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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 5th, 2023 by Tom N9CBA

It had rained much of the day, but was clearing. Tom N9CBA was prepared to hide out of the car, but renewed sprinkles triggered the hide in the car. Hide spot was at coordinates 41.75031 -87.87515.

The antenna was a 3-ele tape measure beam driven by 10 watts. The antenna was mostly horizontal and only 4 or 5 ft up, but aimed at trying to get a good bounce from the upper part of the nearby squat water tower/tank. Signal was weak at the starting point.

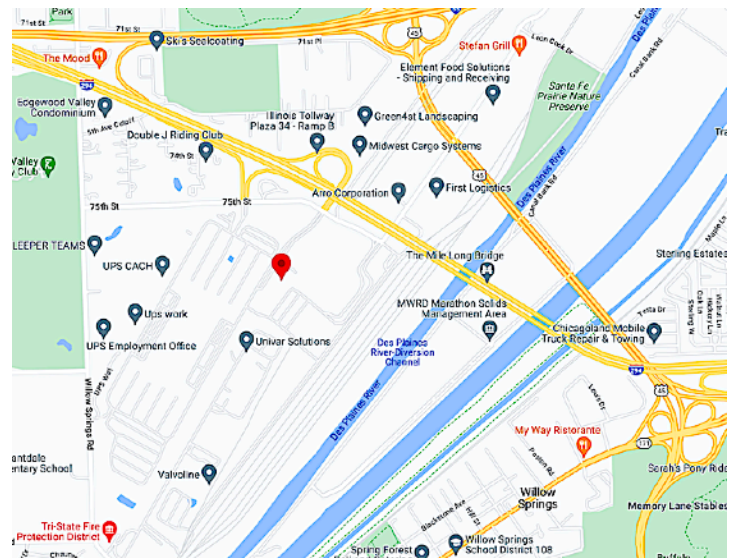
Jacob ran some to get to the fox, which they had spotted. Clearly they took the optimum route -- south on 83, and west on Plainfield Road. I also suspect the transmission happened to hit at a very fortunate time. John and Janet took a similar route but probably did not luck out as much for the transmission.

Marty was hunting Don-style (no outside antenna-- stop and take readings with the portable gear), so his was quite good. New Tesla Y for Marty. Roof rack may or may not be feasible. Let's see.

Don was also hunting Don-style. :-)

Munch was at Buona Darian on Cass. With the nice weather, we sat outside in the covered patio.

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU8:22
2. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:26
3. Marty N9LTE 8.31
4. Pete K9PW 8:48
5. Don W9RA dnf.



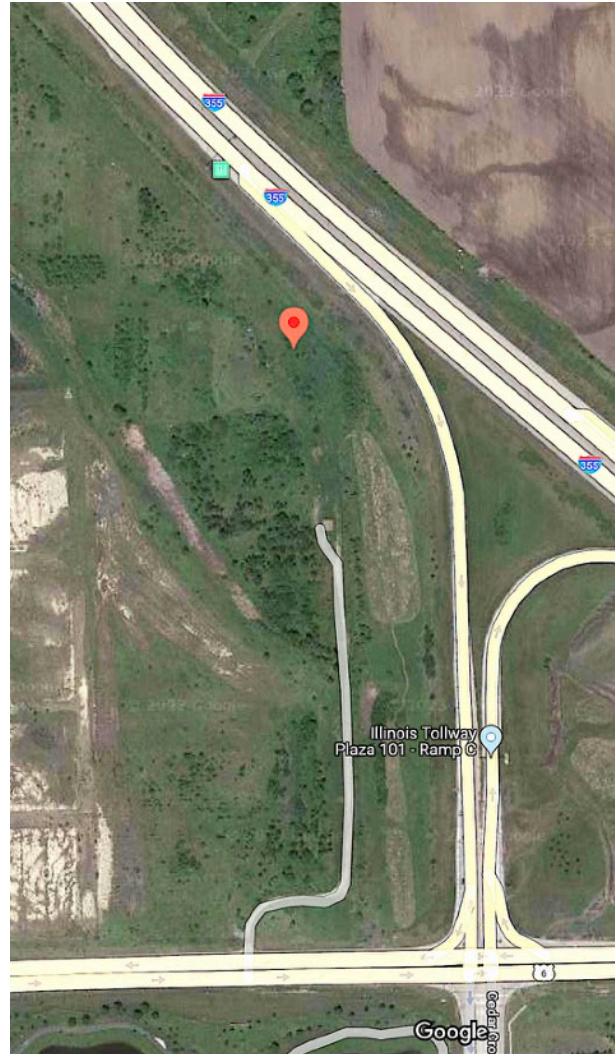
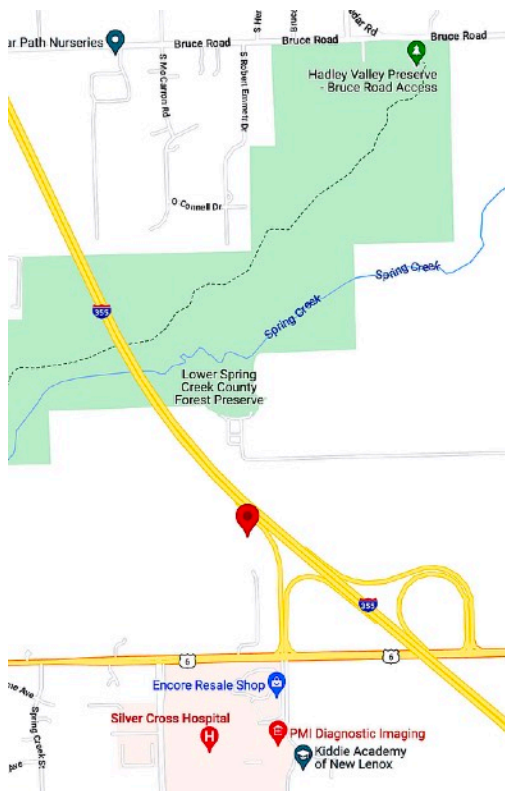
2nd Sat 2m Foxhunt - Aug 12th, 2023 by Tony AA9CC

41.552366, -87.982072

John and Janet stopped on 355 before the Rt 6 exit with a 7, right place right time. John got out and ran 100 yards back, clambered over the fence and startled the fox from behind for the win. Google drive time was 23 minutes. Tom and Matt and Patty drove in on the overgrown double track and scored after passing by once.

1. John WD9EXW, Janet 8:25
2. Tom N9CBA 8:40
3. KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU 8:55

DNF Don W9RA



CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Aug 19th, 2023 by Marty N9LTE

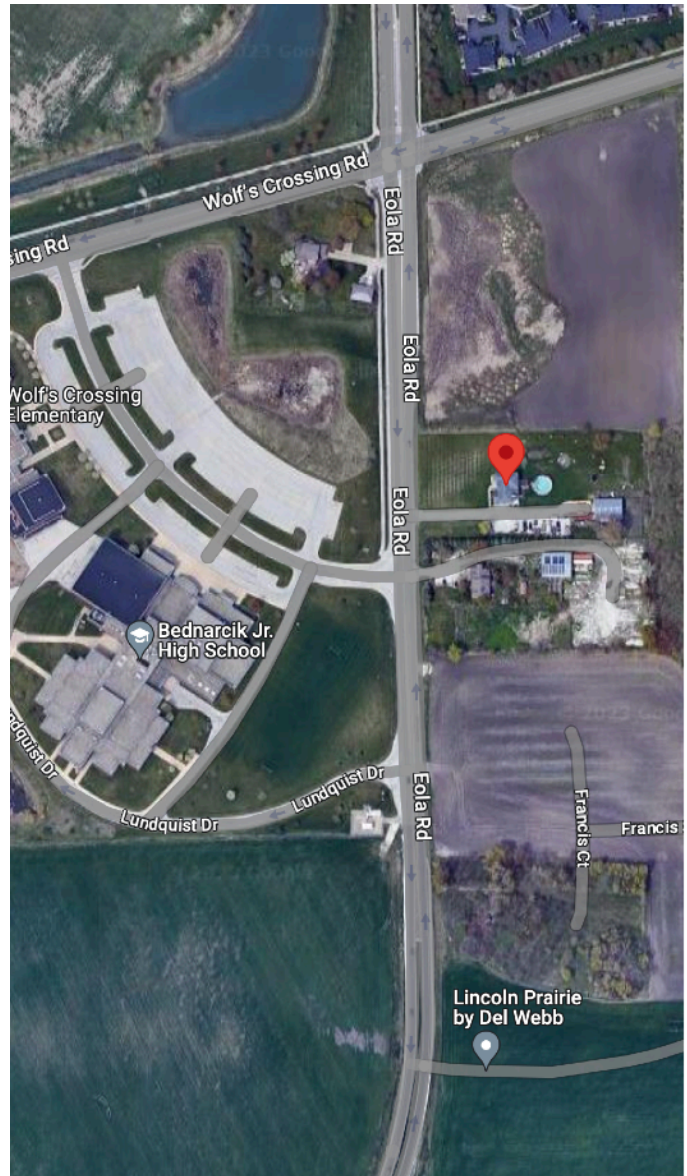
1. Tony AA9CC 8:57
2. John WD9EXW, Janet 9:00
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS - 9:02
4. Tom N9CBA 9:03
5. Don W9RA 9:10

10W into a tape measure beam at 45 degree angle between horizontal and vertical.





Marty was on a new bridge crossing Eola Rd.
It was just south of his home in Oswego.



34 2M Foxhunt - Aug 26th, 2023 by Pete K9PW

Six teams of hunts were present for the last foxhunt in August. On a pleasant evening, the hounds are released at 8:05PM. All teams easily heard the fox. Some reported a level two on their sniffers. The fox was using 40 Watts to a quarter wave antenna located 15' above the surrounding area.

The fox (Pete, K9PW) was located on a dirt pile at the former location of the main design & manufacturing building of Motorola. Ten years ago, the fox's office had been located less than 200' away in that now demolished building. The site is now being converted to half million dollar townhouses. The location was seven miles from the start. Optimum driving route was 10 miles in just over 15 minutes. The first two cars were seen in the area in just 20 minutes. Fox location = N42.06685 W88.04843. Munch was at the Donkey Inn located in Palatine.

#	TIME	CALL	TEAMMATES
1	8:31	N9LTE	Marty
2	8:37	W9RA	Don
3	8:38	K9JK	John
4	8:40	N9CBA	Tom
5	8:42	WD9EXW	John Janet
6	9:10	KD9VVU	Mac KD9VLF Jacob, KC9SEM Matt, N9PLS Patty



	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 Matt KC9SEM Next hunt - Jul 29th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	6/6/7/2	2/1/2/2/2
N9LTE, Bill	3/1	3/1
WD9EXW, Janet , WA9FTS	4,3	8/1
N9CBA	2	4
N0MO	1	
K9PW	3	1
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	3/2	1/1
W9RA	1	3
AA9CC,KC9QQY	5	5,1
W9RA	1	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.

