

# 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 - June 6th, 2020 - by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Matt KC9SEM and family

It was a perfect evening for a hunt. It was almost cloudless and in the upper 60s. We had 6 hunt teams and Matt got the hunters off with a strong signal to the WSW. I took North Av with other hunters - Tom, John and David. I knew I had a problem with a replacement 3 el beam. I could only hunt on audio quality and no signal strength. Other hunters were tested as Matt found a spot in Batavia east of 31 but west of the Fox River. Tom was first in for the win with John and Janet capturing 2nd. Pete was 3rd about 10-15 min ahead of Don. Don tried both sides of the Fox River and found Matt for 4th to end the hunt. We stopped at a local Portillo's for food but set up our rest area at the Denny's next door. Tom helped me find out the antenna problem with his antenna analyzer. My 3 el was totally deaf - a SWR of about 11:1. Matt was running about 200w. Back to the 4 el. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA
  2. John WD9EXW, Janet
  3. Pete K9PW
  4. Don W9RA
- DNF David AC9VW,  
Mike WA9FTS



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - June 13th, 2020

by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob & Mac

The heat wave is over as temps dropped to the low 60s. We had 6 hunt teams as Matt got the hunt started with a good signal to the WNW. Most hunters took I88 west. Several hunters got off at Rt 59 and others took Kirk Rd north. Tom turned off Fabyan Pkwy into an industrial area in W Chicago. He spotted a very large and new building being constructed. He thought he saw a light colored service truck and then realized it was the Sanderson's Ford. As Tom approached, he saw Tony drive in from the other way. It was a close finish with Tom beating Tony by seconds. Fifteen minutes later I came in the same way as Tony with John and Jane right behind me. I stopped when I saw the Ford. I took too long to get out and John beat me for 3rd. David was there a minute later for 5th. Shortly Don drove up and the hunt was over. We went to a Portillo's nearby. Matt was running 110w to the antenna on the roof. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA
2. Tony AA9CC
3. John WD9EXW, Janet
4. Mike WA9FTS
5. David AC9VW
6. Don W9RA



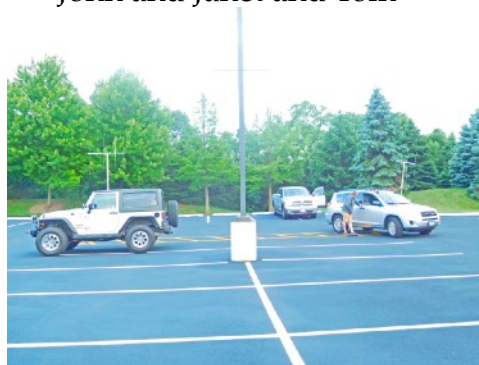
Matt was at the red balloon.



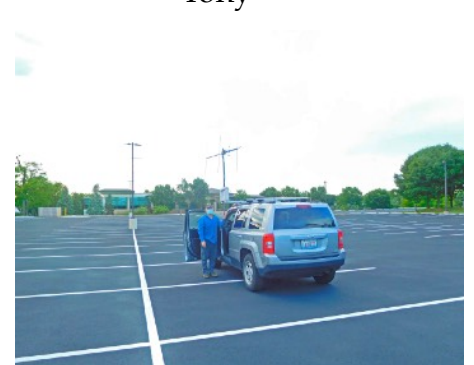
John and Janet and Tom



Tony



David walks over to Tom



Mike



Matt & the gang in the Ford



Tom after the win





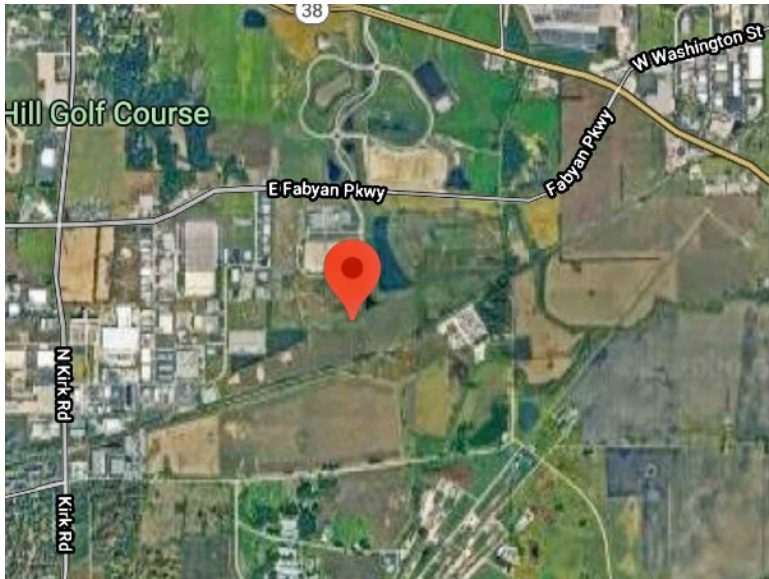
John, Janet and David



Patty, Mac, Jacob & Matt



Tom and Mike



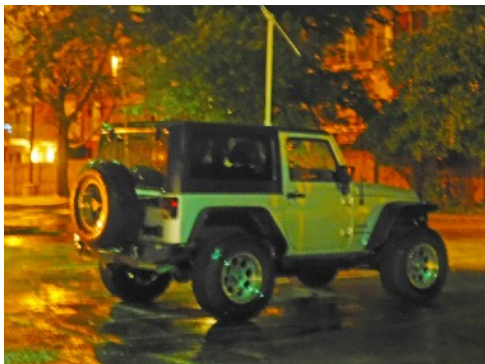
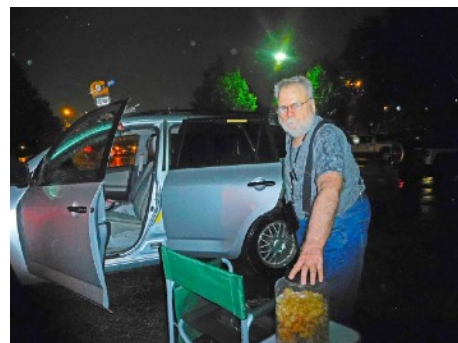
Matt hid where the red balloon is. A new building is going up to the north and west of where they parked.

## CFMC 2M Foxhunt - June 20th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

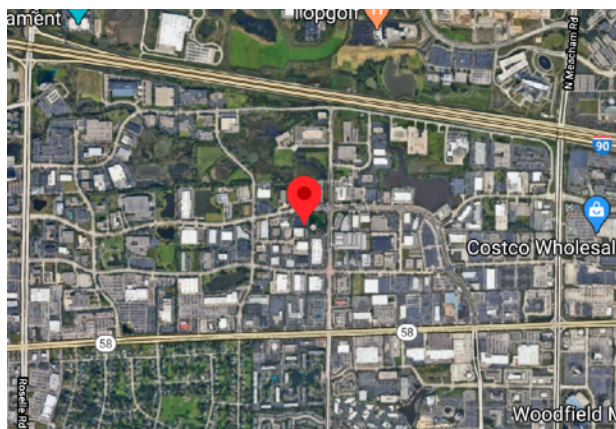
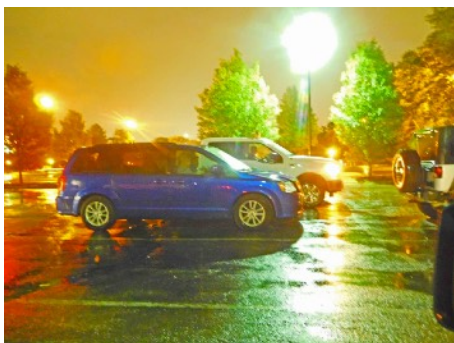
There was a threat of rain but it looked good for the hunt. We had 8 hunt teams and John WD9EXW and Janet were the fox. Marty showed up and we exchanged egg cartons. We gave him empty ones and he gave out fresh eggs - a good deal! Most hunters took 355 to 290W. I got lost on Roselle and Higgins. The rest of the hunters did much better. Information from John gave the results - Marty won his 2nd hunt of the year and Tony finished 2nd. I finally found John and Janet to end the hunt and we headed to Portillo's on Golf Rd for food. We were set up in the parking lot and I took a couple of bites out of my hot dog. It started to rain - hard. It took less than a minute and everyone was in their car. The hunt and gathering was over. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE
2. Tony AA9CC
3. Tom N9CBA
4. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9LTE,  
Jacob & Mac
5. David AC9VW
6. Pete K9PW
7. Don W9RA
8. Mike WA9FTS





Tony took this pix as Marty scored.







## 34 2M Foxhunt - June 27th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

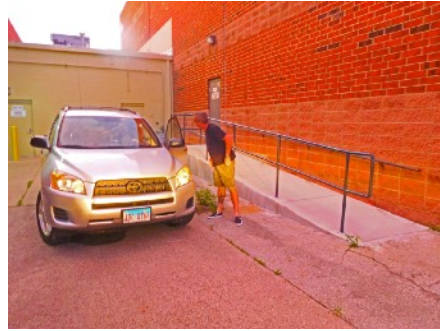
It was perfect weather - warm by a great and cool breeze. Five hunt teams were ready to find Tom N9CBA. We got off with a good signal to the WSW. Most of the hunters took 355 south to North Av. I took North Av west to Bloomingdale to Army Trail and to Schmale. Tom had to be around the industrial area or behind the Bloomingdale Court. Dave arrived and I was certain he was going to find Tom. I followed him and then lost him. I then spotted a semi and an opening next to Dick's Sporting Goods. Tom was parked back between the back of two stores. I was 2nd. John got there on foot 3 minutes earlier. Two minutes later David arrive for 3rd. John won the hunt on foot after taking 355 to North and west to Klien north to Lies and east to Schmale. Tom, Dave and I saw an antenna pass over the semi several times that had to be Matt's. In the end Matt gave up and Tom drove out to show Matt where he was hiding. Don also gave up as it was after 9PM. We headed to several restaurants nearby. Most of us chose Chick-Fil-A. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:36PM
2. Mike WA9FTS - 8:39PM
3. David AC9VW - 8:41PM

DNF Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac







This was a hard place to spot.



	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 off 53 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	6/6/4
K9PW / K9JK	0/0	0/0
AA9CC	4	4
W9RA	0	1
WD9EXW, Janet	8	3
N9CBA / AC9VW	5/1	5/2
N9LTE	2	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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