

# 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.

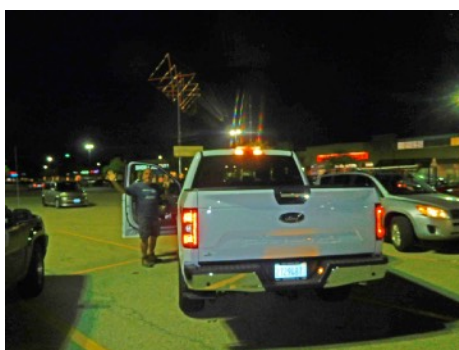


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Sep 5th,  
2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox  
David AC9VW

David wanted his first hide to be a challenging one. He was successful. He placed his 3 el yagi horizontal and facing SW away from the starting point. The hunters (9) headed off with a very poor signal strength. I followed Matt as I did not have any signal till later. The hunters finally gathered around St Charles on the east side of the Fox River and Stone Rd in an industrial area. Pete found David for the win with Charlie capturing 2nd 5 minutes later. Third thru seven were 7 minutes later. I did not do so well 44 minutes after Marty to end the hunt. Don gave up as we headed for Giordono's. Results:

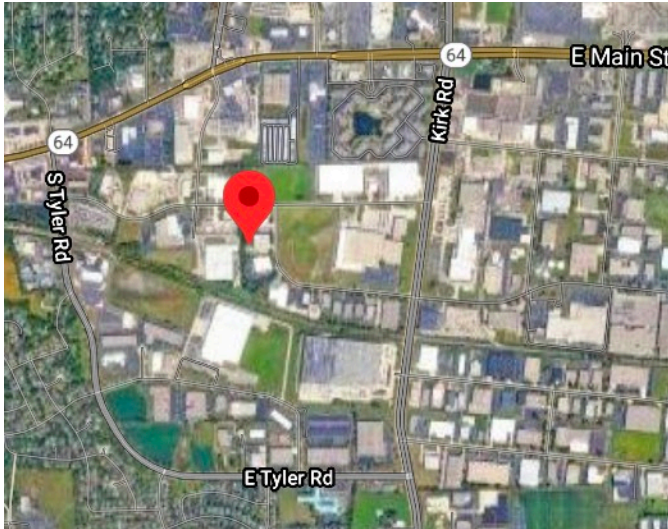


1. Pete K9PW - 8:52PM
  2. Charlie KB9DIM - 8:57PM
  3. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:58PM
  4. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:59PM
  5. John K9JK - 9:00PM
  6. Tom N9CBA - 9:02PM
  7. Marty N9PLS - 9:03PM
  8. Mike WA9FTS - 9:47PM
- DNF Don W9RA



David was running 150w to a 3 el yagi up 20 ft.

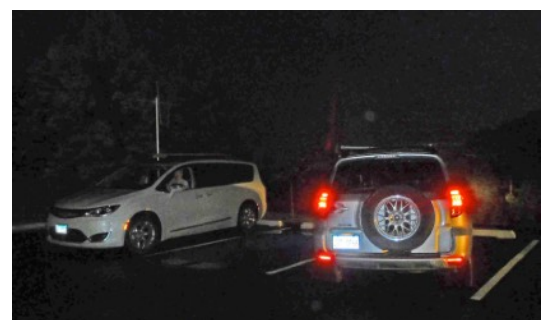




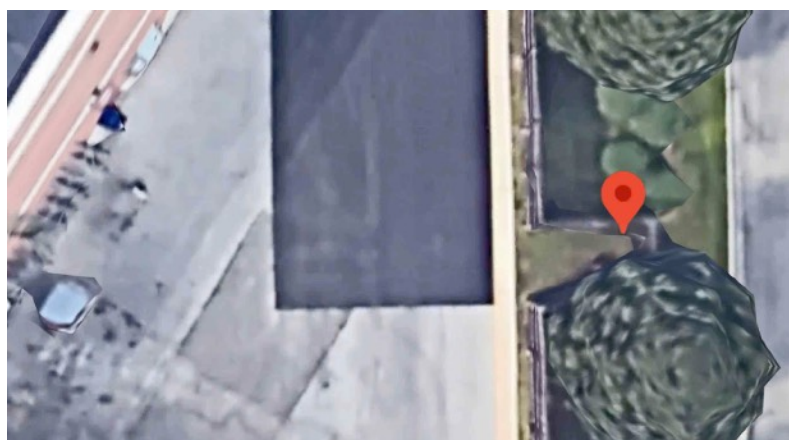
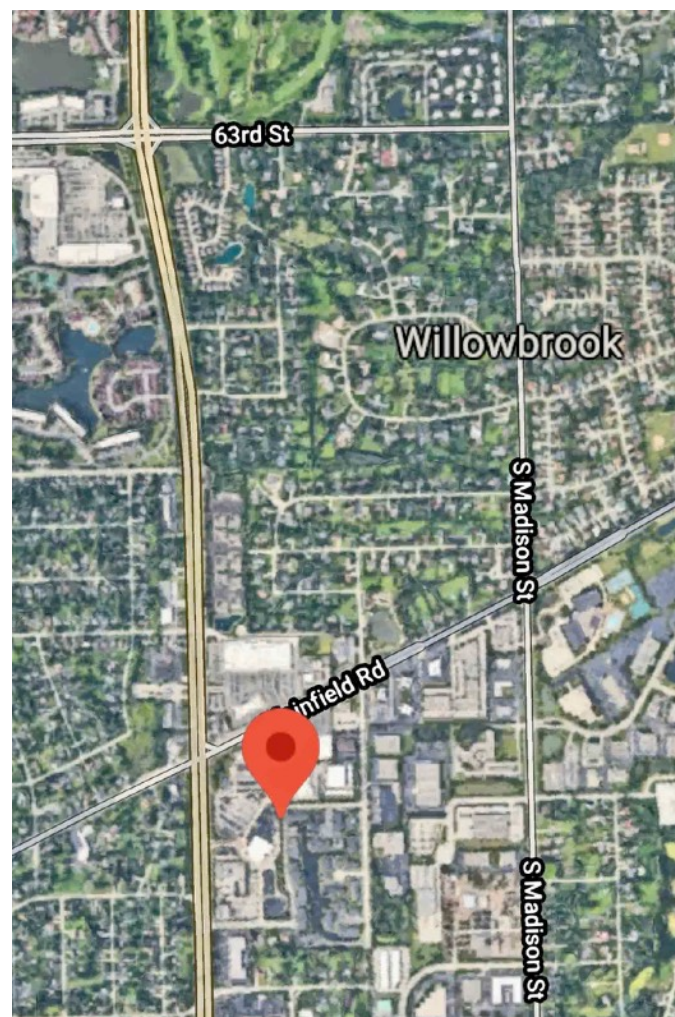
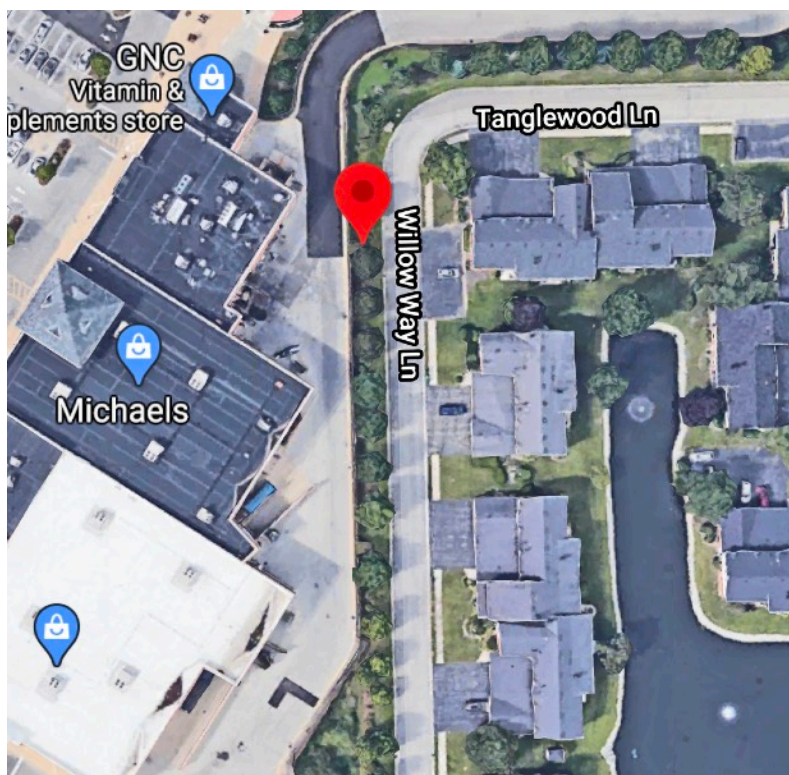
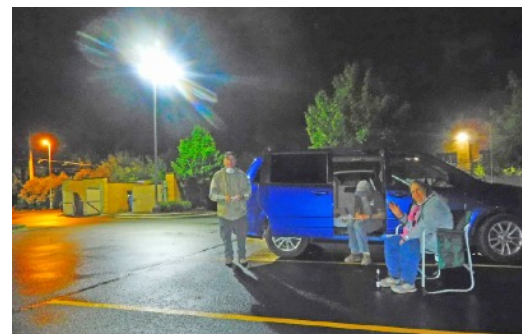
2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Sep 12th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS -  
Fox - John WD9EXW

John got the 7 hunt teams off with a signal to the SW. I believe all of us took Belmont south to 63rd and east to 83 and south to Plainfield Rd. The question was, "Where did John hide? Was it around the shopping center or in the industrial area to the east? It turned out he was behind the shopping area behind Michael's in Willowbrook. The hunters got there quickly and all found John in about 50 min or less. John was running 10w to a 5/8 vertical attached to the fence. We met at the Patio in Darien. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:30PM
2. Don W9RA
3. Pete K9PW
4. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac
5. Mike WA9FTS
6. David AC9VW
7. Tom N9CBA







This is an overhead view of where John hid. The only reason for it was to have a place off the drive in back of the stores for the fire plug.



CFMC Sept 2020 hunt - Sep 19th, 2020 by Tony AA9CC

I was there for an hour and a half, no signs of any hunters, not a flashlight, not a slow driving car, nothing. Where was everyone? It's only 2 miles to the start point. Are they at munch and left me out? I called to see if anyone was hunting. Don said he dnfing and Dave also a short while later, other than this quiet. I packed up and walked back to the road and was surprised to see Matt turning the corner on the bike trail. He called John. John said he was dnfing. We walked back and I showed him the hide spot next to the salt creek. I found it while kayaking one day. Meanwhile John found the radio gear left on by the trail by the road and claimed a score. I was going to use the HT on low power but the coax adapter was intermittent, 5 watts to a 3 element toward the repeater.

1 9:30 Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac

2 9:47 John WD9EXW, Janet

Don W9RA DNF

David AC9VW DNF

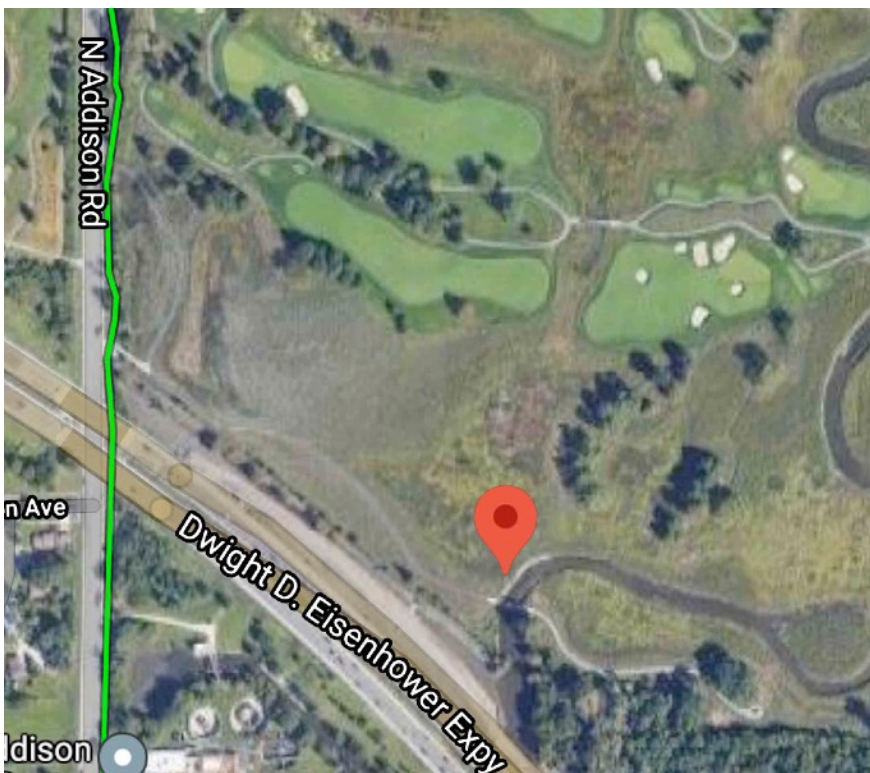
Mike WA9FTS DNF



A crescent moon was setting in the west just before the hunt started.



Matt and John talk things over before the hunt.

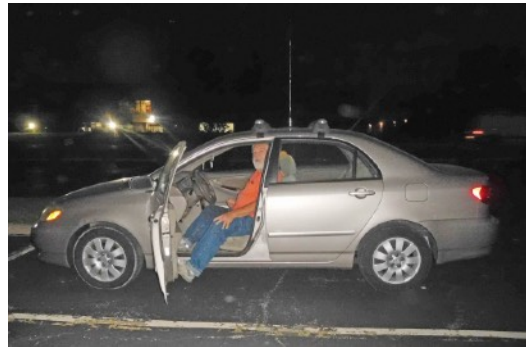
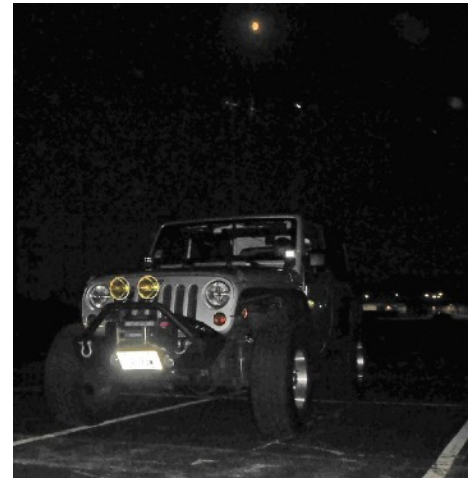


David arrive before Don to start the hunt.

34 2M Foxhunt - Sep 26th, 2020 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox John WD9EXW and Janet

John got the 8 hunt teams off about 8:05PM. Most of the hunters took 83 south. Tom took 355 to Butterfield. Tony drove the best route. He took 83 south to 31st St west to Meyers north to Butterfield and into the Yorktown Shopping Center and Target to find John and Janet behind a small service building sitting on a picnic bench for the win. Tom was seconds behind for 2nd. Three minutes later Matt and Patty scored for 3rd. Don arrived at 8:50 for 4th with John K9JK grabbing 5th just ahead of me. David drove up to end the hunt. Pete had van problems and did not finish. We all met around the Patio nearby and found a place protected from the wind to eat our goodies. John ran 5w to a 5/8 vertical up 8ft. Results:

1. Tony AA9CC - 8:33PM
  2. Tom N9CBA - 8:330PM
  3. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:36PM
  4. Don W9RA - 8:50PM
  5. John K9JK - 8:51PM
  6. Mike WA9FTS - 8:52PM
  7. David AC9VW - 8:56PM
- DNF - Pete K9PW



The building on the left is where John and Janet hid.



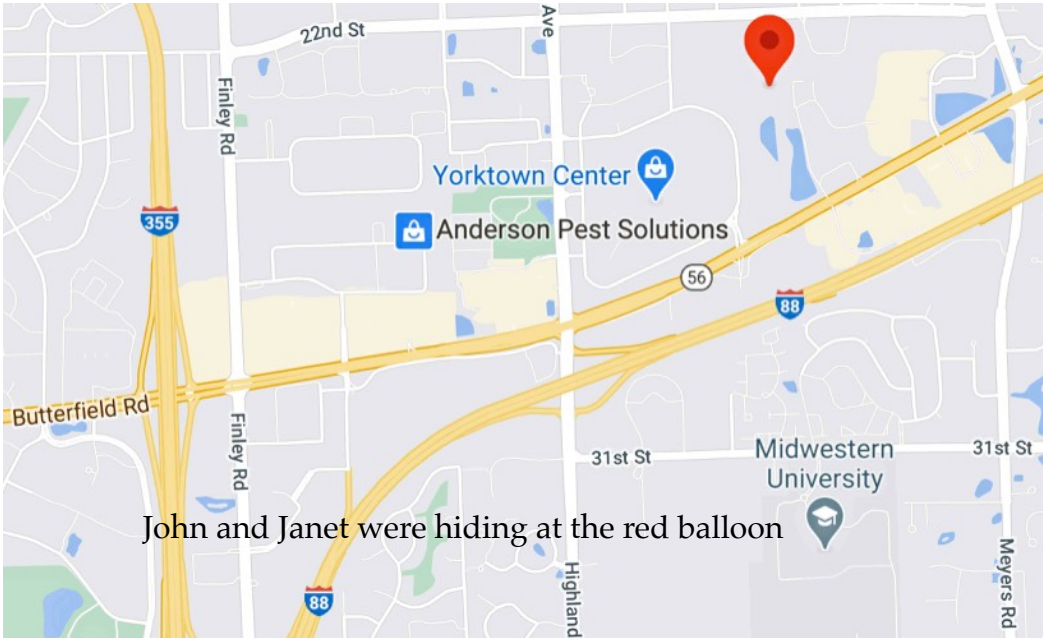
Here they are comfortable as can be with their grandkids - Jacob and Mac



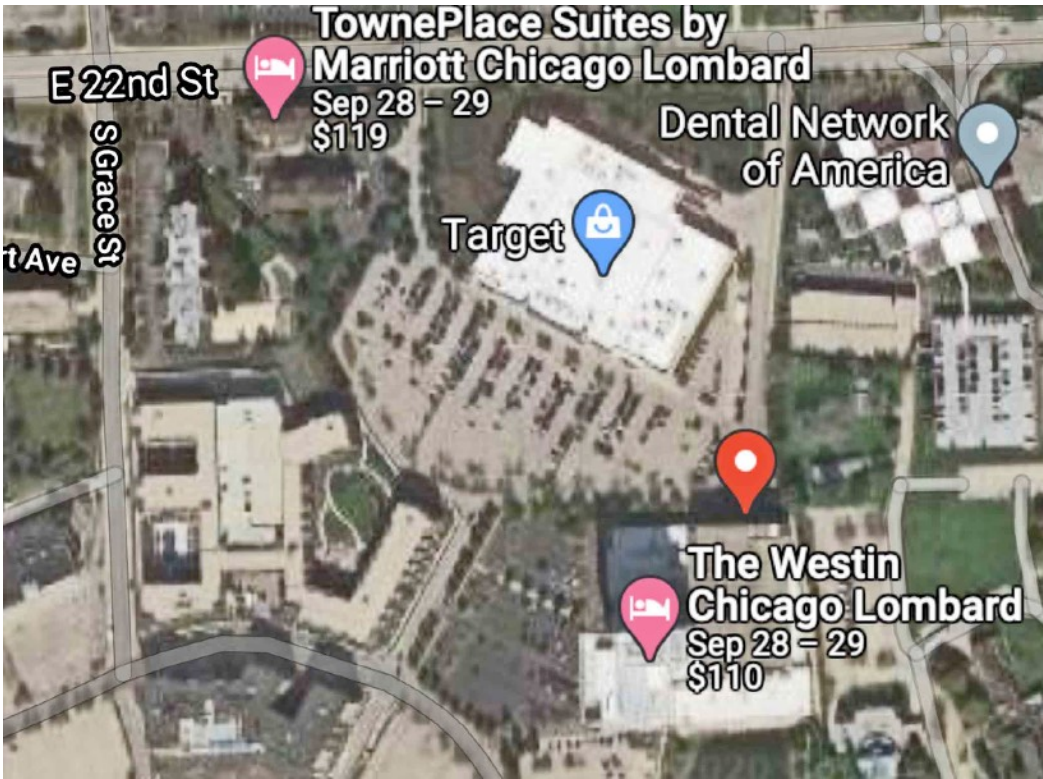




After eats Patty, Jacob and Mac played dominos.



John and Janet were hiding at the red balloon



	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	9	5
W9RA	0	2
WD9EXW, Janet	10	4
N9CBA / AC9VW	1/1	2/2
N9LTE	2	4
N9JPG, KC9ZLS, KD9IZB	0	1/1/1
KB9DIM	0	2
WA9FTS	0	2
KC9SEM / N9PLS	6/6	5
N9CBA	5	4
AC9VW	1	1
K9PW	1	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.

