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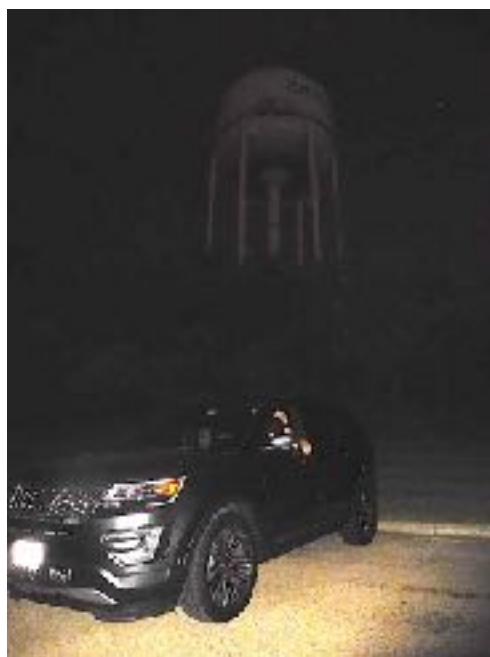
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Two meter foxhunting in Chicago started in the early 1960s. One of the first hunts started on 147.30 MHz. The starting point was in Des Plaines near the Centel Building. With the introduction of 2 meter repeaters, it moved to the CFAR repeater. There 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.

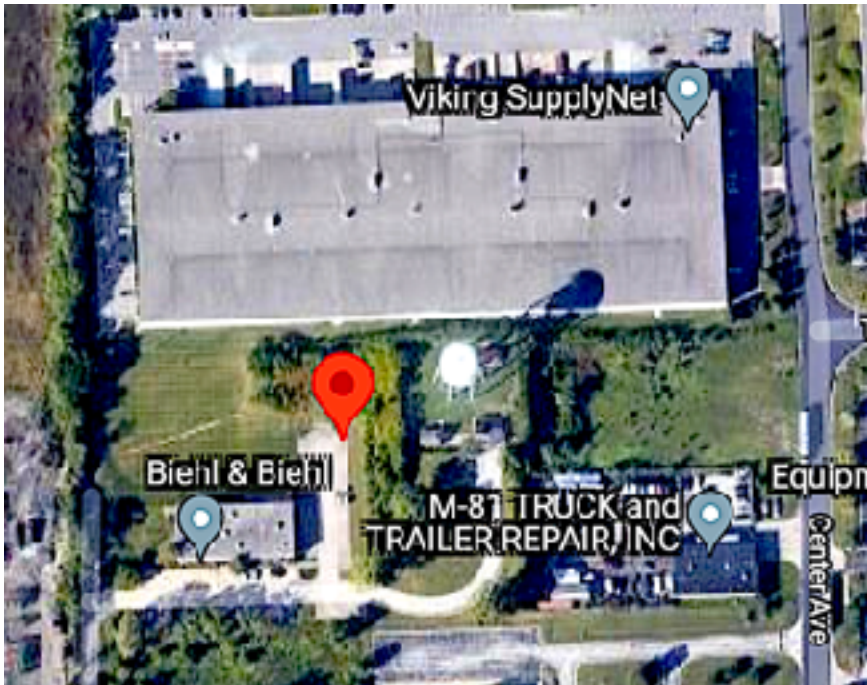
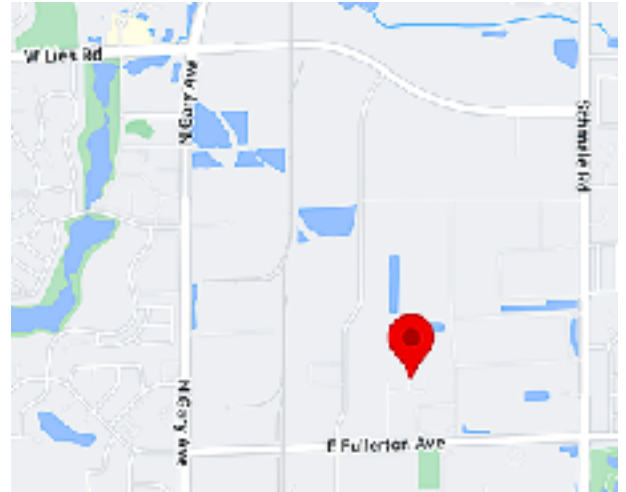


CFAR 2M Foxhunt - Sep 4th, 2021
by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - Matt
KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob,
Mac

Rain in the late afternoon was forecast and it was drizzling before the hunt. Charlie KB9DIM paid us a visit to see us off. The rain stopped and we were off. About half the hunters took North Av west and others took 83 north to 290 and Lake St. The best move was North Av. John and Janet headed north on Schmale with Tom close by. Matt found a difficult spot south of Viking Supply and near a Carol Stream water tower. It was a drive-up spot but hard to get to. John and Janet made it for the win with Tom 2nd. Pete, John JK and I were close and passing each other often. Pete made it in for 3rd with John JK 4th and I finally walked in from the Viking parking lot for 5th. As I drove away, Don drove up, and like me, walked in to end the hunt. We met at Culver's nearby. Results:



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



2nd Sat 2M Foxhunt - Sep 11th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox - WA9FTS & Carol

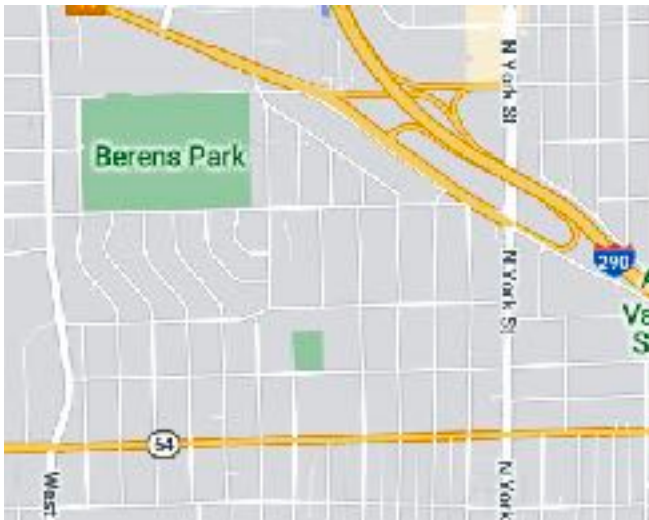
Another great evening for a foxhunt. Five hunters were ready to find us. We hid at Berens Pk in Elmhurst at the end of the parking lot. I as told later that David used the same spot in the weeds close to where we parked. It was the April 2nd Sat hunt. At 30 min two hunt vehicles arrive at the same time and hit the breaks hard. Matt got out in front and to the left with John out of the van in front and to the right. They both ran

toward Carol and me as fast as they could. Matt touched my driver's door a split second before John got to the passenger door by Carol. It was the closest hunt finish in a very long time. Matt was declared winner with John 2nd. I understood the disappointment as this happened to me a long time ago - 2nd by a split second. Twenty four minutes later Tony arrived for 3rd. Two minutes later Don gave up. I had already told the hunters Culver's on York Rd a half mile away was the munch spot. Five minutes later Tom drove up to end the hunt. Both Matt and John took similar routes. Matt took 355 to Army Trail Rd to Lake and south on Addison to North and to Oak St in to the park. Janet and John took 355 to Army Trail to Lake to Church and west to West Av south to Walnut and into the park and drove 20 ft past Matt with both stopping suddenly. I wish I took a video of the finish. It was spectacular. Results:

1. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:32
2. John WD9EXW, Janet - 8:32:005
3. Tony AA9CC - 8:56
4. Tom N9CBA - 9:01
- DNF Don W9RA - 8:58

We were partially hidden between two trailers.





CFMC 2M Foxhunt - Sep 18th, 2021 by Mike WA9FTS - Fox John WD9EXW

Another great weather night - cool in the lower 70s and no rain. Five hunters were ready to find John. Several took 355 south and others took Lake St east. It was clear to 3 hunters that John was on the west side of 294 south of Roosevelt Rd. Three hunters- Marty and Bill, Matt's team and I headed down Mills St and out of the cars. Marty beat Matt and I was right behind - all less than a minute apart. Seven min later Tom found John with Don giving up for Jason's Deli. John was running 5w to a horizontal beam. Results:

1. Marty N9LTE, Bill - 8:43
 2. Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS, Jacob, Mac - 8:43
 3. Mike WA9FTS- 8:43
 4. Tom N9CBA - 8:50
- DNF - Don W9RA



41.81348,-87.91423

The spot John chose looks like this in the daytime.

34 @M Foxhunt - Sep 25th, 2021 - by John WD9EXW

I had a spot in mind near Harper College, and when we got there to set up, conditions had changed, so we went to choice #2.

It worked better, and we used it.

Rand & Arlington Heights Rd in Palatine. I was about 10-12 mi from start, north. gave them 35 watts to a Larsen 5/8 at about 10' up.



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I thought at 35 watts, they'd think I was closer, so no one took 355. All went north on surface streets.

I also thought 2 spots (blue arrows) might be tempting decoys, and sure enough, several hunters explored these there based on gps appearances however I was behind the shopping center between a row of bushes (yellow arrow with location). Nice night, Janet hid out with me.

Almost a drive up, as I was 6' off
the pavement

#1 - Matt KC9SEM, Patty N9PLS,
Jacob, Mac@ 8:36

#2 - Tom N9CBA@ 8:47

#3 - John K9JK @ 8:54

#4 - Don W9RA@ 8:55

Everyone finished.

Munched a Morretti's at 62 + 355



	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 W9RA Next hunt - Oct 30th	TBD by the fox

Hunter	1st	2nd
KC9SEM/N9PLS	10/10	6/6
N9LTE	3	5
AA9CC	6	3
WD9EXW	7	9
N9CBA	2	5
AC9VW		3
N9CBA/AC9VW	3/3	0
W9RA	1	2
K9PW	3	2
KC9YFI		1
WA9FTS	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.

