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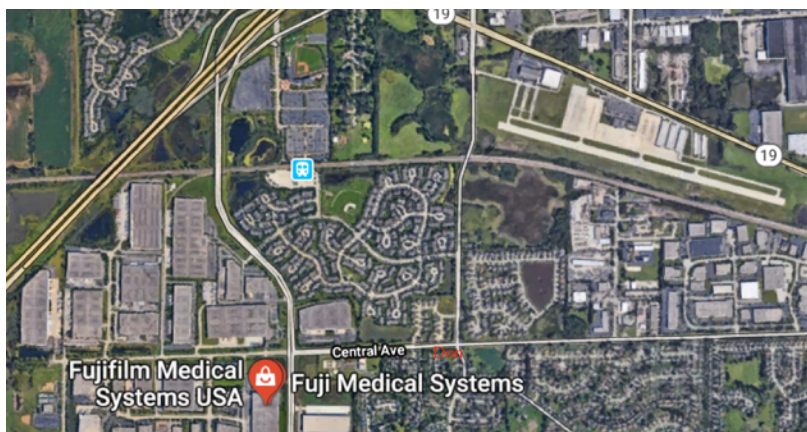
Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There were hunts on the WAFAR, ACL and CFMC repeaters with 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 - Aug 2nd, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Don W9RA

Don W9RA was hiding for Pete K9PW & John K9JK. Don's signal was weak but hearable for the three hunt teams. Matt and I guessed that Don was hiding near the Schaumburg Airport and would pick Pilot Pete's for the munch. We headed NW on 290 and then Lake St. Me met up with John & Janet several times as our original thought was correct. Don was near the airport but where? We got ambiguous readings but them settled on Gary and Central Rd. This lead us to Fuji Film to find Don in his car for the win. Several minutes later, Tom arrived for 2nd and another few minutes brought John and Janet to end the hunt. We went to Pilot Pete's for the munch. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
2. Tom N9CBA
3. John WD9EXW, Janet

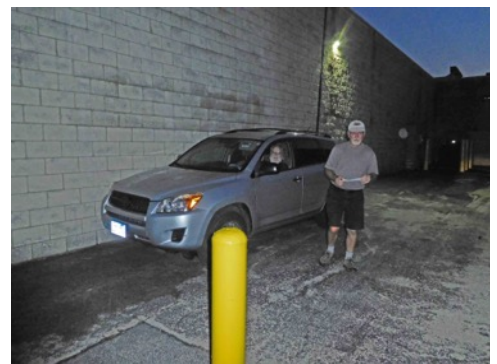


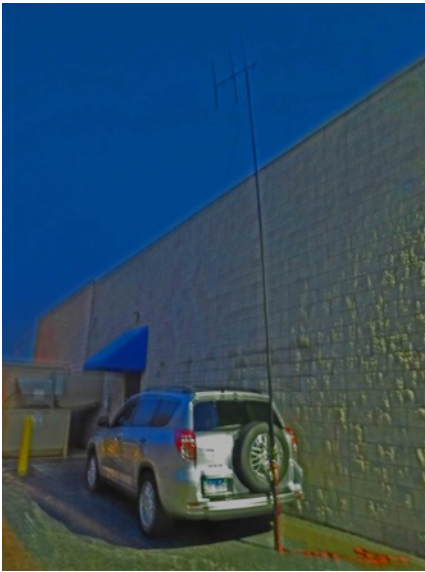


2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Aug 11th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

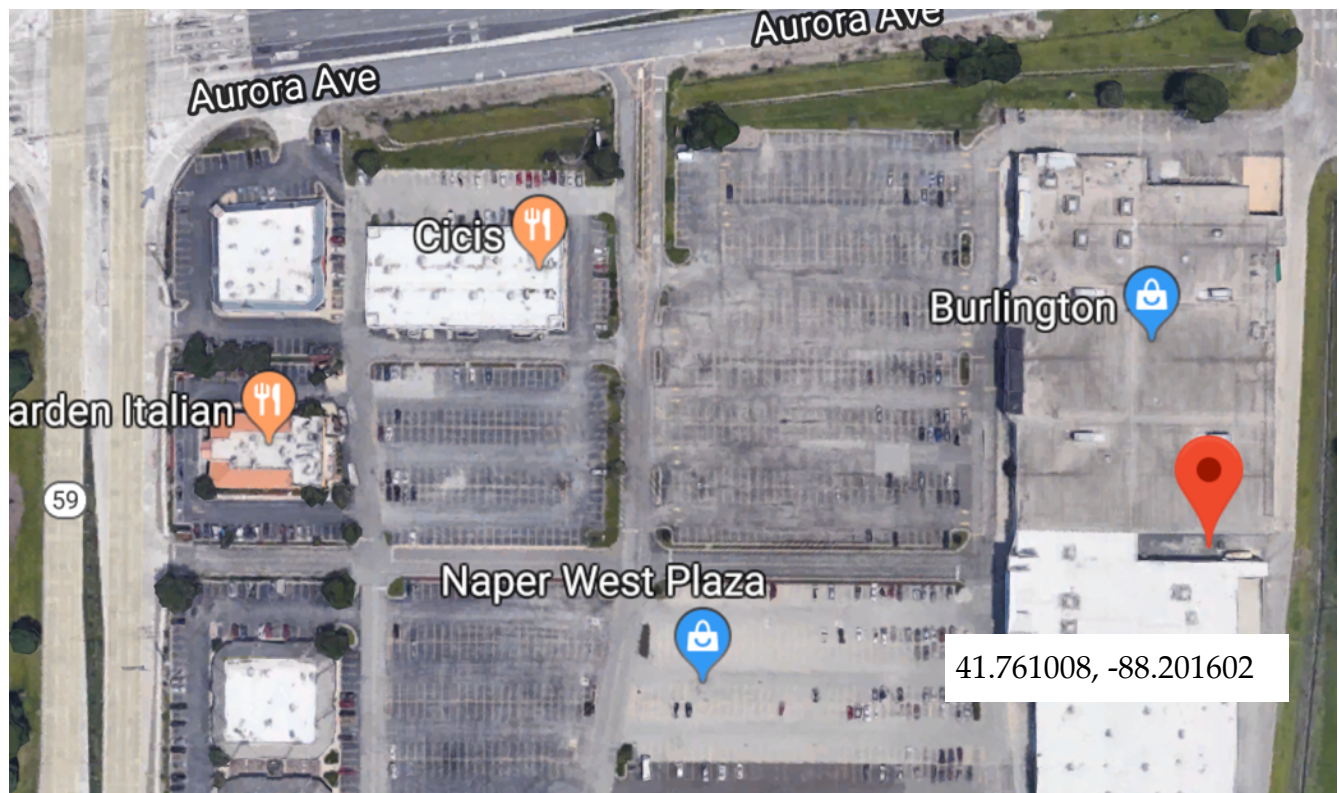
As we waited for the start of the hunt, Pete showed us his latest project. Tom N9CBA got the hunters off with a reasonably strong signal. John WD9EXW originally got a reading to the east before the hunt and then to the south. The two other hunters headed up to Ogden and west. We took Belmont south and then started to get a reading to the west. 63rd was chosen to go west to 355 and down to 75th. We took that to 59 with Tom's reading almost north at that point. Up to Aurora and east into a shopping center we waited. Tom was behind us to the south. We headed down an alley behind the Burlington store to find Tom in his car in a small alcove for the win. It was 8:28. Tom chose Baker's Square nearby. A few minutes later Pete and John found Tom and another few minutes Don ended the hunt. Tom was running 30W to a tape beam up about 16 ft. Results:

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





Pete loves pies. He ripped into that one and finished off a quarter of it before putting it in a box to take home.



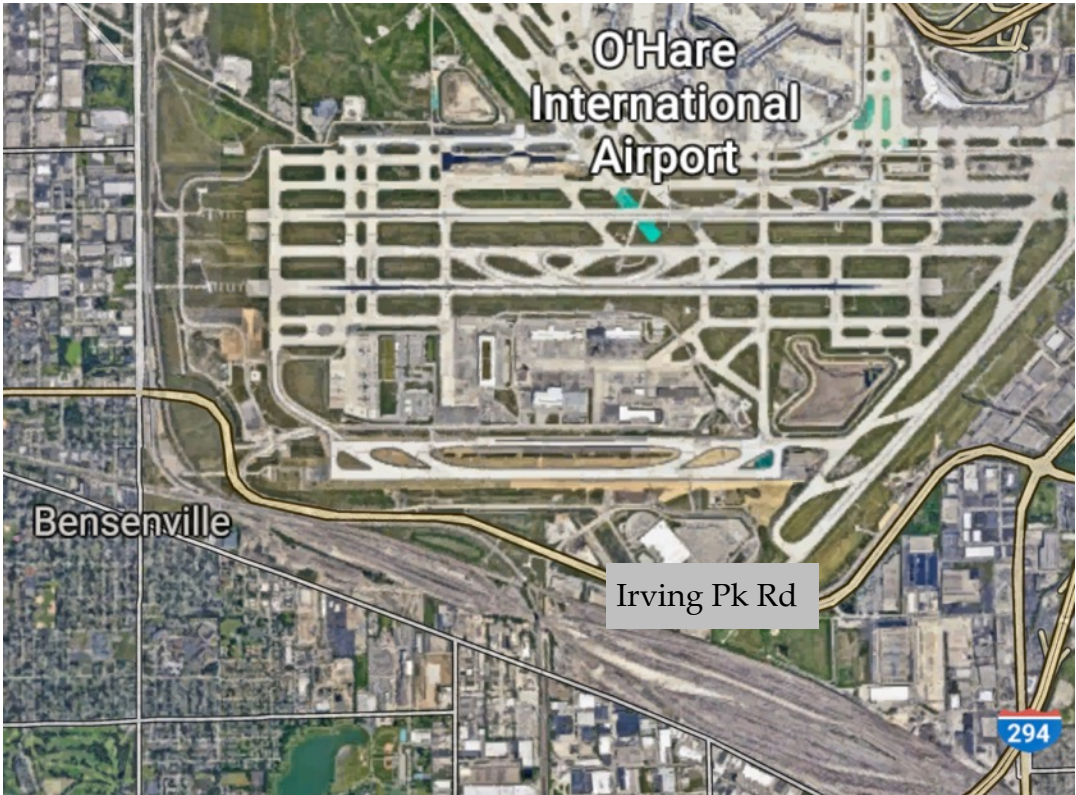
CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Aug 18th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS & Carol

I was hiding for Matt KC9SEM and Patty N9PLS. We had some rain on Friday but hunt day was dry and in the mid 80s. I found a gravel road south off Irving Park Rd and Taft which was the road north to the US Post Office for O'Hare Airport. It could not be easily seen from Irving Park Rd. I drove back and behind a small hill and waited for the 4 hunt teams to find me. I found out late in the hunt that Matt, Patty and the kids got back home earlier in the day and were hunting unofficially. With all the hunters hearing me we got the hunters started at 8:04PM.

At 8:42PM, John and Janet arrived for the win. About 9 minutes later another vehicle showed up and headed toward us. There were actually two as the first shut off their headlights. It was Kevin and crew with Don walking up for third. About 7 minutes later Tom arrived and took another path but turned around to find us to end the hunt. Tom told us then that Matt and Patty were unofficially hunting. Matt told me that they were heading for the Crossroads. He told us he avoided going in to find us because it was too close to the airport. I indicated there was no sign posting restricting us from the area. I was running about 50W to a tape beam on the roof horizontal. We went to the Crossroads Tavern and Eatery about 4 miles west on Irving Park Rd. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:42PM
2. Kevin N9JPG, Sheryl KC9ZLS, Colin KD9AHH, Abby KD9BLP, Mason KD9IZB, Sonja - 8:53PM
3. Don W9RA - 8:53PM
4. Tom N9CBA - 9:01PM





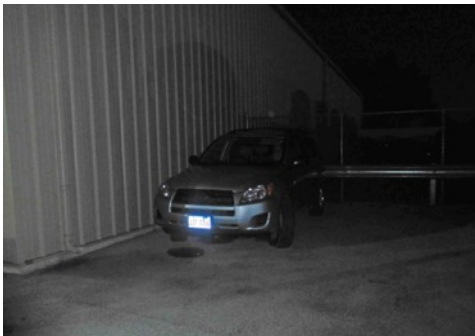
34 2M Foxhunt - Aug 25th, 2018 by Mike WA9FTS

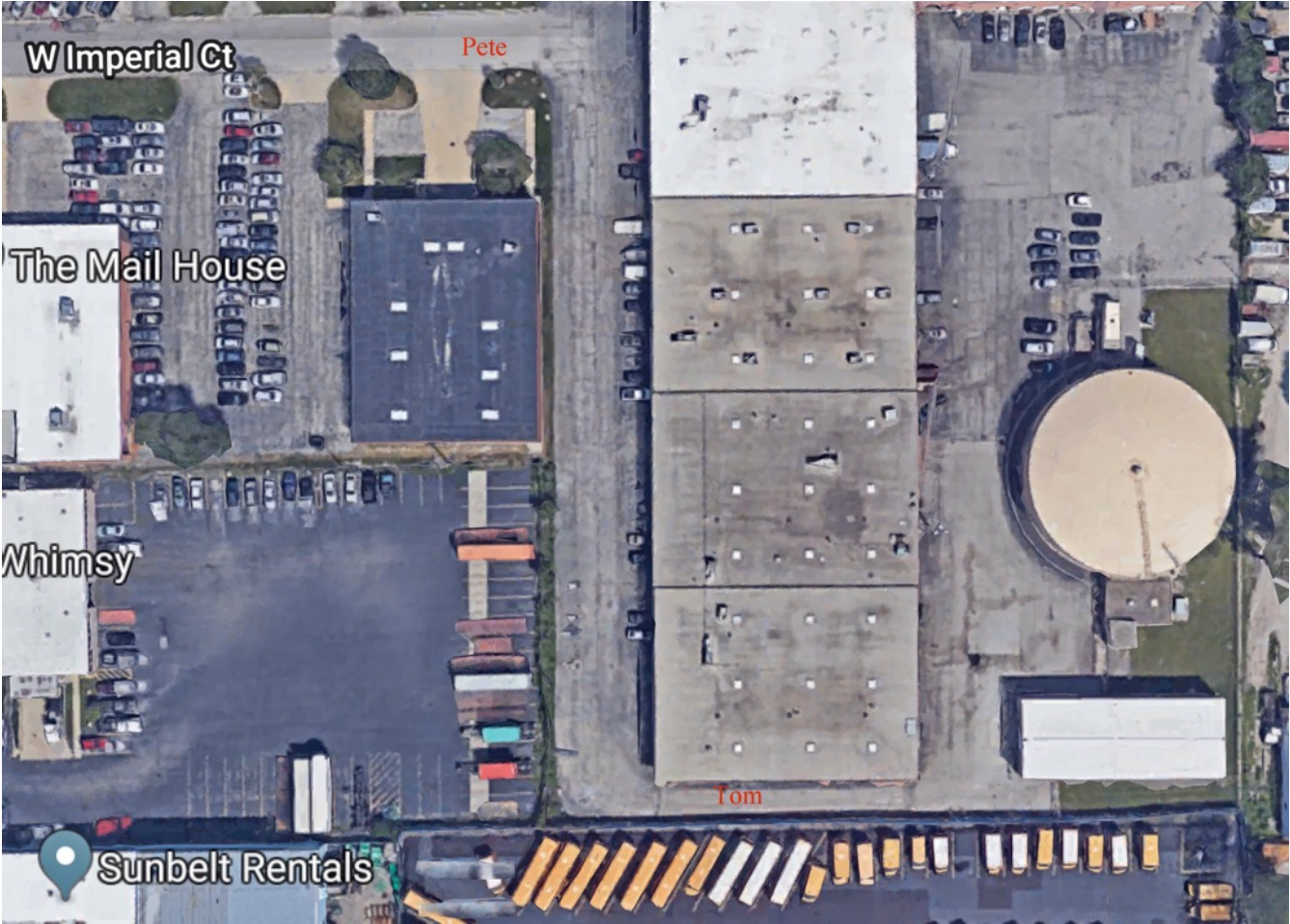
Tom N9CBA provided a strong signal to start the three hunt teams off. The question, was he close running low power or far away running lots of power? With the signal to the north, the hunters headed up Rt 83 later to become Busse Rd. I was not sure where Don was but Pete was neck and neck with us. Suddenly Pete took a right on Dempster as we kept going. Suddenly Tom was behind and to the east. We turned and went south to James Dr to the end. No good. We then tried Imperial Ct and John got out. I got into the front seat as Janet drove to 62 and east. Tom was to the south. We went back to Imperial Ct to find John walking back to us. He found Tom. I got out to find him for myself which I did behind a building in his car just north of a bus parking lot. As I left I saw Pete at the end of Imperial Ct in his van. I went up to him and asked why he did not try to find Tom. He showed me a Dead End sign and next to it a No Trespassing sign. I earlier did not see the sign on the way to finding Tom. Tom said he got to his spot from the north on the east side of the building. There was not a No Trespassing sign. Don, who was nearby around the Culver's, called to ask about the restaurant. It was Moretti's a few hundred feet away to the north. Tom was running 5w to a 1/4 wave on the roof. Results:

1. John WS9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS, Carol - 8:21PM

DNF Pete K9PW

DNF Don W9RA





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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	7/7	6/6
N9LTE	1	1
AA9CC	5	1
W9RA	2	1
WA9FTS	10	6
WD9EXW. Janet	9	6
K9PW/K9JK	3/3	5/5
N9CBA	4	6
N9JPG/KD9BLP/KD9IZB/KC9ZLS/KD9AHH	0	2

5th Saturday hunts are not included in hunt results

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