

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 - Sep 2nd, 2023 by Mike WA9FTS -Fox KC9SEM and family



Four hunters started off with a good signal the west. The possible spot chosen by John was Ackerman Park north of St. Charles and east of Main St. John got out and ran north. I stayed with Janet as the hunters got close to Matt and his family. They chose a spot on the same street the Sandersons and Williams lived. A triad creek separated the two on Glenrise Ave. They were under the road waiting for the hunters to arrive. Three did and we headed to Barones's on Penn St. Results.



1. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS -8:36
 2. Tom N9CBA - 8:38
 3. Don W9RA - 8:46
- DNF - Pete K9PW



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Sep 9th, 2023
by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - John
WD9EXW & Janet

From John: I was thinking about spots earlier in the week. Don't recall the last time someone hid close by, and thought- why not? Found a good spot only 1.3 mi away. Just south of Maple Was a community pool, closed some years ago, parking lot is all that remains.

I was running my Yaesu HT at 500mw, with Rubber duck

Matt reported 100% copy, and we started on time. Janet was hiding with me, and she was heard in some of the transmissions. She thought first place would be 8:20.

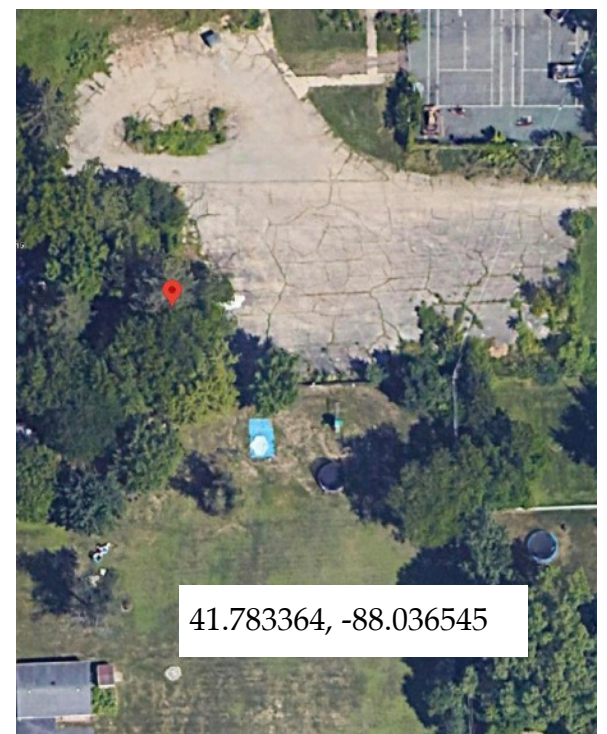
From Mike: John had a good signal to the south as 5 hunters go off. We found a large water tower at Belmont and Maple. Reflections off it caused some problems.

Eventually Matt parked at the northwest end of the restaurant, Carnivore and the Queen. We headed east across Belmont and into a wooded area. John and Janet were sitting on large branches.

Matt and family left as Tom was in the area. I stayed to take a pix as Tom arrived for 2nd. Culver's was chosen as the munch spot. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS - 8:25
2. Tom N9CBA - 8:27
3. Don W9RA - 8:40
4. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT - 8:57

DNF Mike N0MO - 9:00



41.783364, -88.036545

CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Sep 16th, 2023 by Mike WA9FTS

Four hunt teams arrived. There was a problem with bringing up the repeater. Should we go to CFAR or have a simplex hunt? We chose to go with simplex. Tony gave a very weak signal but it appeared to come from the south. The hunters who could not hear Tony followed those that could hear. Most of the hunters took 355 south with others taking 294. What side of the Des Plaines River was Tony on? Tom took Lemont Rd to Bluff Rd that Tony lived on. Bluff Rd and as we approached Tony, Tom drove by. Tom won with us 2nd a minute behind. Mike, Tim and Michelle came in 3rd later with Don giving up. We ended up at Matt's BBQ in Lemont.

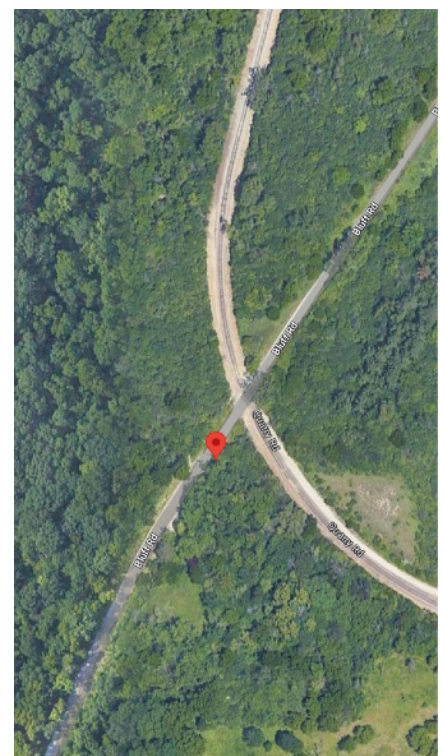
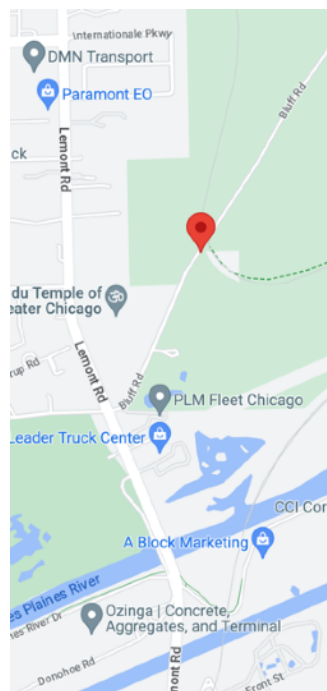
Results:

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2. John WD9EXW, Janet, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS
3. Mike N0MO, Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT

DNF Don W9RA

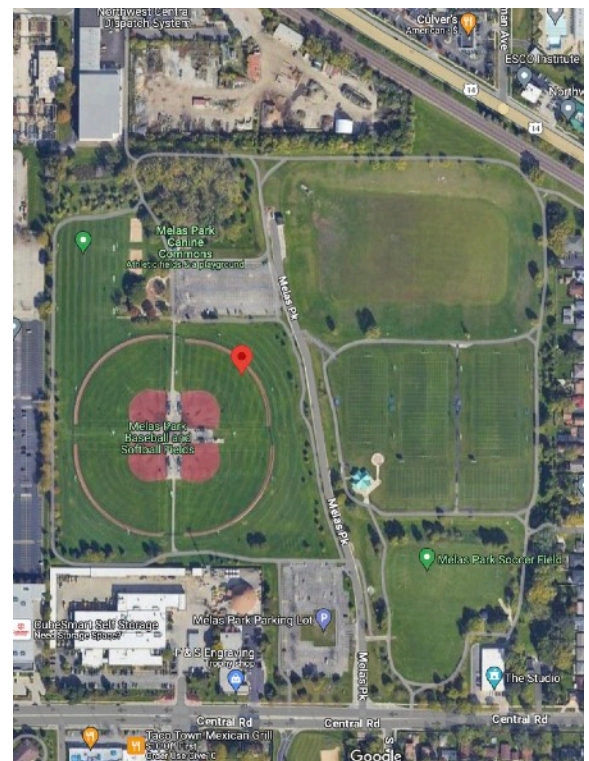
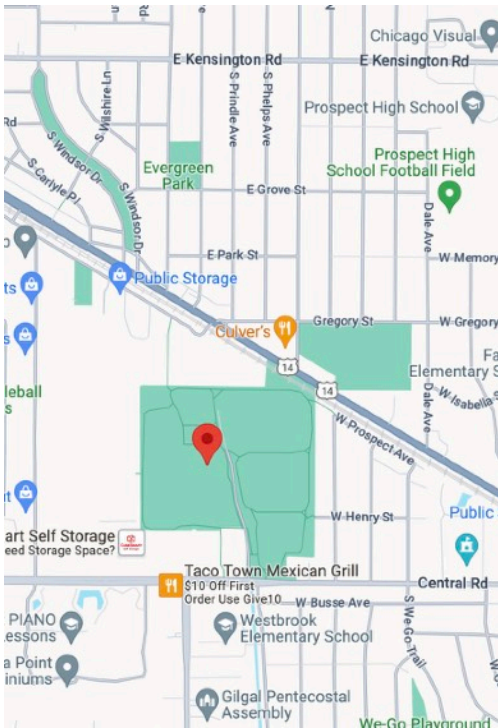
34 2M Foxhunt - Sep 23rd, 2023 - by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - John WD9EXW

John gave the 5 hunters a strong signal to the north. Most of the hunters went east and north. South of NW Hwy, Melas Park was a possible location. Two hunt teams



got to a parking lot west of Melas Park. The team of Tim, Michelle and Mike got there and found a chain link fence in the way. They ran south to an opening to the park. Matt's team got there a few minutes later and found an opening under the fence. John was found sitting in a chair by Tim's team with Matt's team a minute later. Shortly Tom, Don and Pete found John to end the hunt. We all went to Culver's nearby. Results:

1. Tim KC9YFI, Michelle KD9DJT, Mike N0MO
2. Matt KC9SEM, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU, Mike WA9FTS, Patty N9PLS
3. Tom N9CBA
4. Don W9RA
5. Pete K9PW



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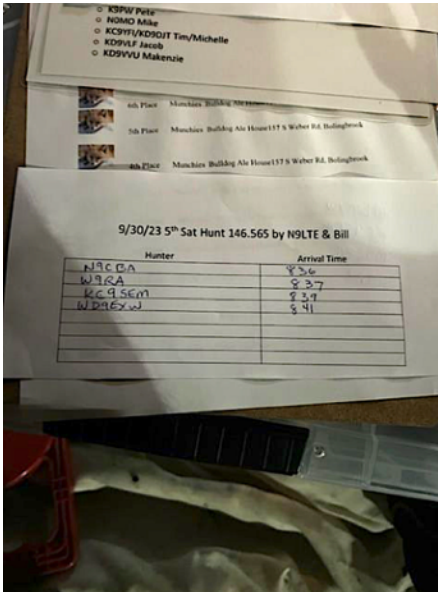
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5th Sat 2M Foxhunt - Sep 30th, 2023 by Marty N9LTE

Started out to be a beautiful warm September evening. I decided to make the hunt quick and simple and the hunters didn't let me down. I drove around the approximate location and when I found a spot with a picnic table I thought - perfect. All hunters got a good signal at the start and they were released at 8:04 PM. The first to arrive on the scene was Don and as he was poking around the trees on a frontage road, Tom drove in for the win first with Don walking in for second just 30 seconds later. Matt was seen driving the parking lot and pulled up one minute later to snatch 3rd. John, Janet & Mike drove around minutes later to claim fourth place, No DNFs was a nice finish. We ended up at Bulldog Ale House for munchies on Weber Road.

1. Tom N9CBA 8:36
2. Don W9RA 8:37
3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob KD9VLF, Mac KD9VVU 8:39
4. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS 8:41

Location Bolingbrook 41.663759,-88.106577



	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 Tom N9CBA Next hunt - Mar 30	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM,N9PLS,KD9VLE,KD9VVU,WA9FTS	7/7/8/3	3/2/4/4/3
N9LTE, Bill	3/1	3/1
WD9EXW, Janet , WA9FTS	5,3	10/2
N9CBA	3	6
N0MO	2	
K9PW	3	1
KC9YFI/KD9DJT	4/3	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.

