunt. We all went home. Results:

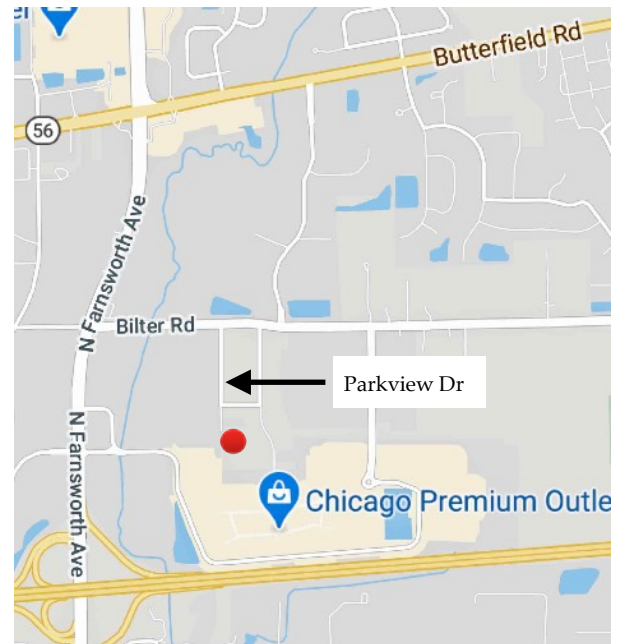
1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:34PM
2. Don W9RA - 8:44PM
3. Tom N9CBA - 8:46PM
4. David AC9VW - 9:34PM



Matt, Jacob & Mac arrive for the win.



John and I were hiding at the red dot off Parkview Dr



David shows his beam on his Jeep to John after the hunt.

The trees are now gone in the center and lower part of the scene. Only small bushes remained. John and I were hiding at the red dot.



CFMC 2M Foxhunt -

May 16th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Another cool May evening with rain forecast for around midnight, 6 hunt teams arrived to find Tony.

I planned to follow Matt and take photos of Tony and the hunters as they showed up. A weak signal came out of the SE. It was a good bet that Tony was a long way off. John and Janet chose 355 south and got off at 127th St. They headed east to Cicero and on to Plattner Dr. They found Tony in his car next to a semi for the win. Tom took a more direct route - 290 to 294 but past Cicero to 147th St. Tom came back on Cicero but John beat him by a minute or two. Matt & Patty took 290 to North Ave east to Harlem and south to 127th. John saw Matt arrive and drive to the end of Plattner Dr and found Tony for 3rd. Several minutes elapsed and Pete arrive for 4th. Shortly word came out from Don and David that they quit. Some of the hunters got food at a local Portillo's and ate outside on the tables. Results:

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

DNF - Don W9RA, David
AC9VW





Tony was in his car next to a semi at the red dot. He was running 35w to a vertical on the roof.

34 2M Foxhunt - May 23rd, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

The weatherman said it was going to rain after 10PM early in the week. Then on Saturday morning the guess was late afternoon. Matt found a spot east of Naperville Rd north of I-88 off Corporate Dr and behind the GFD building. They parked at the back of the parking lot. Now its hunt time and Matt released the 5 hunt teams at 8:05. It started to rain and did so quite hard for 15 minutes. Then it stopped and a blue sky was above us. First to drive in was Tom. Tom took 355 south to Butterfield west to Leask Ln south to Warrenville and in for the win. Five minutes later Janet and John arrived for 2nd. Don gave up just before 9. At 9:01 David pulled up for 3rd. Five minutes later Pete ended the hunt. It was agreed to meet at Jason's Deli. Several of the participants got food and we chatted for a while out on the parking lot. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 8:37PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:42PM
3. David AC9VW - 9:01PM
4. Pete K9PW
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:59PM



Throwing football around before the hunt



Group picture



I stayed as Matt moved the Ford to the back of the parking lot



This is after the 215 minute rain.



Tom scored for the win.



Janet arrives with John.



David drives up in his Jeep

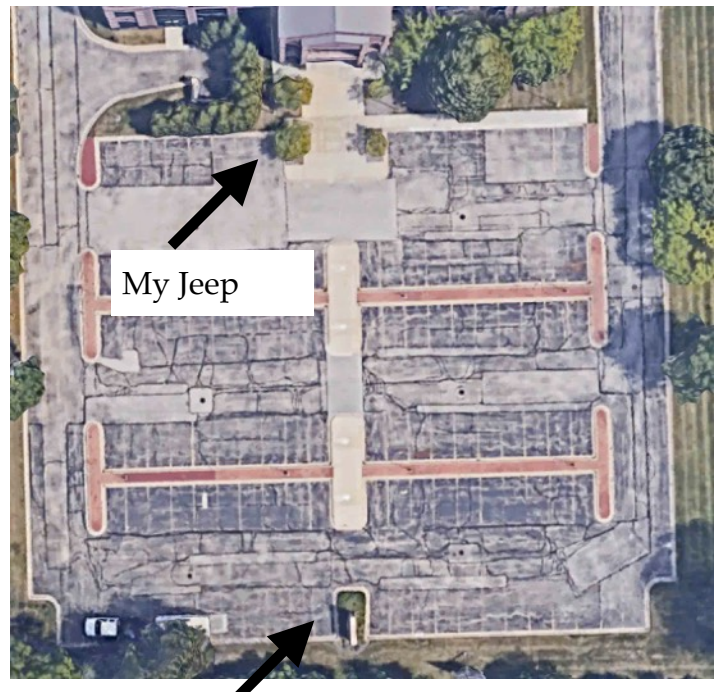
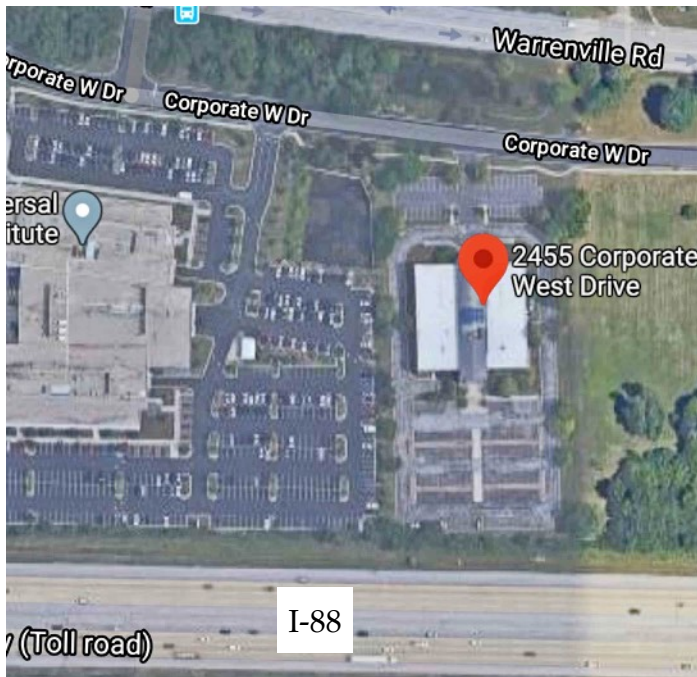


Gathering at Jason's in the parking lot



Patty with Jacob and Mac





Hiding Spot

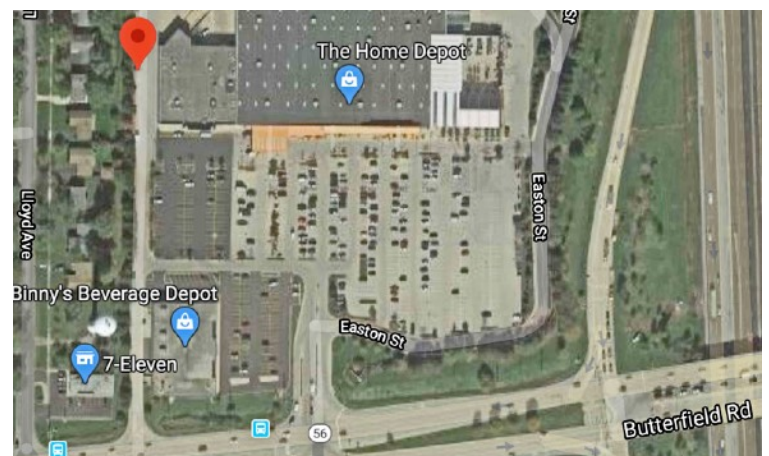
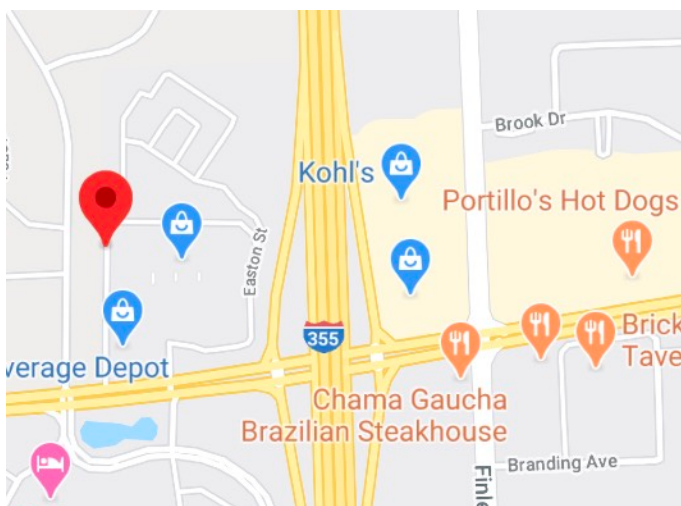
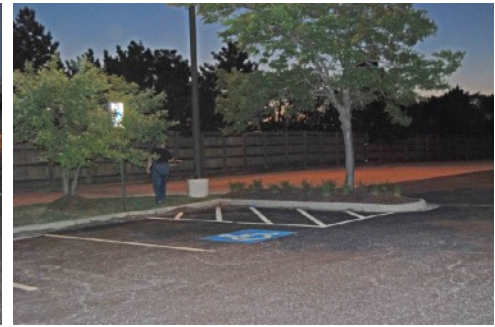
5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 30th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Tony AA9CC set the rules for milage. All the hunters had to set their odometer to 0.0 at the start of the hunt. They also could start anywhere else instead of the 3rd Sat start point. The frequency would be the 2nd Sat (146.565). I wanted to try out my equipment (2yr absence) so I came out with my Jeep and 4 el beam. There were 8 hunters in all which made this the largest group of hunters in a long time. Tony got the hunters off with a good signal to the south. Several of us (SEM, VW and I) took 53 south. I picked a park east of Finley to find out Tony was west of Finley and north of Butterfield. Matt's team was right ahead of me as Tony transmitted and it was clear he was on the west side of the Home Depot. Matt pulled next to a semi trailer and found Tony under it. I got there 30 sec later. We drove out and parked near Tony's car. John and Janet arrived - parked and ran over to find Tony. David did the same. Pete pulled up and ran over to Tony also. A few minutes later Tom arrived and walked over. Marty, driving from home, drove over to find Tony. Don gave up and we headed to Portillo's for munchies. Tony was running 35w to a vertical. Results:

1. Mike WA9FTS - 11.2 miles
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 11.5 miles

3. David AC9VW - 12.0 miles
 4. John WD9EWX, Janet - 13.0 miles
 5. Pete K9PW - 13.4 miles
 6. Tom N9CBA - 18.4 miles
 7. Marty N9LTE - 34.0 miles
- DNF Don W9RA





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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 WA9FTS Next hunt - Aug 29	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	5/5/1	6/6/3
K9PW/K9JK	0/0	0/0
AA9CC	4	2
W9RA	0	1
WD9EXW, Janet	7	2
N9CBA / AC9VW	3/1	5/2
N9LTE	1	2
N9JPG, KC9ZLS, KD9IZB	0	1/1/1
KB9DIM	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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