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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.

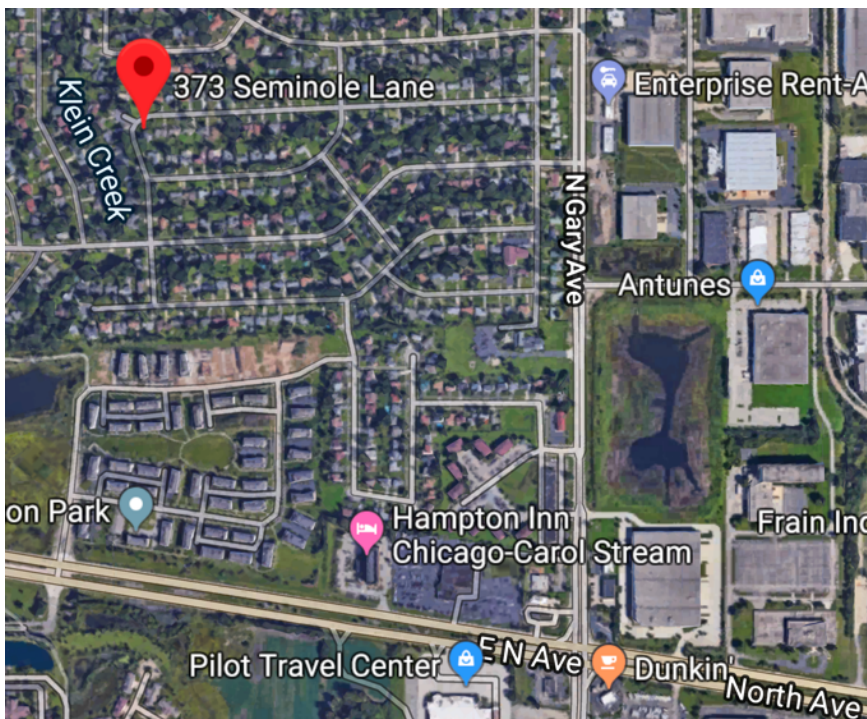
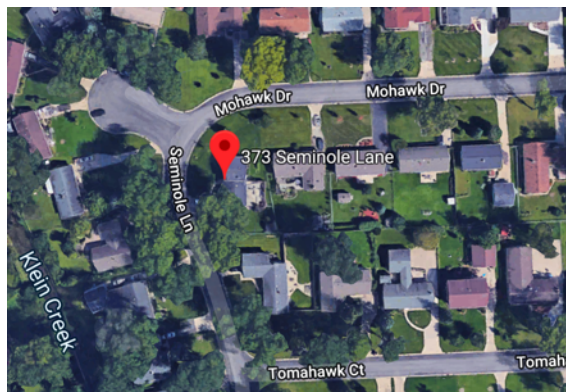


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - July 6th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox N9CBA

At first we could not hear Tom. He upped his power and the four hunt teams were on their way to the west on North Ave. Pete and John were spotted by John EXW's team several times off North Ave west of Gary. We drove past Tom. On one transmission, John hears David KD9MAM in the background. Was Tom at David's house? Pete and John got back to Gary Av and were seen by us several times. What side of Klein Creek was Tom hiding at? If the fox in a residential area, we had to look for the bullseye. Finally on Seminole Ln we spotted it. John and I got out and headed for the back yard. Success! Tom and David were at a table on David's deck. I was surprised to get the 1st place ticket. We got out quickly and headed for Carol's Garden to set up the table for all of us. Shortly, the rest of the hunters and Tom and David arrived. Pete and John got 2nd and shortly after, Don beat out Marty for third. At Carol's Tom told us he started out with 0.2W and a half watt allowed everyone to hear. The antenna was a Comet dual-bander up around 35ft. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS
2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
3. Don W9RA
4. Marty N9LTE





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - July 13th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Mike KD9NJC, a new ham & CFMC member, was interested in seeing what foxhunting was all about. I stopped at his house and we were on our way to find a spot to hide. Our original location was the Stratford Middle School but it was under extensive construction and the entrance was blocked. We soon found a very short road called Monroe Dr which lead to the back of the Elite Mfg Tech company. The Bloomington Court was to the north and we thought it may lead hunters to it. There were 4 hunt teams and they got started at 8:06. First to drive up was Tom and David at 8:40 for the win. They took 355-290 to Elgin-O'Hare to Gary to Army Trail Rd and south on Schamale. Good moves! Two and a half minutes later Pete and John arrived for 2nd. It took 24 minutes and Marty and Bill arrived to end the hunt. Don gave up 2 minutes earlier. We met at Chili's on Army Trail Rd. Results:

1. Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM - 8:40PM
 2. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:42PM
 3. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 9:06PM
- DNF Don W9RA - 9:04PM

The three pictures at the right were taken by Marty before the hunt. Another on the next page shows me handing out the 3rd place ticket to Marty. Thank you, Marty.

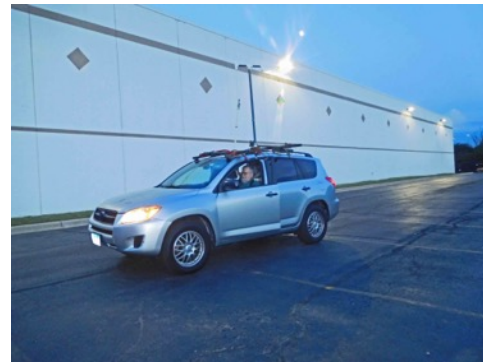




Our hiding spot



Mike and Mike before the hunt



Tom and David arrive



Pete and John - 2 minutes late



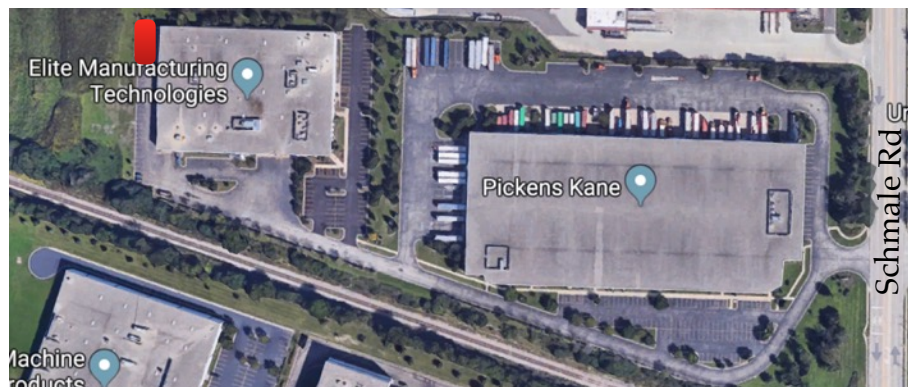
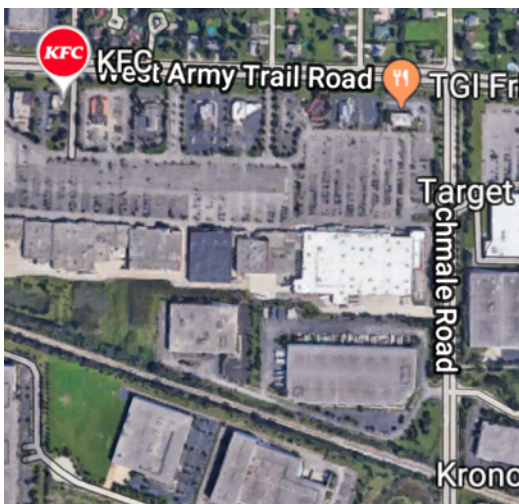
Marty and Bill end the hunt



Marty - here's you 3rd place



We hid at the NW corner of Elite Mfg. Entrance was off Schmale Rd. Monroe Dr was parallel to the RR tracks The hunters had to make a turn north on the west side of Elite to find us.

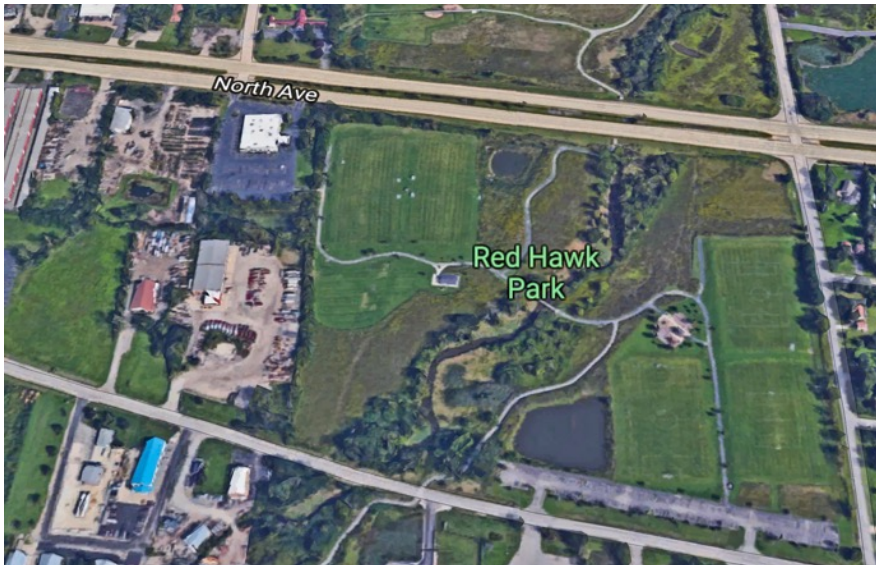


CFMC 2M Foxhunt - July 20th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Tom N9CBA and David KD9MAM got the three hunt teams off with a good signal to the SW. Matt's team took 53 south to North Av and west. The other hunters went north - maybe to 355 and south? We overshot Tom and David and went to St Charles Rd. Pete saw us turn back east on North Av. We tried a driveway behind the Wayne Township building and waited. They were close by as Matt, Jacob and I headed into Red Hawk Park. We turned back to the east and encountered a heavily-wooded row of trees with a metal linked fence and Digioia Bro Construction behind. We thought they were on the other side of the fence and Matt asked Patty to drive around to find them at the fence that we could not get over. She found them but they were on the park side. They gave her the 1st place card. We wanted to find them so we went back to the trees and the correct side of the fence. Matt and Jacob headed into the trees and I found a slightly clear spot and found them huddled next to the fence. Pete arrived but had problems with his sniffer. I gave him mine and he started looking into the trees. John ran across the park from the east and the two were both competing to see who would make the find first. Pete ran in about where I went in to find them for 2nd. Shortly John also went in for a score. We went over to Portillo's at North and Bloomingdale. Results:

1. Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Matt KC9SEM, Jacob, Mac
2. Pete K9PW
3. John WD9EWX, Janet



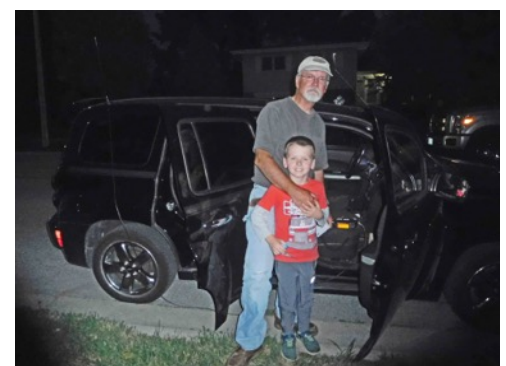
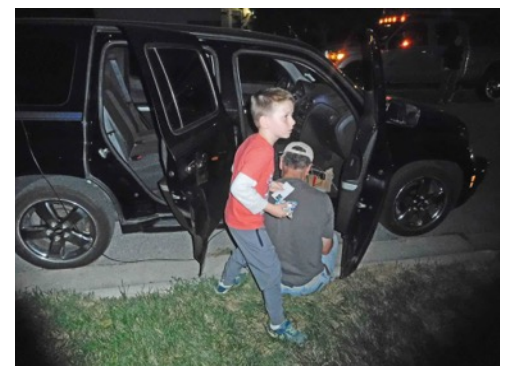


34 2M Foxhunt - July 27th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

As we arrived at the 34 starting point, we found out there was a carnival going on. We had to find a new spot to start the hunt. We found one off Irving Park Rd in the parking lot of Mastek & Xeikon America. Since other hunters had other activities going on, we only had two hunt teams. John got us off with a good signal to the NNW. Matt's team headed north on Prospect which became Arlington Has Rd. We took Golf Rd to Mt Prospect Rd and wondered if John was in one of the two parks nearby. We spotted Tom and David and maybe they were thinking the same thing. We tried Lions Memorial Park - not there. Maybe Sunrise Park - on foot and John was loud. We again saw Tom and David drive around the park as we headed on foot north into a residential area. We got to William St - an 8. John was in the passenger seat with someone we did not recognize. We were 10 min late as Tom and David found John earlier for the win. John's partner was Dennis who is an ex-Komatsu employee. We were in front of Dennis' house with John & Janet's Caravan in the garage. John was running 30w to a short mag mount on the roof of Dennis' car. We went to Moretti's nearby.

Results:

1. Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM
2. Matt KC9SEM, Mike WA9FTS, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac





	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 K9PW Next hunt - Aug 31	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	7/7/8	8/8/8
K9PW/K9JK	3/3	8/7
AA9CC	1	0
W9RA	1	3
WD9EXW, Janet	7	4
N9CBA / KD9MAM	7/4	3/0
N9LTE/Bill	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.

