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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.

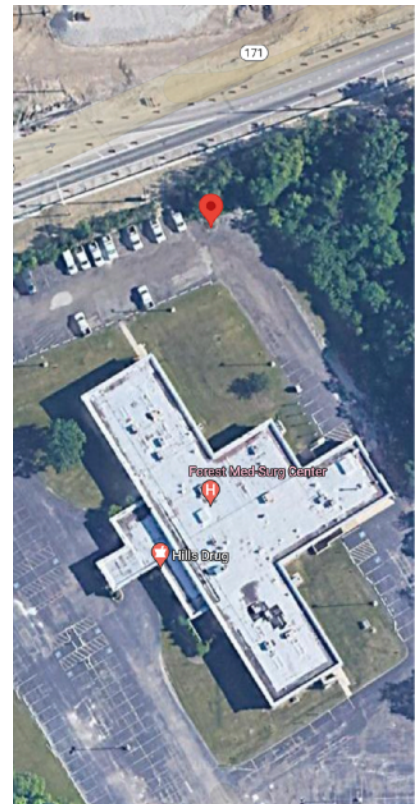
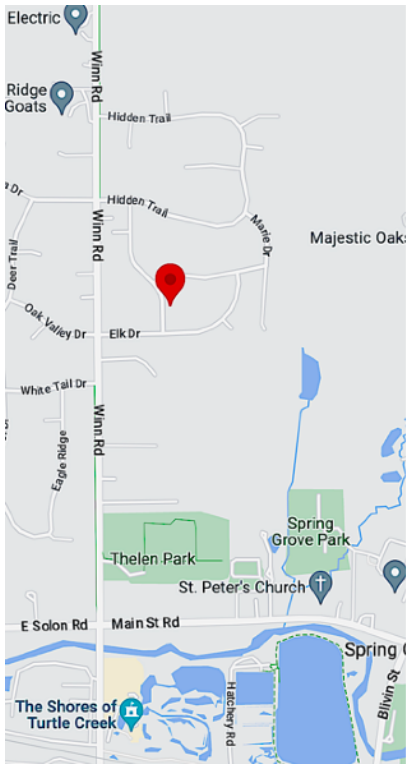


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Jul 1st, 2023 by Tony AA9CC - Fox Tony AA9CC

41.744502 -87.847104

- 1 Tom N9CBA 9:00
- 2 Don W9RA 9:07
- 3 Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT Autumn 9:12
- DNF Pete K9PW 9:30

12 miles from the Whole Foods parking lot. Rain was forecast. Signal was a strong 2 at the start with 35 watts and the foxhunt beam on the VW.
Met afterward at Henrys tacos.



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - July 8th, 2023 by Tim KC9YFI - Fox Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT

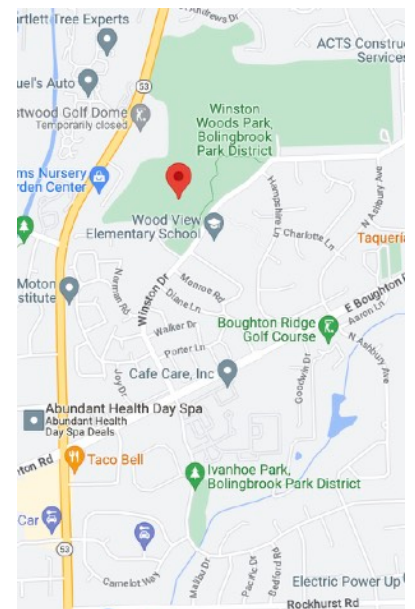
Michelle and I picked a park in Bolingbrook close to the munchies spot of Portillo's. My mom, sister and 2 nieces were in town for the holiday so we made it a family night at the park. It was the first time using the crossbander. Signals were good both ways.

9 hunters. Oh my. I released the hounds at 2005 and a perfect route was 16 minutes. It took the first hunter just under 25 to find the park, and shortly after almost everyone was here.

There was a 3 way fight for first between Tony, Tom and Mike Wilson. They scored with in 5 seconds of each other. It came down to who found the box first. While we waited for the rest of the hunters, it was play time. Many were swinging on the playground swings. Hunt ended at 2100. Munchies was Portillo's, 134 Boughton in Bolingbrook.

Results:

1. Tony AA9CC
2. Tom N9CBA
3. Mike N0MO
4. Don W9RA
5. John WD9EXW, Janet
6. David AC9VW
7. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS
8. Marty N9LTE
9. Pete K9PW



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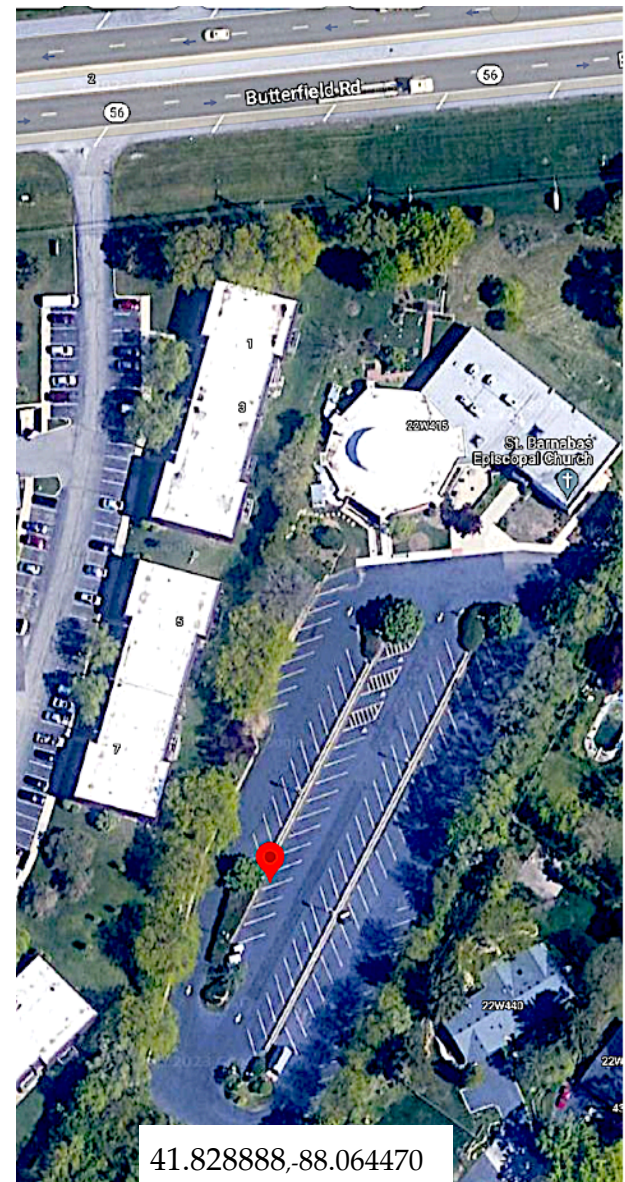
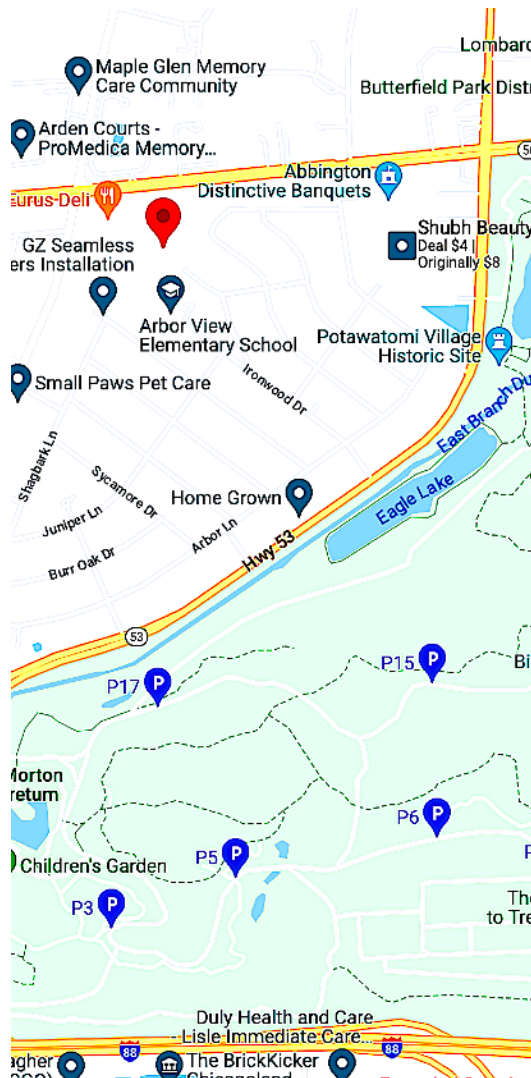
CFMC 2M Foxhunt - July 15th, 2023 by Mike WA9FTS
Fox - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, KD9VLF, Mac
KD9VVU

With the weather in great shape, seven hunters got off with most heading south. The best route was to stay on Rt 53 going south. It was a close finish between Marty and Tony. Three more hunters finish with Tim/Michelle and Don unable to find the Sandersons and they Jeep. The fox was in the parking lot of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. We ended up at Portillo's on Finley. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE 8:21
2. Tony AA9CC 8:24
3. Pete K9PW 8:33
4. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS 8:36
5. Tom N9CBA 8:43

DNF Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT

DNF Don W9RA





34 2M Foxhunt _ July 22nd, 2023 by John WD9EXW

Rain was predicted, and the prediction was correct, it looked gloomy prior to the hunt, and rained hard at times.

We hadn't had pizza in an couple weeks, so picked Gino's east in Wheaton, but went past enroute to the hide and discovered today was an event day in Wheaton, and despite the rain in was crowded, limited parking. There was room in a parking garage, but then I thought everyone will have a rack on, and the garage was 100yd walk in maybe rain, so we switched to Culvers.

I had discovered this spot a few weeks ago, decided to use it in lieu of something with a roof.

Yaesu 2900 at 35 watts, to omni mag mount at 10"

I was 12 mi away in Wheaton, in as empty dumpster corral

41.85941, -88.14333

Matt reported 100% copy at the start, and I released the hounds at 8:04
Janet stayed for a minute, and made some of transmit #2

Saw Tony drive by first, then Pete then Tom. After a moment all three circled past again

#1 - K9PW Pete at 8:49

#2 - N9CBA Tom also 8:49

#3 - AA9CC Tony at 8:50

Despite the close times, I don't think any of them saw each other score.

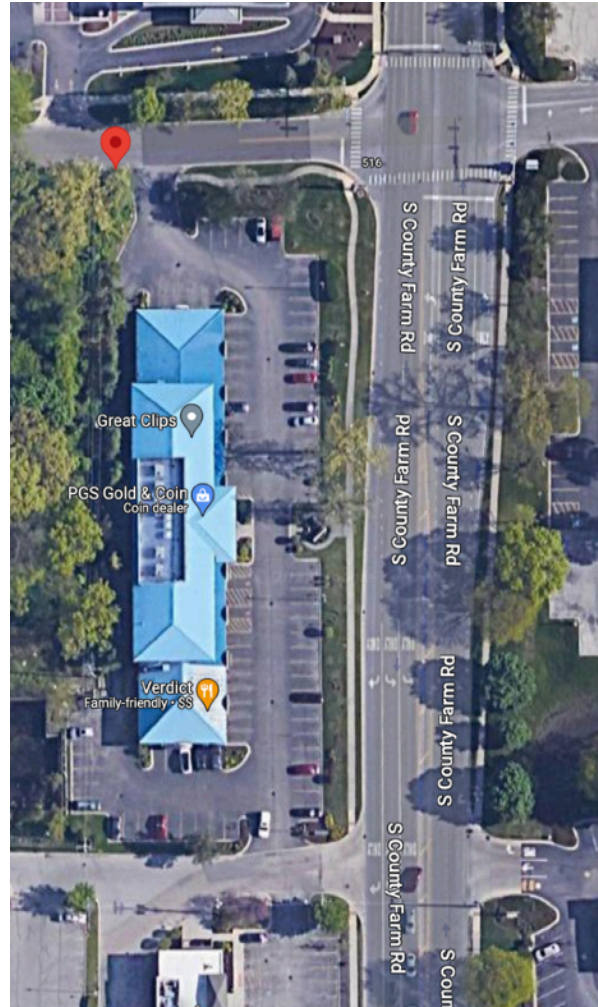
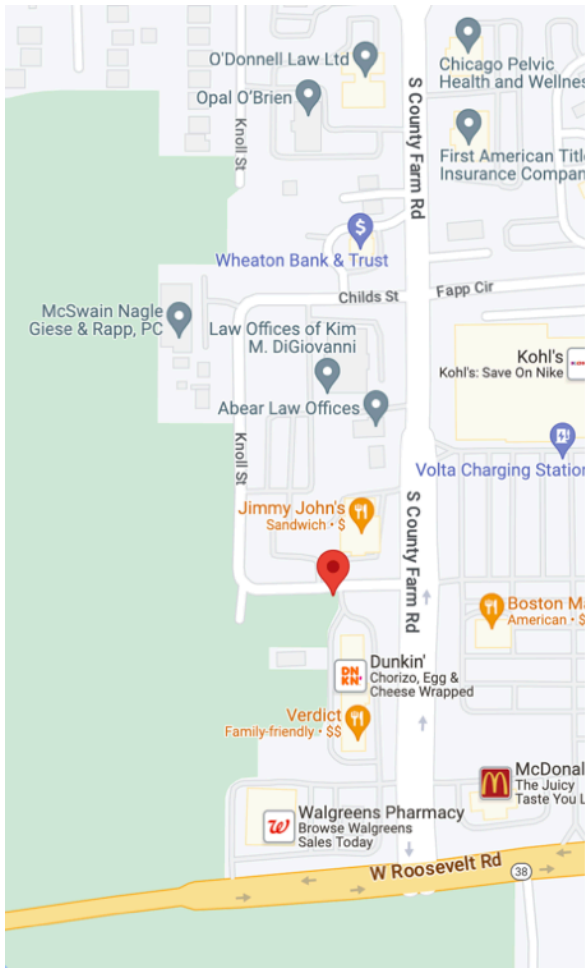
#4 - W9RA Don at 8:56

Don was passing by at the start of a transmission, immediately braked!

#5 - KC9SEM Matt, Patty, Jacob + Mack. Jacob scored first at 9:05

#6 - Melissa KD9DJT(don't know her call) and daughter. Finished at 9:15

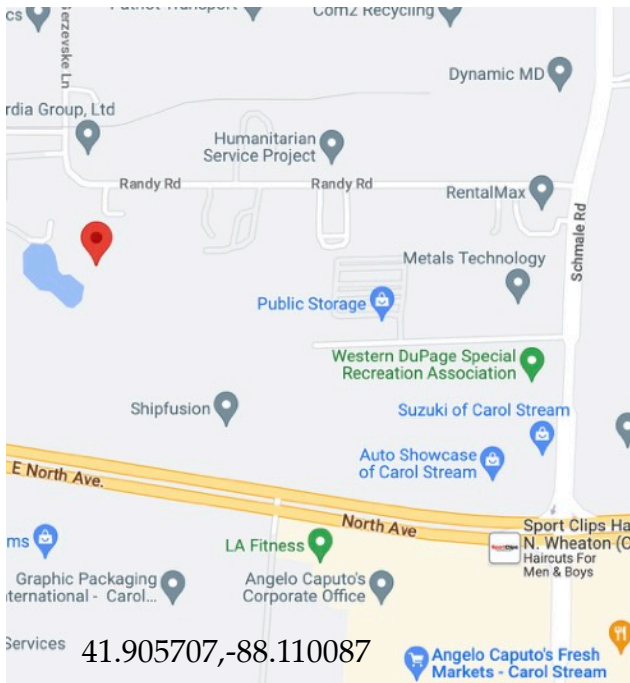
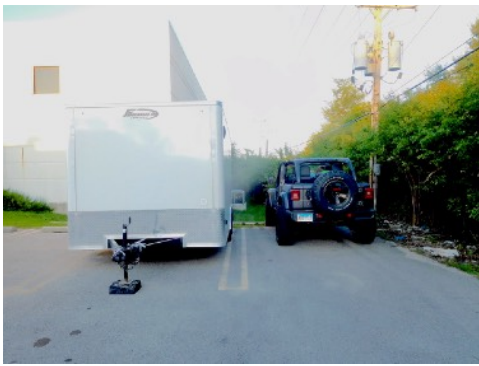
Munched at Culver's on Roosevelt



5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Jul 29th, 2023 - by Mike WA9FTS

Another great Saturday evening with Matt's family and I heading out to find a spot to hide at. The frequency was the same as the 4th Sat hunt - 146.34MHz. We picked a business and parked behind it with a trailer hiding us. There were 3 hunters and we released them at 8:05. at 8:31 Janet and John drove up for the win. Nine minutes later Tom secured 2nd. Tony can in from the east through heavy growth to end the hunt we later found out he parked off North Ave and walked up a drive on the side of a building and then west. I was a tested path but he found us. We went to Portillo's at North and Bloomingdale Rd for the munch. Tim KC9YFI and Michelle KD9DJT joined us. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:31
2. Tom N9CBA 8:40
3. Tony AA9CC 8:48



	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 Matt KC9SEM Next hunt - Jul 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	5/5/5/2	2/1/2/2/2
N9LTE, Bill	3/1	3/1
WD9EXW, Janet , WA9FTS	3,3	7/1
N9CBA	2	3
N0MO	1	
K9PW	3	1
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	3/2	1/1
W9RA	1	3
AA9CC,KC9QQY	5	5,1
W9RA	1	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.

