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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.



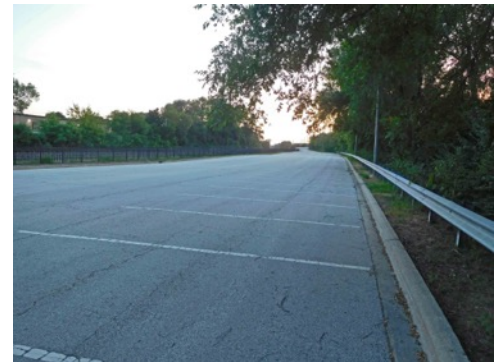
CFAR 2M Foxhunt -

Aug 3rd, 2019

by Mike WA9FTS - Fox WD9EXW & WA9FTS

Don W9RA got back from Canada so we had 3 hunt teams. For some reason, Don went to the 2nd Sat starting point. This was ok with the other two hunters. We had a signal that all the hunters could use and the hunt started at 8:05PM. The hiding spot was off Ogden Av and access was around the Lisle Village Hall. Continuing to the south and east was a parking lot just north the RR tracks for people to park and walk over to the train station to the west. John and I hid off the parking lot by the trees behind a short metal fence. Janet drove off to park near the Village Hall. We hid the vertical antenna with leafy branches. It took longer for the first hunter to arrive. We spotted a flashlight on the other side of the tracks. Slowly it moved to the west and then toward us across the tracks and the fence separating the RR tracks from the parking lot. It was Matt as he teased to us for the win. Shortly Patty arrived with Jacob and Mac. We announce that Culver's east of 53 on Ogden would be the meeting place. Janet came back and parked at the end of the parking lot. Don, who started About 30 minutes later, Tom and David drove up to Janet and got out heading east - during a transmission! Maybe there was a reflection giving them a bad reading. Eventually, Tom came back to find us. We headed for Culver's. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob. Mac - 8:48PM
 2. Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM - 9:06PM
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:57PM





2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Aug 10th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Tom N9CBA / David KD9MAM

Tom and David got the 4 hunt teams off with a good signal to the NW. Pete and John took 355 north. Matt's team decided on 355 or 88W. We took 88 to Naperville Rd to Roosevelt and then County Farm Rd. It was slow. Pete and John got off 355 at Lake west and overshot by a mile. They came back to a wooded area by the RR tracks between Lake St and Devon. They found Tom and David under a pine tree for the win.

We overshot the hiding spot off Devon and then back to Ontarioville Art Center where we spotted David's car. We ran across Devon to find Tom and David for 2nd. Later John and Janet found the foxes for 3rd. The hunt ended as Don, who was not close, gave up. 50W to a 4 el beam was used. Pilot Pete was the munch spot. Results:

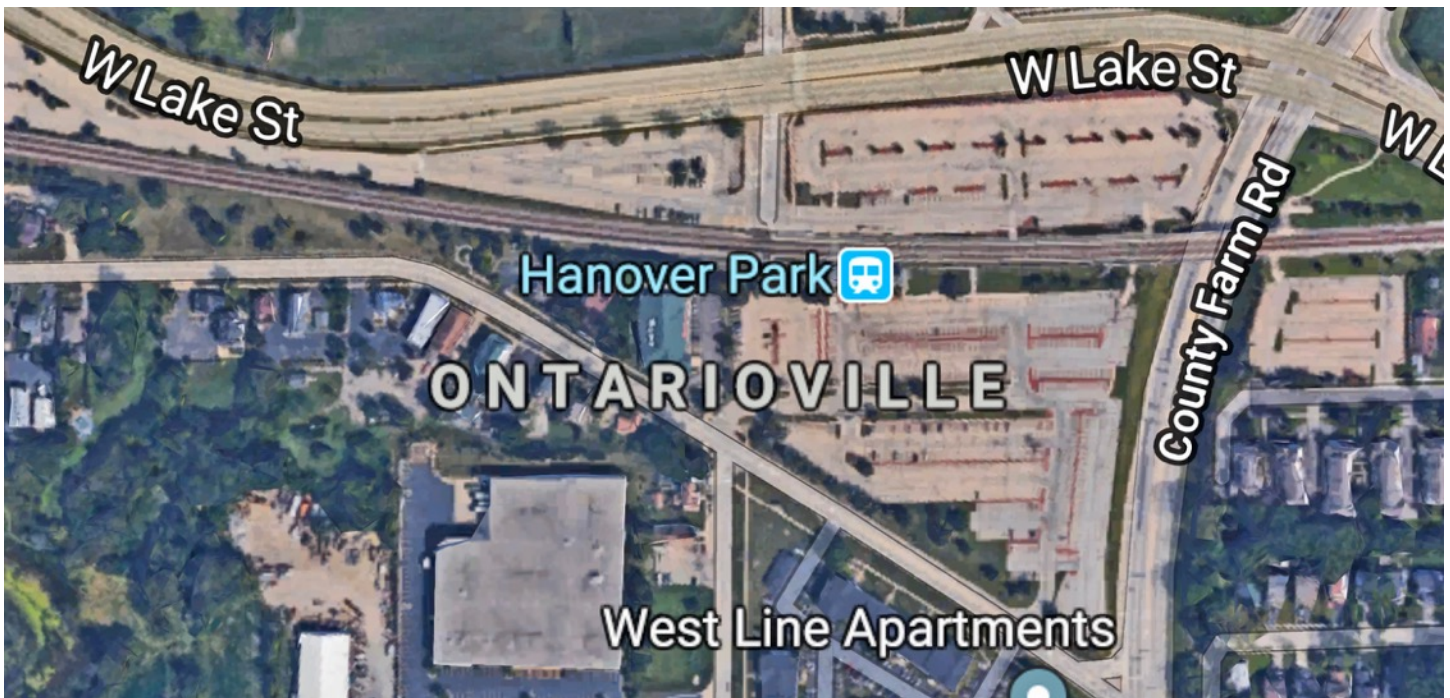
1. Pete K9PW, John K9JK
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
 3. John Wd9EXW, Janet
- DNF Don W9RA





Two views of the hiding spot. They were so well-hidden, a photo was not possible.

The airport was active. These two planes were preparing to take off.



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Aug 7th, 2019
by Mike WA9FTS

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

It was nice to see Tony and Joan show up for the hunt. We had 4 hunt teams ready to find us. The spot we picked was in Naperville. It was Frontier Park east of 59 and south of 95th St. A gazebo between 4 baseball diamonds was chosen. We raised a 3 el tape measure beam up about 20 ft to the gazebo. A table was convenient so we set up the radio to a battery and released the hunters at 8:06PM. Matt and I guessed it would take 45 to 60 min for the first hunter to find us. John arrived on foot to find us for the win taking 52 min. They took 355 to 88 to Naperville Rd south to 95 and overshot 59. They came back to the park - good route! Ten minutes later Tony ran up to secure 2nd. Another 9 min later, David came up to find us for 3rd. I found out that during the hunt, the rear antenna struck a tree but David fixed it and they continued on the hunt. Don, who was not near, asked for the restaurant. We discussed two places - Giordano's closing at 10:30 and The Patio which stayed open till 11PM. The Patio was chosen. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:58PM
2. Tony AA9CC, Joan KC9QQY - 9:08PM
3. David KD9MAM, Tom N9BA - 9:17PM

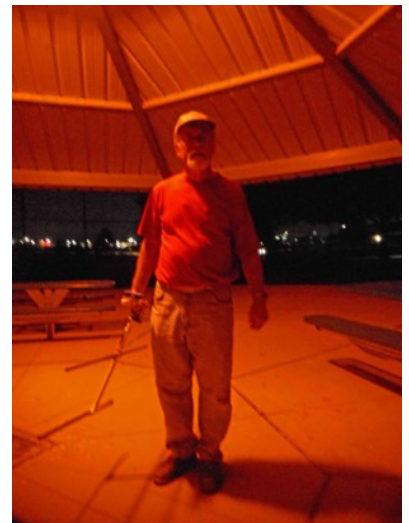
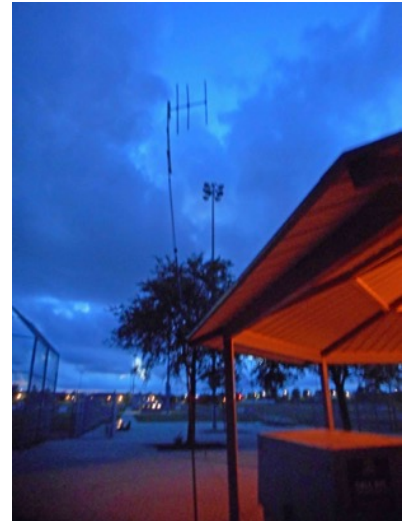
DNF Don W9RA - 9:18PM



Tony relaxes a fast run to us.



David makes it for 3rd.



John arrives for the win.



Finally a chance to relax.



We hid in the gazebo in the middle of the 4 baseball diamonds.

34 2M Foxhunt - Aug 24th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Tom N9CBA

Tom got the 4 hunt teams off with a good signal to the west. Most of the hunters took 390 west. Pete zoomed past us on 390 even though we got an early start on 390 by not waiting for the left arrow and turning around to make a right on the entrance ramp first. Matt's team got off at Lake St and took it to Lambert Ln - back to 59 and south to Bartlett Rd and east to Spitzer Rd. We saw several hunter and, with a 5 on the sniffer, we were close. Matt, Jacob and I went off on foot over newly-plowed dirt and tall hills of dirt. Matt and Jacob climbed a tall hill as I ran around it. We all saw Tom's car in the distance. Running at full speed we got there for the win. A few minutes later, John arrive for 2nd. Another few minutes saw Don arrive for 3rd. Where was Pete as we

saw him earlier. Apparently, Pete saw a “No trespassing” sign and stayed out. Tom, as the other hunters, did not see the sign until we left with Janet seeing it. Tom was running about 10w to a tape beam up around 20ft strapped to his car’s back bumper. We went to Pietanza’s at 59 and Army Trail Rd. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Jacob, Mike WA9FTS, Patty N0PLS, Mac
2. John WD9EXW, Janet
3. Don W9RA

DNF Pete K9PW



5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Aug 31st, 2019 by Pete K9PW & John K9JK

Here are the rules for the 5th Sat hunt Pete sent before the hunt:

Here are the special rules for the 5th Sat hunt. Please include them in the newsletter.

Start: Pilot Pete's

There will be multiple foxes. The winner is the first hunter to find all foxes & return back to fox 1. Fox 1 will be on 146.34 MHz. Fox 1 will transmit with sufficient power to be heard at the starting point. The other fox transmitters will be lower power & will not be heard at the starting point. The frequency of fox 2 will be provided to each hunter when they find fox 1. Similarly, the frequency of

fox 3 will be provided when fox 2 is found. After all foxes are found, the hunter must return to fox 1 to finish. Fox 1 will be on for 30 seconds, off for 90 seconds. Other transmitters will operate on a similar schedule or may operate continuously.

I (K9JK) was fox #1, on 146.34, and was parked in the SW corner of the parking lot for the Blackwell Elementary School, 345 N. Walnut Ln, Schaumburg. I was running 50 Watts to the horizontal loop antenna on the front roof rack of my car. Coordinates N42.03065, W88.13198 (from my GPS and looking pretty close on Google Maps, though I might have picked W88.13196 from Google Maps, what's 2/100,000ths of a degree ; -).

Pete's vehicle was parked at the parking area off Cloverdale Ln. but did no transmitting during the hunt (though Pete did have a magmount vertical on the roof).

We were in the southern part of the "Gray Farm Park & Conservation Area"

What were the freqs for the foxes?

Fox #2 - Pete's repeater - was on 147.42 - Approx. coordinates N42.02879, W88.12974

Fox #3 - The interconnected BaoFeng HTs - was on 147.54 - Approx. coordinates N42.02806, W88.13232

Fox #4 - Pete's "signal generator" (constantly on) - was on 147.48 - Approx. coordinates N42.03090, W88.13074

Pete was sitting in the gazebo at roughly N42.02771, W88.13082, with Fox#2 and Fox #3 in view. Pete was controlling Fox #2, and I was controlling Fox #3 (though I couldn't see Fox #3 from where I was parked).

Pete may have more accurate coordinates for the fox 2 through 4 locations or the gazebo...I just picked these coordinates from my best guess of where the foxes were set and the gazebo by looking at Google Maps.

Pete, feel free to amend any of the info that I answered.

73, JK

The location of fox 4 should be corrected. It was N42.03055 W88.13069

Fox 2 was repeater using Moto GM300 UHF to Yaesu FT-857 in an outdoor box sitting on the ground. 50 mW to quarter wave vertical. This is the same repeater that I've used before.

Fox 4 was only 5 mW (less than I told you last night) in a tote bag in a tree around 4' above the ground. Antenna was a quarter wave vertical.

Pete

Hunt Results:

1. 4 Foxes - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Harold, Jan, Jacob, Mac
 2. 4 Foxes - John WD9EXW, Mike WA9FTS, Janet
- DNF 2 Foxes - Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM
- DNF 2 Foxes - Don W9RA



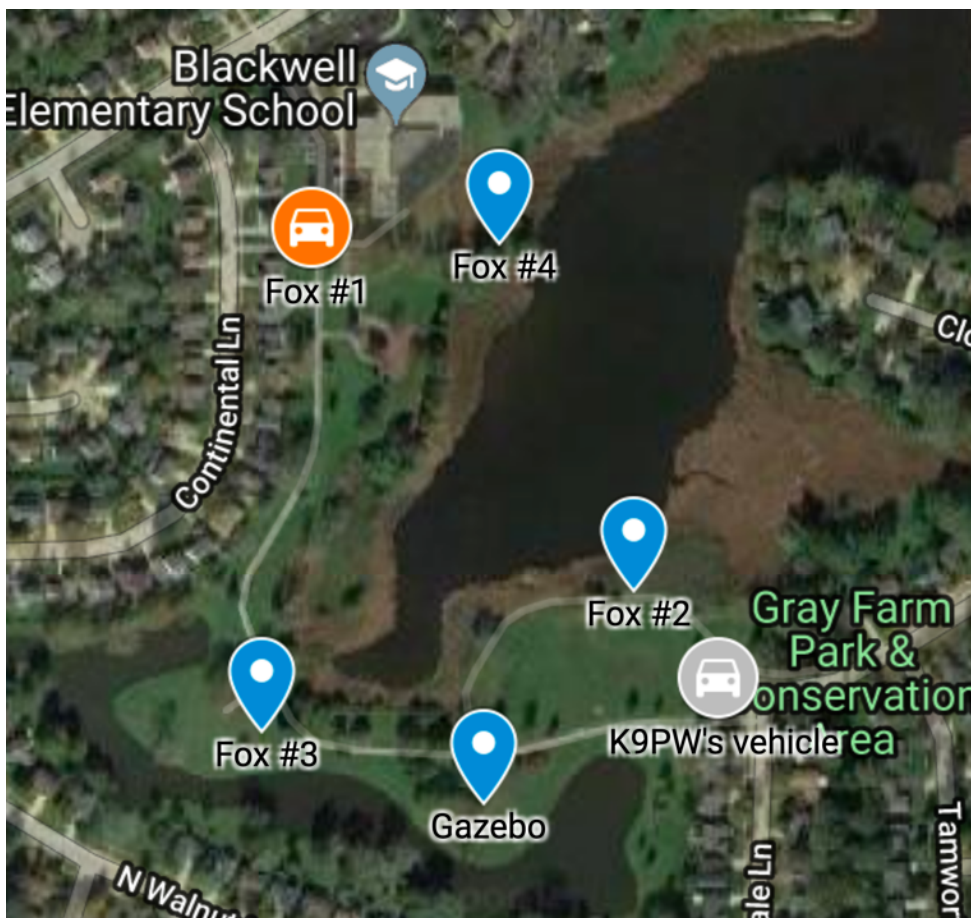


John K9JK brought in Fox #3 into Pilot Pete's.

Map of the 4 foxes submitted by John K9JK



Pete informed Mike WA9FTS to stay away from the water. David did not think it applied to him. He sunk into the mud amongst the cattails and lost his right shoe. Thanks to Patty N9PLS for the great photo.



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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 KC9SEM Next hunt - Nov 30	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	9/9/9	9/9/9
K9PW / K9JK	4/4	8/7
AA9CC	1	1
W9RA	1	3
WD9EXW, Janet	8	5
N9CBA / KD9MAM	7/4	4/1
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.

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