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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, 1st, 2021
by Mike WA9FTS Fox - Mike
WA9FTS for Tony AA9CC

The weather was like summer with temps around 80F. Four hunt teams started off at 8:06PM. I hid at the shopping Center south and west of Lake St and Fairview Way. The spot picked was at the southwest end of a long row of stores behind Bentley's Pancake House. Only a part of the front of the Jeep could be seen. Twenty seven min into the hunt, Pete drove up for the win. He took North Av e to York to 290 off on Lake St and in behind the stores. Good route. At 8:44 Janet drove up with John getting out to secure 2nd. It was just before 9PM with Jacob running up for 3rd. At 9:20 Tom and David arrived to end the hunt. Portillo's was a few hundred feet away on Lake St. Results:

1. Pete K9PW - 8:33PM
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:44PM
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS,
Jacob, Mac - 8:58PM
4. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW -
9:20PM



Pete K9PW



John WD9EXW & Janet



Matt KC9SEM & Crew



Tom N9CBA & David AC9VW



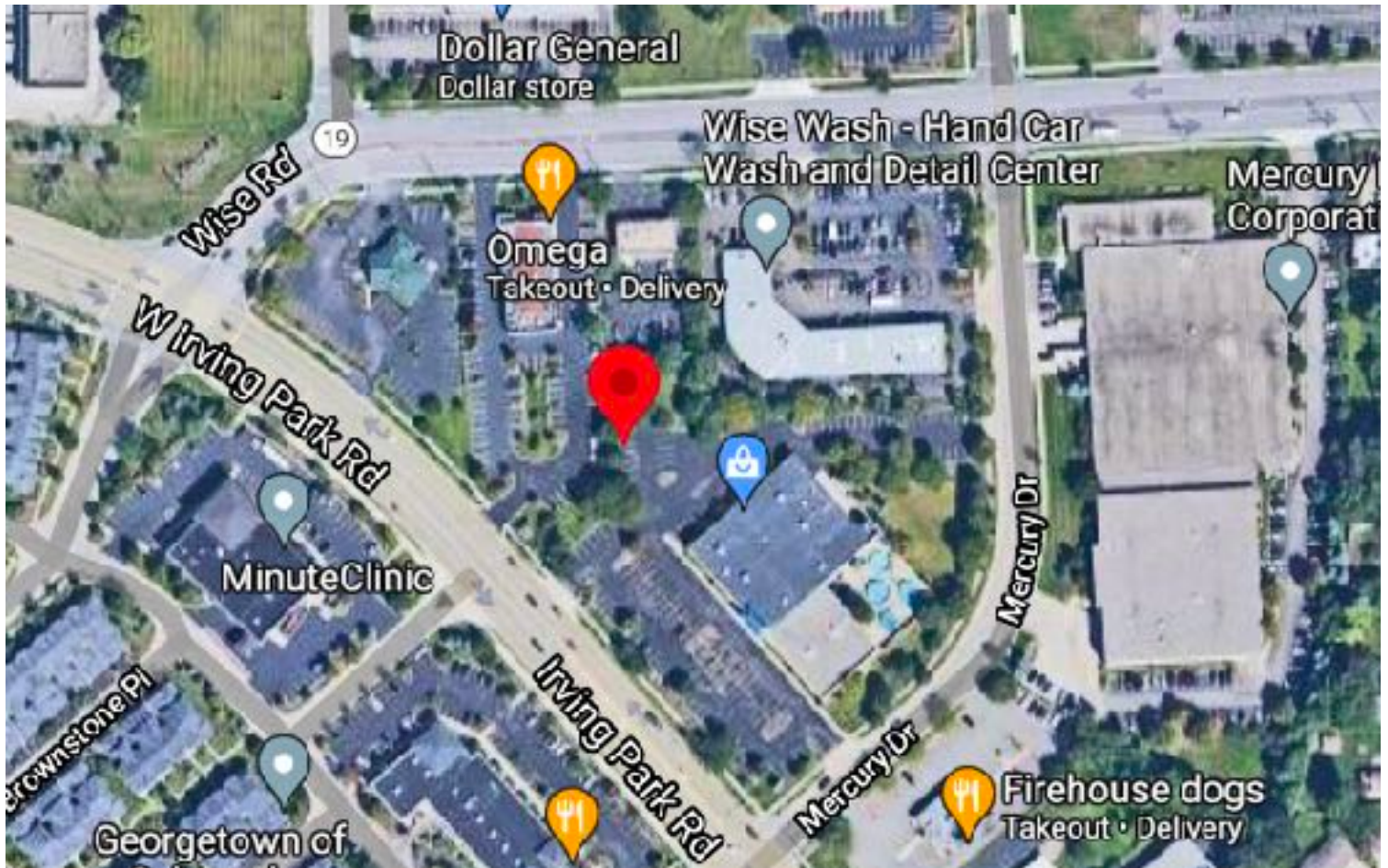


2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 10th, 2021 - Info from N9CBA & KC9SEM(Fox)

Rain was going to happen - mostly in the south. Matt got the hunters off with a weak signal. I got in to the WNW but with the rain increasing I went home. Results of the hunters came from Matt and Tom on Sunday and Monday. Pete won his 2nd hunt in a row 11 min ahead of John EXW. Tom said the gathering was at a local Culver's inside. Results:

1. Pete K9PW - 8:57
 2. John WD9EWX, Janet - 9:08
 3. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 9:09
 4. Tom N9CBA, Dave AC9VW
 4. Don W9RA - 9.24
 5. John K9JK - 9:26
- DNF William KD9KCK
DNF Mike WA9FTS





CFMC 2M Foxhunt - May 15th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Tom N9CBA and David AC9VW

A cool evening with rain not expected brought out 8 hunters to find Tom and David. Most of the hunters took 355 south and got off at North Ave. I went down to Roosevelt Rd. The hunters then had to find south and west roads to near 59 and Eola Rd. John and Janet got to the FedEx Freight and drove away to Fellows. They were so close to Tom and David who were parked in the grass off the parking lot. I got behind Fellows as John and Marty arrived and shortly Matt drove up. My sniffer did not work and I replaced it with another one. In the mean time John was off across the RR tracks and beat Marty for the win. Matt and the kids walked off to the SW and had an easier time than I through heavy brush. They got 3rd by several minutes. Portillo's at Jefferson and 59 was selected as the hunters who finished headed there. Portillo's was very crowded as Matt and I left with Matt trying for The Patio. It was

closed and they tried another place. I gave up. Eventually Don and Pete arrived with the hunt still going on. John K9JK gave up but William kept going to find the fox. After many hints, he was successful with the hunt ending just before 11PM. Tom and David never made it to Portillo's. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:50
 2. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:53
 3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:57
 4. Mike WA9FTS 9:04
 5. Don W9RA - 9:17
 6. Pete K9PW - 9:27
 7. William KD9KCK - 10:57
- DNF John K9JK



34 2M Foxhunt - May 22nd, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - John WD9EXW

A great summer-like day me the 8 hunt teams bent on finding John WD9EXW. It took a few minutes for John to improve his signal strength and the hunters were off. I got a reading to the WSW and so did Matt's team. Early on in the hunt Tony announced that he lost oil and had to limp home. Good luck on getting home - Tony. We took Wood Dale Rd to 390 to Lake St to 59 and south to North Av. We both went west and then discovered John was back to the east. We took Powis Rd south and looked in company parking lots. I investigated the Airport on the west side of Powis. Pete was seen parked waiting for a transmission. His path had to be the same as us. However, he took advantage and stayed till the next reading and went into a parking lot to find John next to a guard rail in the woods for the win. Matt and the kids were off on food and found Grandpa 6 min later for 2nd. Tom and I parked in a parking lot several buildings to the south and were off on foot. I found an opening in a wooden fence and looked for openings been the trees and found John next to the guard rail. Tom arrived a minute later. We then found out that KD9KCK, W9RA and K9JK gave up. We met next to the Culver's in a used car lot. Results:

1. Pete K9PW - 9:00
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob. Mac - 9:06
3. Mike WA9FTS - 9:15
4. Tom N9CBA - 9:16

DNF William KD9KCK, Don W9RA, John K9JK

Car Problem - Tony AA9CC





5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 29th, 2021 - Info from Pete K9PW - Pictures from Mike WA9FTS

Results:

| Team | Fox 1 | Fox 2 | Fox 3 | Fox 4 | Fox 5 | FINISH |
|------------------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Jacob, KC9SEM & Family | 8:12 | Matt: 8:30 | Jacob: 8:22 | Jacob | Jacob | 8:34 |
| AA9CC | 8:13 | Tony: 8:33 | 8:22 | 8:36 | YES | 8:40 |
| W9RA | 8:22 | 8:41 | YES | 8:38 | YES | 8:45 |
| AC9VW+N9CBA | 8:11 | Tom: 8:31 | YES | 8:46 | David | 8:52 |
| WA9FTS | 8:22 | 8:51 | 8:43 | 8:56 | DNF | DNF |

Fox info:

| Fox | QTH | Camo | LAT-LONG | Radio | Freq | Pwr (W) | Antenna | Pol |
|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Parking Lot | Car | 42.0216N 88.1054W | K9JK | 146.340 | 5 | Magmount | V |
| 2 | Creekside | Pop Bottle | 42.01997N 88.10445W | K9JK Baof Rptr | 146.400 | 1.7 | Duckie | V |
| 3 | Pavilion | Under Grill | 42.01868N 88.10535W | AC9VW MF-PC | 146.565 | 0.6 | Duckie | H |
| 4 | Dugout | Lawn Chair | 42.01992N 88.10547W | N9CBA MF-PC | 147.510 | 0.6 | Duckie | V |
| 5 | Field | Weeds | 42.01906N 88.10779W | K9PW FT857 Rptr | 147.555 | 5 | 1/4 wave | V |

Fox 1 transmitted 30 seconds every 2.5 minutes. Foxes 3-5 transmitted 30 seconds after fox 1 finished. Fox 2 was random.



Starting point for the 5th Sat hunt.



A live fox (K9JK) and 4 remote foxes are hidden in Campanelli Park





| | 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 - July 31st | TBD by the fox |

| Hunter | 1st | 2nd |
|---|-----|-----|
| KC9SEM/N9PLS | 4/4 | 3/3 |
| N9LTE | 1 | 4 |
| AA9CC | 5 | 2 |
| WD9EXW | 3 | 6 |
| N9CBA | 1 | |
| AC9VW | | 2 |
| N9CBA/AC9VW | 3/3 | |
| W9RA | | 2 |
| K9PW | 3 | 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.

