

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 7th, 2022 by the Fox Pete K9PW

It was a beautiful evening. At 55F with clear skies and a light breeze, there was no choice but to hide out of the car. Pete (K9PW) used his repeater again as the fox. This time the output power was 15 Watts to a quarter wave vertical antenna which was attached to the repeater's box. The repeater box was under a tarp on the ground next to a fence. The location was a grassy area adjacent to a residential area of Oak Brook, southwest of the I-88 & IL-83 interchange. At only 3.5 miles from the starting point, the fox's signal was heard by 100% of the hunters. Some getting a 1 on their VK sniffer.

Hunters were released at 8:05 PM. Just seven minutes later, at least two hunters were seen driving past the fox, southbound on IL-83. It was exactly halfway between two transmissions, so they didn't realize that they were within 50 yards of the fox. However, Matt spotted the fox's car parked 1000 feet east of IL-83 in Central Park. Obviously, Matt does not need an eye exam!

From the fox's car to the transmitter was a quarter mile walk. And IL-83 can only be crossed using a tunnel for a bike path. This delayed most of the hunters. Five of the six hunting groups eventually found the tunnel. Only Don (W9RA) drove to the correct side of IL-83 & had a very short walk.

Munch for the second week in a row was at Jason's Deli.

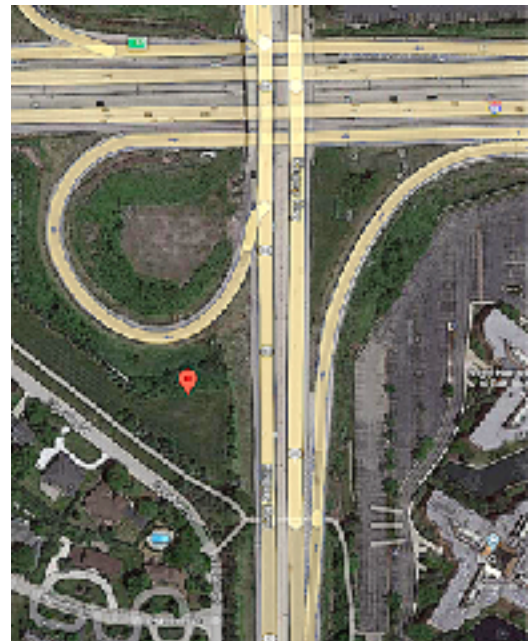
1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:26
2. David AC9VW, Tom N9CBA - 8:47
3. Mike WA9FTS, John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:49
4. Don W9RA - 8:52
5. John K9JK - 8:58
6. Tim KC9YFI, Mike N0MO - 9:05





Transmitter pix taken by Pete.

Fox location: 41.84290, -87.95836



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - May 14th, 2022 - by Mike WA9FTS w/hunt stats from Don W9RA

Many of the hunters took 355 north with some taking Roosevelt and North Av east. A better route was taken by Matt's and Tim's team. They took 34 east. Matt then took 83 north to St Charles and then to Villa. Tim and friends knew the area and got to the Lion's Park about the same time Matt arrived. Don, who was subbing for Marty, was under a tree relaxing on a park bench was found by Matt and then Tim a minute later. Pete arrived 8 min later for 3rd. All the hunters finished before 9PM and we gathered at Michael Anthony's Pizza in Villa Pk. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:32
2. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT, Mike N0MO, Wyatt - 8:33
3. Pete K9PW - 8:41
4. John WD9EXW, Mike WA9FTS, Janet - 8:43
5. Tony AA9CC - 8:46
6. Tom N9CBA - 8:51



Fox's Location -
41.889342,-87.970761

CFMC 2M Foxhunt

Due to the Dayton Hamvention, it is scheduled for June 18th. Tony AA9CC will be the fox.

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34 2M Foxhunt - May 28th, 2022 by Pete K9PW

Another beautiful evening, it was 68F with just enough of a breeze to keep the mosquitos down. Pete (K9PW) used his repeater again as the fox. The output power was 10 Watts to a quarter wave vertical antenna which was attached to the repeater's box. The repeater box was under a tarp on the ground. The location was in the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary which is adjacent to the Itasca Softball Complex. Just 2.8 miles from the starting point, the fox's signal was heard by 100% of the hunters. Some getting a 2 on their VK sniffer, but there was a lot of airplane flutter.

Hunters were released at 8:03 PM. All hunters overshot. Some too far to the west, others to the south. It took 23 minutes until WD9EXW (John, with Janet & Mike, WA9FTS) turned into the parking lot. Seconds later, Mike N0MO, hunting solo arrived. They all quickly spotted Pete's car, which was empty. The three hunters, now on foot, each went in somewhat different directions into the park. Soon, WD9EXW & N0MO spotted Pete sitting at a picnic table. Each ran. But both were soon disappointed to find out that they needed to find the repeater. After a few minutes, Mike (N0MO) spotted the tarp & the hidden fox. This was his first win! Congratulations!

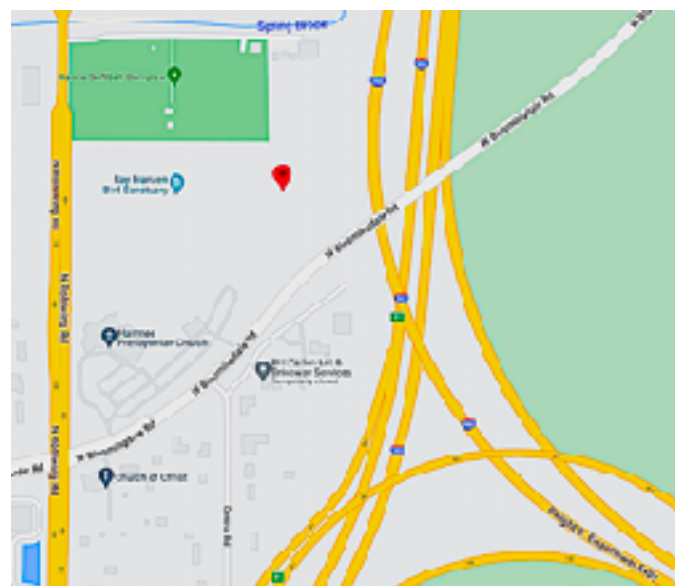
Munch was outdoors at Culver's.

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1. Mike N0MO 8:26
2. John WD9EXW, Jant, Mike WA9FTS 8:27
3. Tony AA9CC 8:30
4. Tom N9CBA, David AC9VW 8:35 8:41
5. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac 8:43
6. John K9JK 8:48

Fox location: N41.961525 W88.028304





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 Matt KC9SEM Next hunt - Jul 30th	TBD by the fox
Start Time		Starting Location	Foxhunt Frequency

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	5/5	2/3
N9LTE, Bill	2	3
AA9CC	3	1
WD9EXW	3	2
N9CBA/AC9VW		3/3
WA9FTS		2
N9CBA	1	1
K9PW	3	1
W9RA	1	
KC9YFI/KD9DJT/N0MO	0/0/1	2/2/1
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.

