

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.

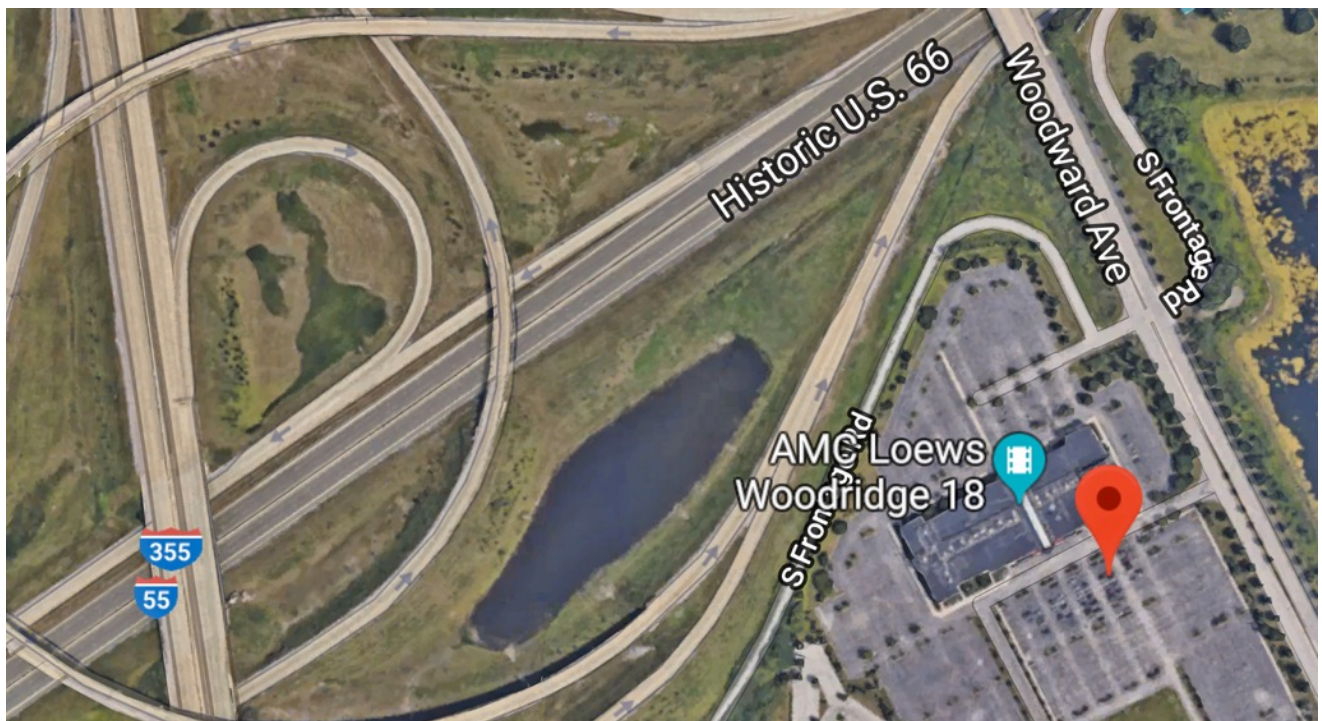
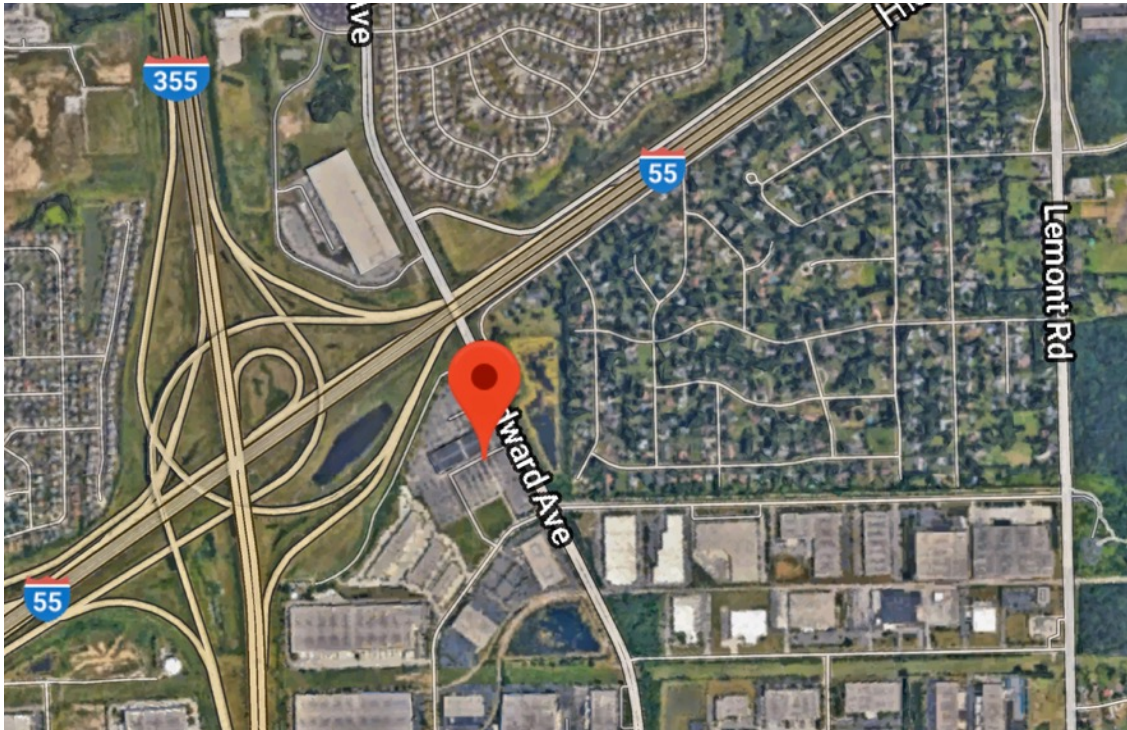


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - July 7th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Tony AA9CC

Five hunt teams awaited the test transmission from Tony. It was weak but to the south - slightly to the west. Tony's actual direction was SW but the water tower directly to the south has in the past caused accuracy problems at the starting point. Everyone headed south on Rt 83. It soon was evident that Tony was to the SW. Several hunters chose I55 with John EXW taking Woodward Av north. Matt and Pete got off at Joliet Rd and to International Pkwy. We got almost a 5 and got out on foot in a field with evidence of car tracks in the weeds. We ended up at a 55/355 ramp and had to get back to the Ford 250 - on to the other side. Pete had a stronger signal east of 355 and determined that was the place to be and it proved to be correct. They went from Int'l Pkwy to Werch Dr to the AMC theater. Pete spotted the 5/8 vertical on a car. Tony was in one of his cars in front of the AMC theater. Pete beat Tom who was a few hundred feet away for the win as Don arrived for 3rd a few minutes later. We got there as John EXW and Janet drove around to find Tony. We finally found Tony to end the hunt. The hunters met at Al's Pizza on 87th St in Woodbridge. Results:

1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
2. Tom N9CBA
3. Don W9RA
4. John WD9EXW, Janet
5. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac





Tony was at the AMC Loews theater - The red balloon marks the spot.

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2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - July 14th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

John WD9EXW got the 4 hunt teams off with a strong signal to the NE. Tony and Matt's team took Ogden Av east. Tony took Main St north as Matt headed east. A bead reading lead us north and then south. We checked out several parks and schools along the way and then east and north we went. The signal led us to Cermak Rd and then to York Rd, Windsor and Swift Rd to a turn-around. Patty spotted the caravan and John and Janet inside. We were surprised to find out we were 2nd. Tom got there 8 min earlier and Pete and John drove away without finding John and Janet. Tony arrived - on 2 wheels for third. Later, Pete and John ended the hunt. John was running 30w to a 1/4 wave next to the caravan. We went to Jason's Deli nearby. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA - 8:30PM
2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac - 8:38PM
3. Tony AA9CC - 8:41PM
4. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:51PM



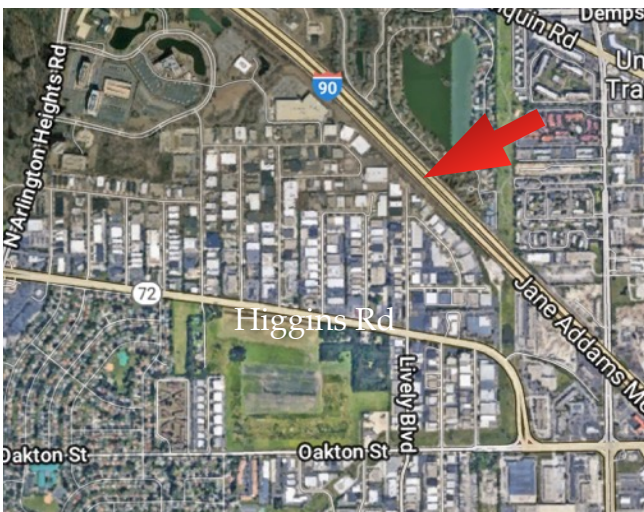
John & Janet were at the red oval.

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CFMC 2M Foxhunt - July 21st, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

John, Janet and I drove to a spot NE of the starting point. We found a place near Lou Malnati's where we selected as the munch spot. The hiding spot was at the end of Lively Blvd north of Higgins Rd (72). John and I took a camp blanket and found a piece of wood to sit on. We were mostly covered by brush but easily accessible from the road. We were wondering who would take the gravel road behind us - Matt and Tony? John mounted the vertical on a metal sign and we were ready to start the hunt. We had 5 hunt teams which all heard us to start the hunt at 8:05PM. The weather was cool but there was a chance of rain. It started to mist and then stop. This occurred several times throughout the hunt. At 8:25 Matt's team arrived and found us for the win. About 3 minutes later Tony drove by and came back on foot two minutes later for 2nd. Tony found out that Lou Malnati's was an hour wait. Another 12 minutes went by and Pete drove up along with Don. Pete got 3rd and Don 4th. It took another 25 minutes and Tom found us to end the hunt. Matt's winning route was: 290 to 390 to 83 to 72 to Lively - great performance for both Matt and Tony. No one took the gravel road. We all agreed to meet at Moretti's at Rt 62 and west of 53. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:25PM
2. Tony AA9CC - 8:30PM
3. Pete K9PW - 8:42PM
4. Don W9RA - 8:42PM
5. Tom N9CBA - 9:07PM





John and I were at the arrow. This picture was taken in the winter as is lots of vegetation now.



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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 WD9EXW,WA9FTS Next hunt - Sep 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS	6/6	6/6
N9LTE	1	1
AA9CC	5	1
W9RA	2	1
WA9FTS	7	6
WD9EXW. Janet	6	6
K9PW/K9JK	3/3	4/4
N9CBA	3	5
N9JPG/KD9BLP/KD9IZB	0	1

5th Saturday hunts are not included in hunt results

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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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