

# 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 - Aug 1st, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Tony AA9CC

There were 7 hunt teams off and driving to the SE. Most of the hunters took Rt 83 south. Others took North Av east to 290 and south. The hunters eventually got to Willow Springs Rd north of Archer Av. There was the DesPlaines River and the Chicago Sanitary Canal. Several of the hunters, me included, traveled to the south end of the overpass and then back. There were so many places for Tony to hide. Eventually the hunters, one at a time, took the path under the overpass north of the DesPlaines River to find Tony in the woods near the water. Dave got there for his 1st win with Marty arriving for 2nd. Later Matt's team arrived for 3rd. I was finally heading in the right direction as hunters past me. I was 4th with John getting there for 5th. Don gave up with Tom trying his best only to give up also. Tony was running 25w to a 3 el tape beam. We finally decided on the Patio a few miles away on Rt 83. Results:

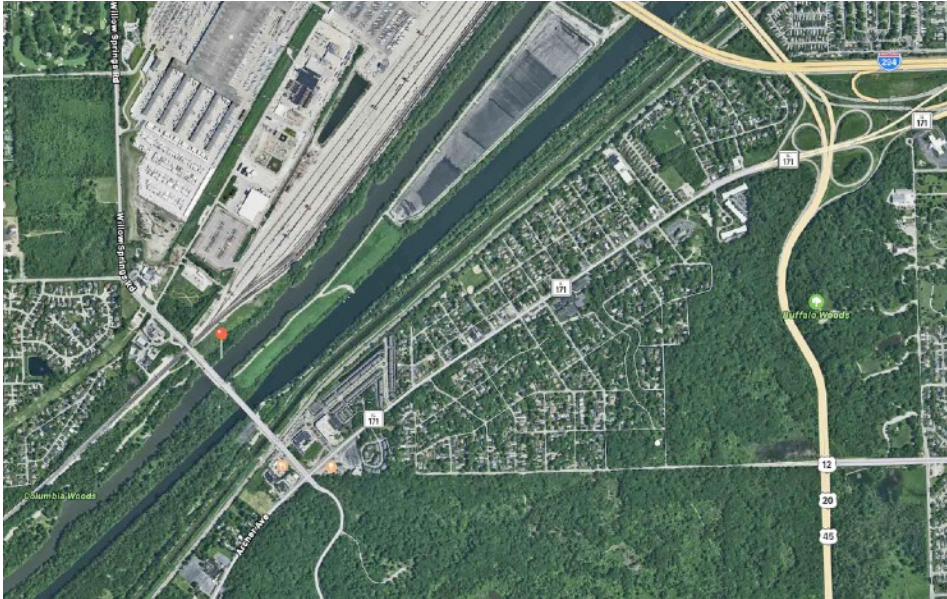
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N9PLS, Jacob, Mac	4. Mike WA9FTS	5. John WD9EXW, Janet
DNF Don W9RA	Tom N9CBA	



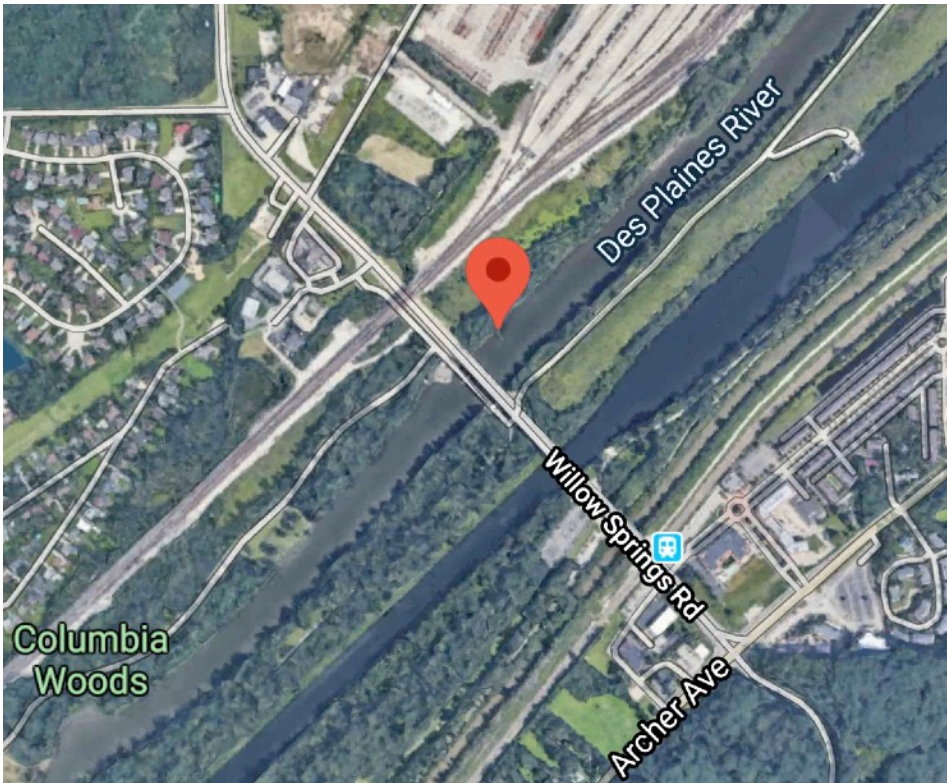




Tony took these early when it was light out



Marty sent this to show where Tony hid.



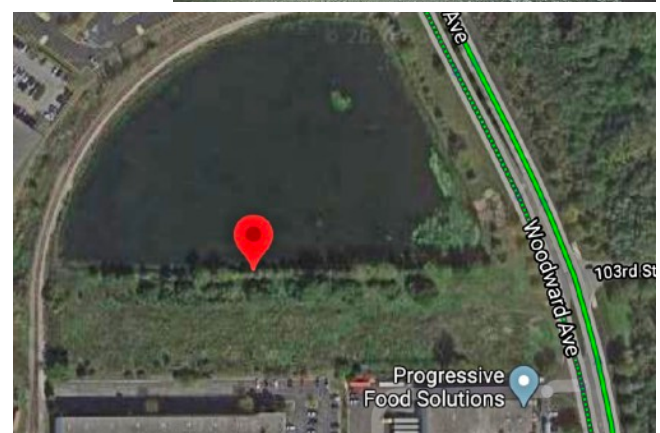
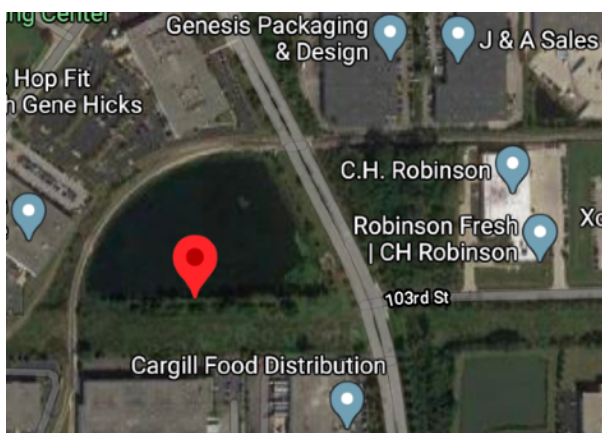
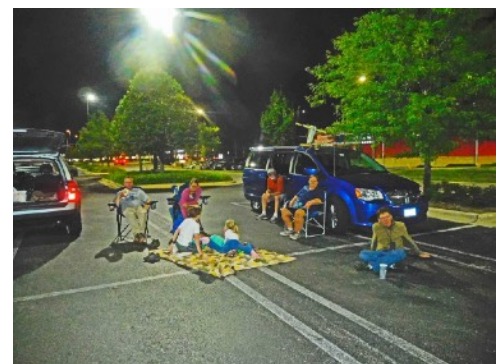


2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Aug 8th,  
2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox  
Tony AA9CC

Tony got the 8 foxhunt teams off with a good signal to the south. We again headed south to the Lemont area. The hunters arrived south of I55 and Woodward Av. John and Janet were the first to arrive north of a body of water. John ran around to the west and found Tony in heavy woods and weeds for the win. Other hunters arrive and had a very hard time to find Tony. One by one they did but it took almost an hour and a half to complete the task. After the hunt we headed to the nearest Costco which had a number of restaurants to choose from. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Jnet
2. Pete K9PW
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
4. David AC9VW
5. Marty N9LTE
6. Mike WA9FTS

DNF Charlie KB9DIM, Don W9RA





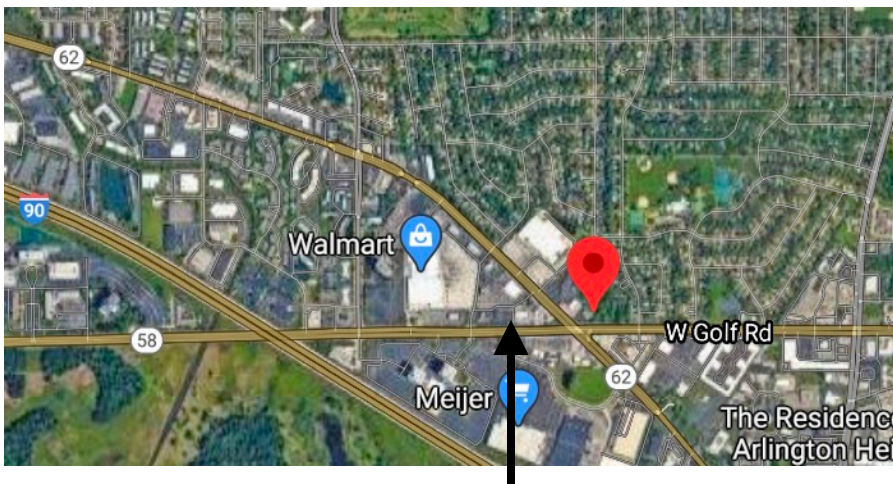
CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Aug 15th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS

Fox - Tom N9CBA

Tom got the 6 hunt teams off with a good signal to the north. Most of the hunters took 355 north to 290 and chose Kirchoff Rd. We quickly realized that Higgins was a better choice but that was behind us. We took Wilke Rd south to a large shopping center. On a pervious practice hunt with David, I got lost and I did so again. Tony and David did not a headed to Golf and 62. The pulled in behind a dark building (NTB Tire and Battery Shop) with Tony winning by seconds ahead of David. I drove in later to find Tom behind a garbage container for 3rd with John arriving on foot for 4th. Matt's team finished 5th with Don ending the hunt. Tom selected a spot 500 ft west of 62 on Golf Rd with a number of places to pick for food. We settled behind the Buona Beef. Tom ran 30w to a 1/4 wave on the roof.

Results:

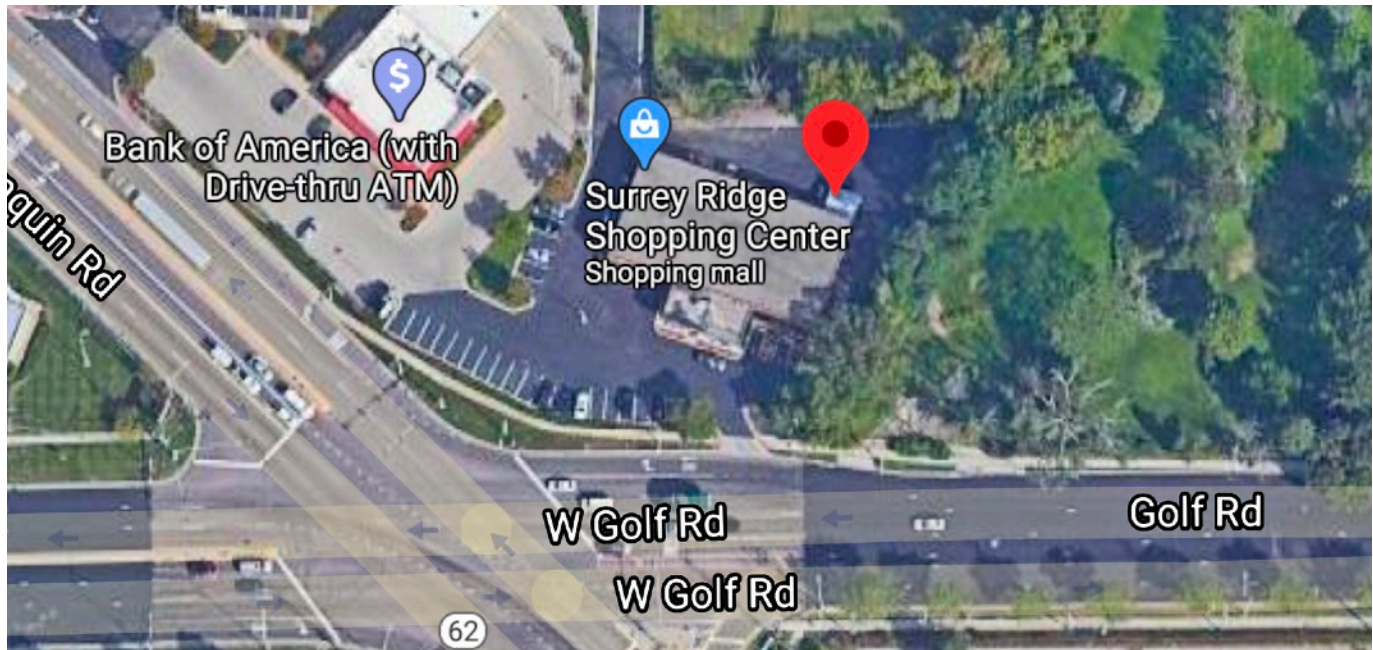
1. Tony AA9CC
2. David AC9VW
3. Mike WA9FTS
4. John WD9EWX, Janet
5. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob , Mac
6. Don W9RA



Tom was at the red balloon Buona Beef







34 2M Foxhunt - Aug 22nd, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac

We had 7 hunt teams and Matt (Mac?) started the hunters off with a strong signal to the west. All the hunters took off on 390. Somehow I got off on 355 and went to Army Trail Rd. Others did much better. John explains his journey - I took Thorndale west, changes to Elgin/O'Hare got off at Irving Pk, and got a reading behind + north, 4 on the sniffer. Traveled only on Irving 100 feet, turned north on Spring Rd, then back east on Wise Rd. I wanted to go back about a mile, so stopped near Wise & Wright Blvd. and encountered Don, who had the same idea and stopped 1/2 block west of me. Next transmission was se, 5 on sniffer, so we hopped east on Wise, 100 feet to Wright, turned south, and had long enough transmission to go the couple blocks to Lunt, where he was a 6 on the sniffer. Transmission ended, so I hopped out a bit east on Lunt, and started looking. Luckily he was behind the second building I checked. We left quickly, and again saw Don nearby, and Tony just north on Morse.

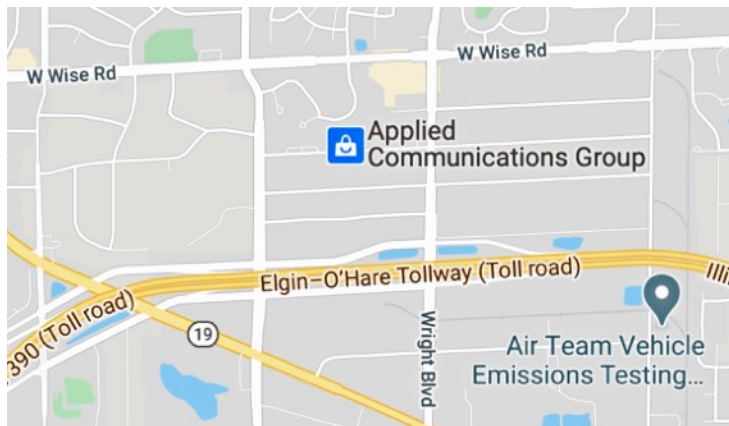
Tony was 2nd with Don capturing 3rd. As I recovered from my terrible journey south, got to Lunt to see David drive behind me. I turned around and slowly got a 6 then a 7 and headed in to finish behind David for 5th. Pete drove in for 6th and Tom ended the hunt. We met at Pilot Pete's. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet
2. Tony AA9CC
3. Don W9RA
4. David AC9VW
5. Mike WA9FTS
6. Pete K9PW
7. Tom N9CBA

I used Matt's phone to take this picture as my camera (backup) as I left my regular camera at home charging. I took pix before the hunt and after but the SD card was full and did not save to the card. This is the only pix of the hunt.







Matt was parked here.



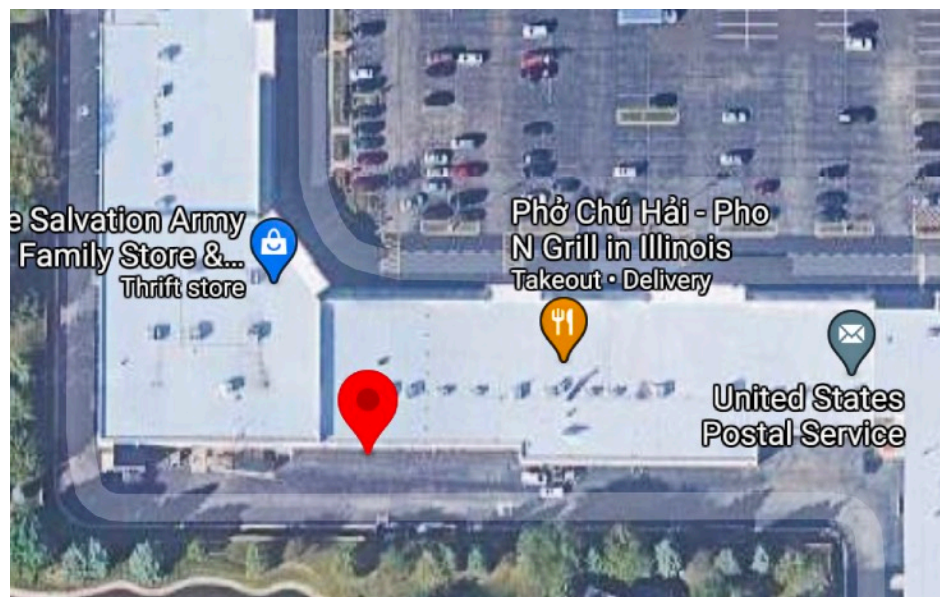
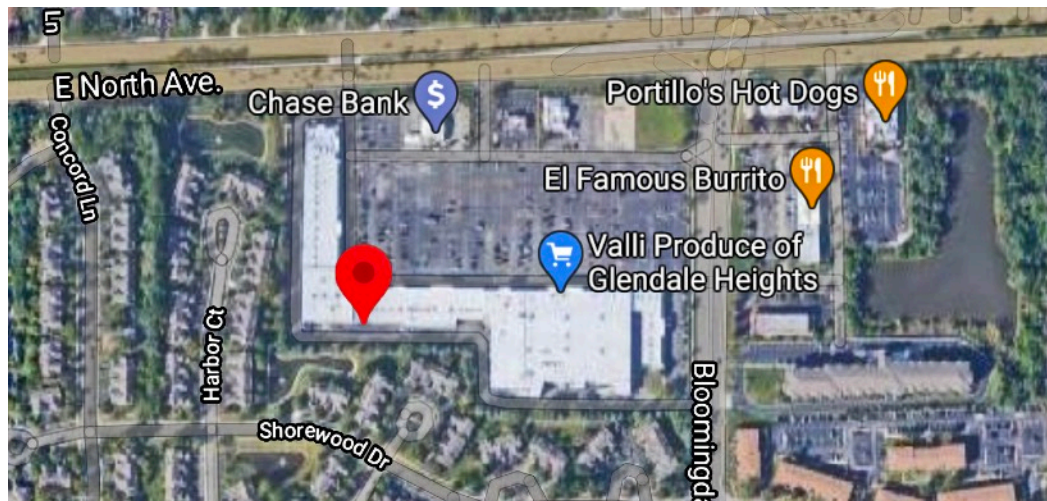
5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Aug 29th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox WA9FTS with Carol

We had 9 hunt teams with John K9JK joining us. They were released at 8:04PM. Most of the hunters took 290/355 south to North Av and west. The obvious location to look was the shopping area SW of North and Bloomingdale Rd. One by one the hunters went behind the stores to find Carol and me. Marty and Bill got there seconds before Tony for a quick 1-2 finish. Three minutes later Matt and Patty drove past and then back for 3rd. John and Janet arrived a minute later with Pete another minute for 5th. Don, Tom and David found us as indicated below. John JK decided to DNF and go home. Marty and Bill also took off and did not join us. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:26PM
2. Tony AA9CC - 8:26PM
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty, Jacob, Mac - 8:29PM
4. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:30PM
5. Pete K9PW - 8:31PM
6. Don W9RA - 8:44PM
7. Tom N9CBA - 8:51PM
8. David AC9VW - 8:53PM      DNF John K9JK







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	Start Time	Starting Locations	Foxhunt Freq
1st Sat of month	8PM	Rt 8 north of St Charles Rd Elmhurst across from Whole Food	147.750 CFAR input
2nd Sat of month	8PM	Downers Grove Fitness & Rec Center parking lot off Belmont Rd south of Ogden Av	146.565 Simplex
3rd Sat of month	8PM	Centennial Park off 53 Addison 0.4 south of Lake St	146.160 CFMC Input
4th Sat of month	8PM	WoodDale Rd at Sievert in the parking lot	146.340 Simplex
5th Sat of month	8PM	TBD by the Fox N9LTE Next hunt Oct 31st	TBD by the Fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM / N9PLS / WA9FTS	1/1	3/3/3
K9PW/K9JK	0/0	0/0
AA9CC	7	5
W9RA	0	1
WD9EXW, Janet	10	3
N9CBA / AC9VW	1/1	2/2
N9LTE	2	4
N9JPG, KC9ZLS, KD9IZB	0	1/1/1
KB9DIM	0	1
WA9FTS	0	2
KC9SEM / N9PLS	5/5	5
N9CBA	5	3
AC9VW	1	1
K9PW	0	1

## 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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