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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.

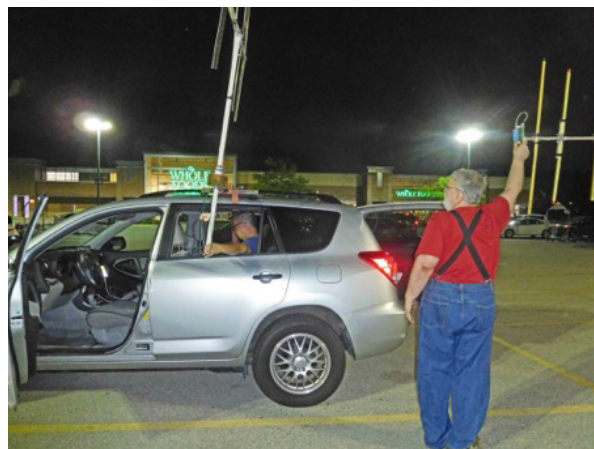


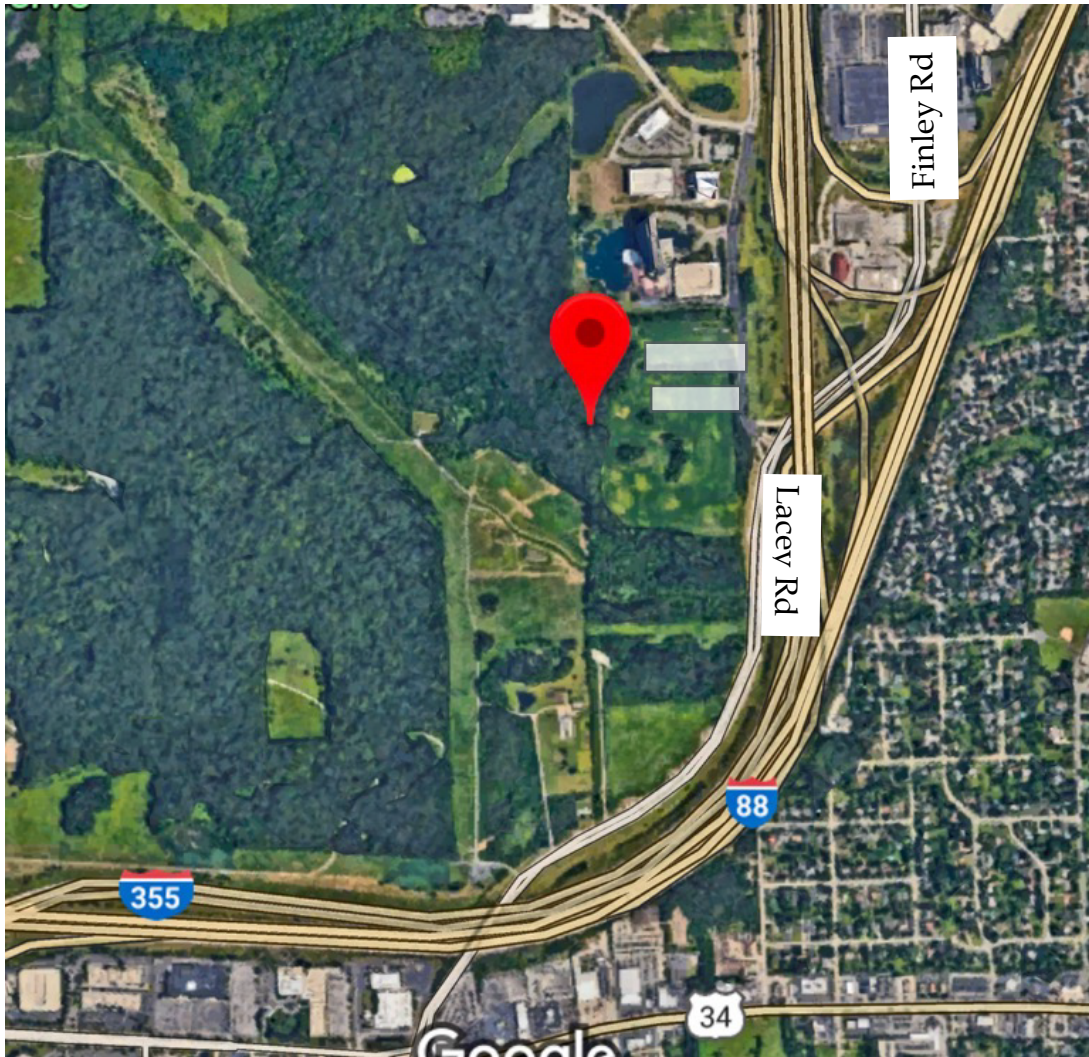
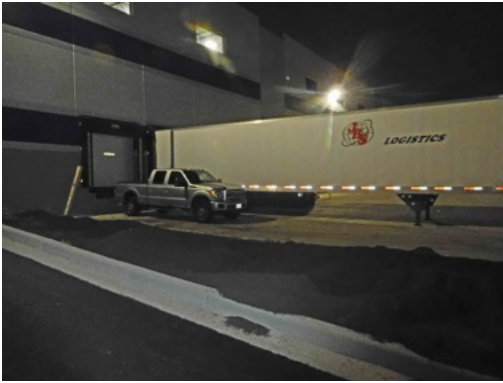
CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Sep 7th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS / Fox

Matt KC9SEM & Mac

Four hunt teams got off to a good start to find Matt and Mac. A good signal was to the SW. Most hunters took 83 south to 88 west. John took 22nd to Butterfield and then on 88. The hunters circled around back to Butterfield and south on Woodstock to Lacey. We pulled behind a new building. I got off and went into the woods toward the signal which was strong. John got back into the van and went to the next building to the south. I found it difficult and got back out and headed to the next building. I saw Pete and John driving past me to the south end of the building and found Matt's truck. I followed them and as they drove away to the west end and got out on foot. Don was right behind Pete. Matt and Mac were in the woods. Pete got there and then Don. I found Matt and Mac as Pete and Don were walking out. It was then I found out John were there for the win. We waited about 10 min and Tom and David arrived with David going in to end the hunt. Everyone who took 88 admitted to was a bad move. Matt was running 10w to a 3 el tape beam up about 15 ft. Culver on Ogden was the munch spot. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet, Mike WA9FTS
2. Pete K9PW, K9JK
3. Don W9RA
4. David KD9MAM, Tom N9CBA





Several new building were built to the east of the Morton Arboretum. The balloon indicated were Matt and Mac were in the woods. To the right was a low area - north and south and two new buildings to the east. We originally choose the north building and Matt was hiding the west of the next building to the south.

2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Sep 14th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS / Fox - Pete K9PW

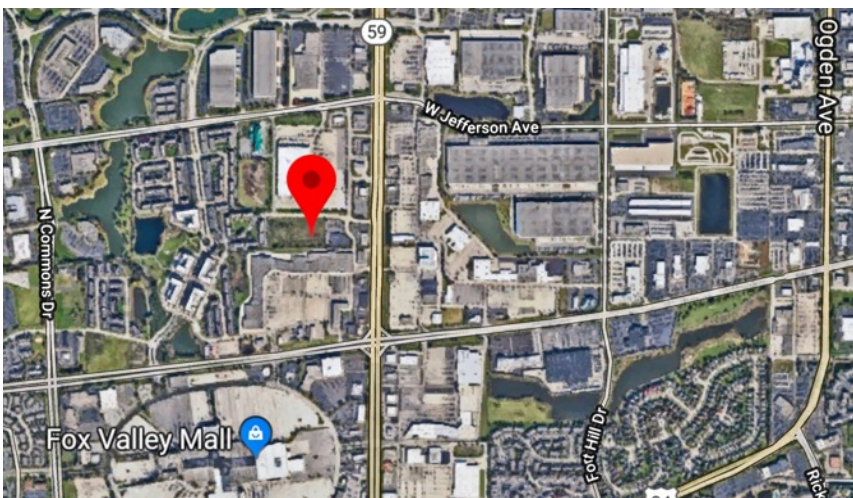
Pete got the 4 hunt teams off at 8:04 PM. Matt's team took 88 west although Ogden was a possible road to take. Several of the hunters did take Ogden. We got off at 59 south past the Fox Valley Mall - too far. We went back to a shopping center north of the Fox Valley. Construction was going on and we drove to the back of the stores very carefully. Remembering an alcove Pete hid in, we tried one. Matt got out to find a mattress and someone sleeping behind it. Matt did not get a response and left in a hurry. Other hunters were driving past us - Tom and Dave and then Don. They were off on foot

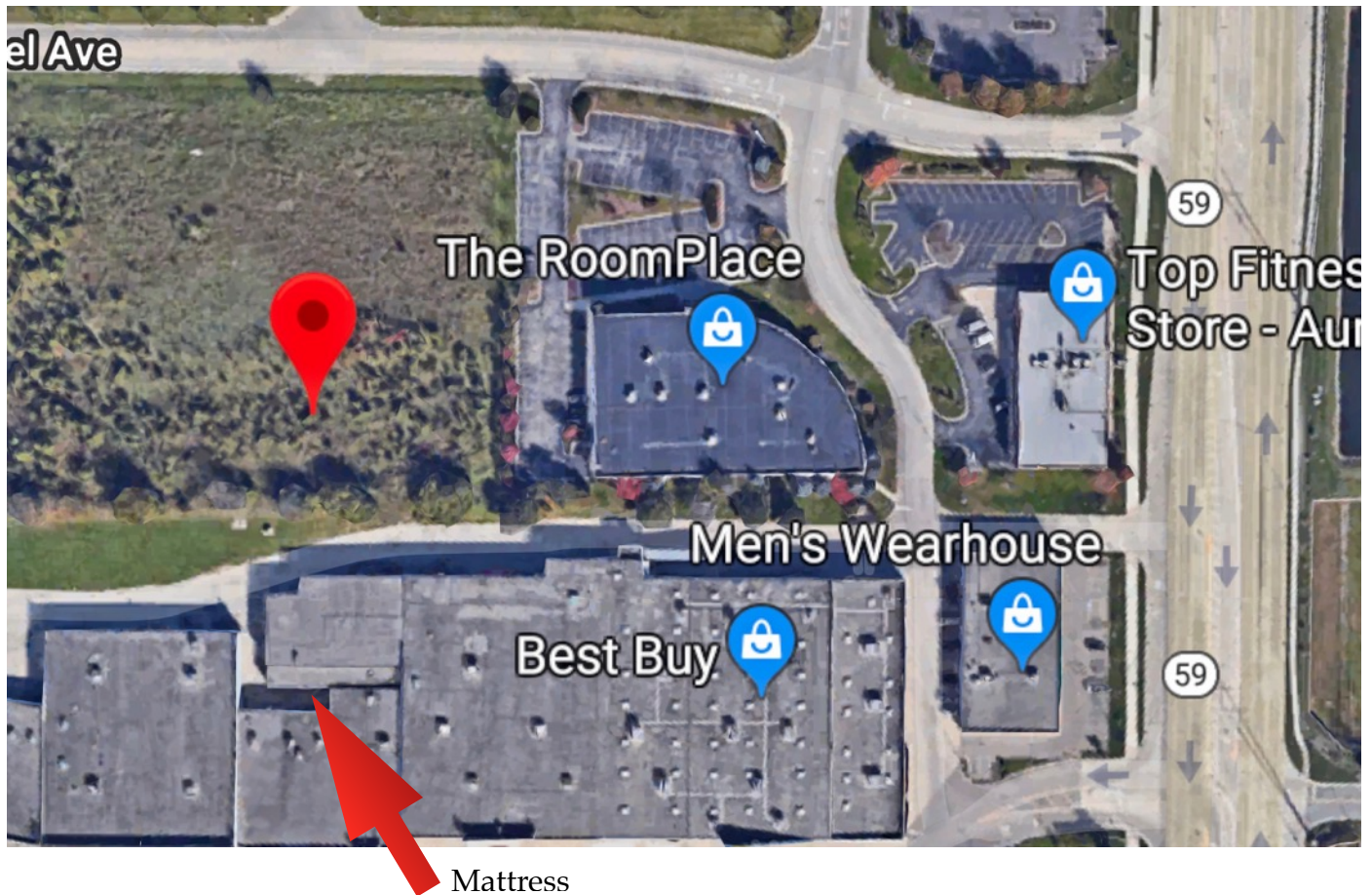
behind the Best Buy. Off into the head-high weeds we went. David walked past me as I started getting a really strong signal straight ahead. 7 - 8 - 9. I looked down to see a camo blanket - it was Pete. First it was as I walked away and waited for other hunters to find Pete. I went back and took a pix. John and Janet drove up and John went in for the final find. We went to the Patio nearby. Later I found out that John found the mattress and did get a response from the homeless man - he was alive. Pete also mentioned that Tom found him by stepping on his head. Pete made a noise and Tom found him. Pete was running 10w to a 5/8 vertical on the ground. Results:

1. Mike WA9FTS, Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:44PM
2. Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM - 8:47 PM
3. Don W9RA - 8:49 PM
4. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:55 PM



Pete was well covered in his camp blanket.

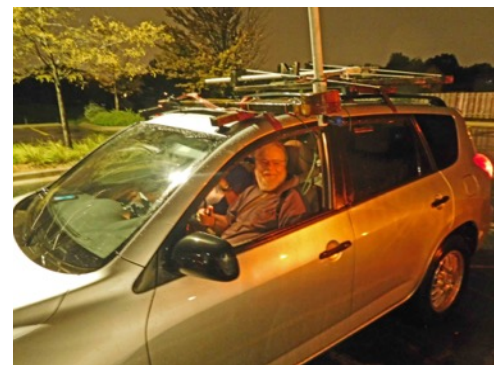




CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Sep 21st, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS / Fox
- John WD9EXW & Janet

Three hunt teams got off with rain and lots expected during the hunt. We were not disappointed as we headed south on 355. As the signal got stronger, we got a reading slightly to the east. Matt chose 63rd St to Belmont and north across 5 RR tracks to Warren Av. Warren was just north of the tracks. Gilbert Park was on the south side of the tracks and that is where the signal was coming from. Matt ran out across the tracks and I closely followed. We found Janet in the Caravan - she was not the fox; John was in the back. Jacob and Mac arrived to see their grandpa and we headed back to the F-250. We saw David on foot in search of John. We drove over to the Caravan to see Tom drive up to find Janet and John. Giordano's was the chosen spot on Main St. John was running 30w to a mag mount on the roof. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Mike WA9FTS, Jacob, Mac
 2. Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM
- DNF Don W9RA





Gilbert Av was the road to take just south of the RR tracks.

The caravan was in the parking lot of Gilbert Park. It only rained had while we were on 355 and light rain later on. John could have hidden in the covered dugouts or the gazebo nearby.

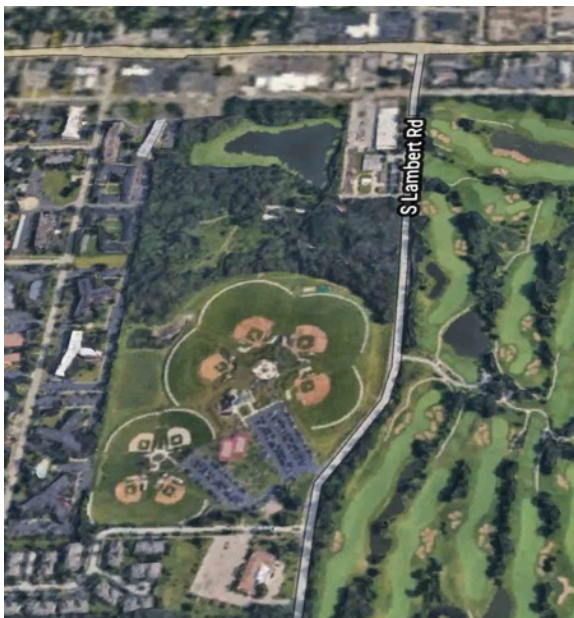
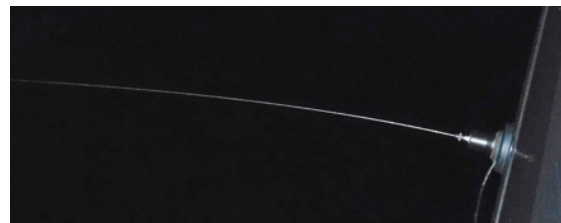


34 Hunt - 2M Foxhunt - Sep 28th, 2019 by Mike WA9FTS

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

Since we heard Don the best, he was selected as the Master and gave us the list of four hunters for the evening. Village Green Park drew our attention as we found a play area with ladder and slides. It was one of the biggest I have ever seen. We went up to the top and Patty carefully placed the mag mount on the metal dome. We went down lower and settled down in one of the seats and connected the radio. We were running about 50w. The hunters were released at 8:07 PM. About 8:35 three hunt teams arrived. They ran around the base of the structure - around and around! Finally, John entered and came up the ladder and found us for the win at 8:50 PM. After another 4 minutes, Tom came up to get 2nd. A minute later Pete arrived for 3rd. David came up right after and handed out Gummie Bears to all present - thanks! Don, who was close by, gave up at 9:01 PM. Giordano's was selected down the road. I headed home to get rest for the hamest the next morning. Results:

1. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:50 PM
 2. Tom N9CBA, David KD9MAM - 8:54 PM
 3. Pete K9PW, John K9JK - 8:55 PM
- DNF Don W9RA - 9:01 PM





	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	11/11/12	8/8/9
K9PW/K9JK	4/4	8/7
AA9CC/KC9QQY	1	1/1
W9RA	1	3
WD9EXW, Janet	10	5
N9CBA / KD9MAM	7/4	7/4
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.

